



Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven *Positioning New Haven's Neighborhoods to Succeed*

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Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven 'Housing for Everyone' Grant from the TD Charitable Foundation

November 24, 2010 – (New Haven, CT) - On November 15, 2010, representatives from TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®, presented Jim Paley, Executive Director and Henry Dynia, Director of Design and Construction, with a \$100,000 check for NHS' Affordable Homeownership Development Program. Pictured with Jim and Henry are Michael LaBella, CT Market President, Joseph Culos, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking, and Chris Traczyk, Community Development Manager (left to right).



The TD Charitable Foundation is the giving arm of TD Bank and the "Housing for Everyone" program is one of their signature programs. Of the hundreds of proposals submitted from housing nonprofits located in TD Bank's footprint along the eastern U.S. corridor, NHS of New Haven was one of 42 organizations (and one of two Connecticut nonprofits) that were awarded a total of nearly \$2 million. This year's program focused on projects that help improve the housing environment in communities where TD Bank does business.

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the TD Bank philosophy. The TD Charitable Foundation provides financial and other support to affordable housing initiatives, financial literacy and education and the environment, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families. "At TD Bank, we recognize the importance of supporting our local communities," said Elizabeth Warn, president of the TD Charitable Foundation and senior vice president of community development for TD Bank.

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“Without access to affordable housing, it is difficult to sustain the well-being of the communities we serve. That is why we are proud to help preserve and improve existing homes this year.”

Jim Paley was truly shocked to hear the grant award. He feels deep gratitude and says, “Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven is incredibly proud to have been selected by TD Bank as one of two recipients of the bank’s Housing for Everyone award in Connecticut. The \$100,000 grant is a true testament to TD Bank’s commitment to affordable homeownership development in New Haven. TD Bank is an invaluable partner in our collaborative efforts to revitalize targeted neighborhoods in New Haven and bring affordable homeownership opportunities to an ever increasing number of low- and moderate-income families.”

This is the second “Housing for Everyone” award from the TD Charitable Foundation that NHS of New Haven has received. In 2009, the New Haven HomeOwnership Center was recognized for its concerted efforts to help struggling homeowners at risk of foreclosure with a \$50,000 award.



Michael LaBella, CT Market President presents “Housing for Everyone Award” to Jim Paley, Executive Director, NHS of New Haven.

About NHS

Since its inception in 1979, NHS has become the leading nonprofit provider of affordable homeownership services in the Greater New Haven area. The NHS mission is to increase homeownership; make homes functional, beautiful and affordable; and help residents take charge of their neighborhoods. In 2001 NHS opened the New Haven HomeOwnership Center, which provides homebuyer education and financial assistance to individuals and families who are purchasing and rehabilitating homes in the City of New Haven. The HomeOwnership Center is now the leading provider of foreclosure intervention services in Connecticut.

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