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## Housing Corp. opens 12th two-family

### Volunteers helped in community effort

The Housing Corporation of Arlington The Housing Corporation of Arlington recently hosted an open house at their new home at 36-38 Sherborn St.

The Sherborn Street property is the 12th two-family purchased by the Housing Corporation of Arlington, providing 24 affordable units for qualified families. The Housing Corporation of Arlington is a community based nonprofit corporation whose primary mission is to increase the supply of affordable housing in Arlington.

The Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington David Levy opened the ceremonies with a brief description of the corporation's programs.

"I am especially proud of today's open house as the result of the work of hundreds of volunteers today allows us to offer two new units of safe,

affordable housing to Arlington residents," said Levy.

The Sherborn Street property was bought directly from the owners and rehabilitated through the generosity of Feinmann Remodeling and the Arlington Partnership on Affordable Housing with the support and participation of members of Temple Shir Tikvah, Calvary United Methodist, Pleasant Street Congregational, First Parish Unitarian Universalist and St. Eulalia's.

Speaking at the ceremony, Arlington Selectman Charles Lyons praised the work of the Housing Corporation of Arlington and pointed out how desperate the need for affordable housing has become.

"Under the administration

of President Gerald Ford, the federal government was spending \$80 million to encourage affordable housing. While our population has grown since then, the government is currently spending \$30 million on the problem," he said.

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CHRISTINE HEALY

"Thanks to the creative work of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, twenty-four families are able to afford to live in our town. I could not be more proud of this organization."

Cambridge Savings Bank President Kevin Fitzgerald echoed Lyons comment.

"Cambridge Savings Bank is proud to be part of the Housing Corporation of Arlington's programs. In the entire commonwealth of Massachusetts, the two communities that have done the most for affordable housing are Arlington and Cambridge. We

are proud to assist in their efforts," he said.

Also participating in the open house was Tom Beard from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership who said the Housing Corporation of Arlington is setting the standard for other communities to follow and Peter Garbati of the North Shore Consortium, which distributes federal HOMES funding for affordable housing projects.

Garbati added Arlington, through the work of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, was visionary in joining the North Shore Consortium to be able to access the federal funds needed for affordable housing programs.

Director of Housing for the town of Arlington and Treasurer of the Housing Corporation of Arlington Laura Wiener spoke of her pride in watching the program grow from two to 24 units in just three years.

The most poignant moment of the open house was the introduction of Christine Healy and her children



The Housing Corporation of Arlington recently opened a home on Sherborn Street, its 12th two-family. From left, President of Cambridge Savings Bank Kevin Fitzgerald; Collin Healy; Peter Garbati of the North Shore Homes Consortium; Daniel Healy and his mother, Christine Healy; Tom Beard from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership; and the Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, David Levy.

Collin and Daniel, who will be new tenants on Sherborn Street.

"I grew up in this neighborhood" Healy stated, "but I never thought I could afford to live here. Thanks to the

Housing Corporation of Arlington, now my children, can be raised in my hometown as well. Thank you for caring so much about us."

Submitted by the Housing Corporation of Arlington.