

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly Receives \$1.25 Million from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

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Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly is pleased to announce that it has received a grant of \$1,250,000 from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation of Baltimore, MD. The funds, which comprise the largest gift ever received by the organization, will be used to build and develop Shillman House, a new 150-unit senior housing building in the Nobscot neighborhood of Framingham.

“This is exceptional news for JCHE and the community,” said Ellen Feingold, President of JCHE. “The Weinberg Foundation has demonstrated an



impressive commitment to the needs of low income people across the country. We are so grateful that they have recognized the need for more affordable senior housing in Greater Boston, and that they have entrusted JCHE with the resources to address this need.”

According to Barry Schloss, Trustee for the Weinberg Foundation, JCHE’s mission well reflects the Foundation’s mandate to assist the poor and to provide resources for shelter.

“We applaud your efforts to provide additional affordable housing in your community. Based on an earlier grant we awarded to JCHE, we know that you have an exceptional history of good work. We are very comfortable that the successes of the organization to date will be repeated in the future.” The Weinberg Foundation is the nation’s 22nd largest private foundation, distributing \$100 million in grants annually.

Building Shillman House is one of four major goals for JCHE's \$8 million capital campaign. The Weinberg Foundation grant enables JCHE to secure nearly all the charitable funds needed to build the new development. At the same time, financing from public sources is proceeding on schedule. With the Weinberg funds, JCHE has reached the mid-way point in the campaign. The capital campaign is also raising funds to start an Endowment Fund for the tenant services in all JCHE buildings, including Shillman House; developing a program center on JCHE's largest campus, located in Brighton; and securing resources for another JCHE development once Shillman House is comfortably on its way.

For Harold Stahler, Chair of JCHE's Board of Directors, the gift "is a great endorsement for the quality of housing provided by JCHE. The Weinberg Foundation evaluates senior housing throughout the United States and in locations around the world. We are extremely honored to be the recipient of this most generous gift."

JCHE provides affordable, independent housing in Brighton and Newton, MA to over 1,300 tenants of all backgrounds. Through an extensive array of programs and services, JCHE enables tenants to live in their own apartments, even as they face the challenges of aging. JCHE's housing is financed and subsidized through state and federal programs, and through gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations. These private contributions are essential for creating communities within JCHE that are enriched and vibrant, and able to foster successful aging.