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**The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Awards Community Teamwork Grant for
New Women's Shelter**

Lowell, MA, May 14, 2023 – Community Teamwork was one of several local nonprofit organizations that received a financial award from The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. The foundation, established in 1997 through an initial endowment of \$550,000 from The Savings Bank, presented a total of \$67,768 to 23 nonprofit organizations during the 28th distribution of funds. Over the past 28 years, the Foundation has made donations in excess of \$1,017, 847 to organizations in local communities.

The award was presented by The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation to Community Teamwork's Heather Ciccarelli, Director of Planning and Quality Improvement, and Margot Reagan, Director of Development.

According to the foundation, awards were granted based on a number of factors, including intended use of the funds by the organization and the organization's status as a publicly supported charity. Organizations that received an award were located in the areas served by The Savings Bank, with a focus on those organizations serving the residents of Wakefield, Lynnfield, Andover, North Reading, and Methuen.

Community Teamwork will use the funds to support the creation and renovations of a first of its kind in the area, Women's Shelter.

"We are so grateful for the support from The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation which will strengthen our efforts to create an emergency shelter for up to 50 unhoused women with shelter, re-housing opportunities, case management and other wrap -around services from our organization, including financial education, energy and utilities assistance, and housing supports.", said Carl Howell, CEO, Community Teamwork.

The Savings Bank has eight offices located in the communities of Wakefield, Lynnfield, Andover, Methuen and North Reading. Further information about The Savings Bank, or the Savings Bank Charitable Foundation can be obtained by contacting the Foundation at 357 Main Street, P.O. Box 30, Wakefield, MA 01880

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About Community Teamwork

Established in 1965, Community Teamwork is a non-profit Community Action Agency (CAA) serving more than 60,000 individuals and families in the City of Lowell and the seven surrounding towns of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, and Westford.

Community Teamwork also serves as a Community Development Corporation and as the Regional Housing Agency for the Merrimack Valley and the rest of the Northeastern Massachusetts, including more than 70 cities and towns inclusive of the North Shore and Cape Ann. Community Teamwork is a catalyst for social change. We strengthen communities and reduce poverty by delivering vital services and collaborating with key stakeholders to create housing, education and economic opportunities. Our vision is a community whose institutions, systems, and people support everyone's opportunity to thrive. www.commteam.org