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Neighbors Helping Neighbors: HIGHLAND GREEN COMMUNITY PROVIDES MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO TEDFORD HOUSING CAMPAIGN

Highland Green residents and its founder John Wasileski have joined forces on a \$400,000 matching pledge to help fund the new Tedford Housing emergency housing building, a 17,000 square-foot facility on Thomas Point Road in Brunswick. The project will create emergency family housing opportunities as well as a separate adult housing wing and consolidate case management and administrative staff under the same roof as shelter guests.

As the only shelter facility between Portland and Rockland, Tedford Housing is tasked with a daunting responsibility. Serving Southern Midcoast Maine since the 1980s with humble yet ambitious beginnings, Tedford Housing began as just one shelter. Tedford Housing Executive Director Andrew Lardie, a 20-year non-profit administrator, educator and advocate, is excited by the possibilities that this capital campaign represents. "It has been the catalyst for Tedford's ability to increase its efficiency, expand overall shelter capacity by 60% and better equip us to provide the safety net our region needs so that when people fall on hard times, they can get back on their feet."

According to Highland Green resident Frank Strasburger, who was eager to join such a worthy cause, homelessness needs to be



Highland Green residents who helped spearhead the Tedford campaign include (from left to right) Linda Gillespie, Carrie Strasburger, Frank Strasburger, and John Gillespie.

addressed systemically and Tedford Housing does exactly that. Synonymous with the word "shelter" for years and never before the focus of a capital campaign, today Tedford's programs also include homelessness prevention – certainly helping people who are currently homeless, but also providing aid to people and families on the edge of homelessness to remain housed and helping to integrate the unhoused population back into the community.

When Frank was asked to join Tedford's capital campaign committee, he says the first thing that came to mind was the philanthropic nature of Highland Green residents. Highland Green residents have always embraced causes near and dear to their hearts such as Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program, Habitat for Humanity and quilts for the Hospice Center;

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