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M&T Bank donates \$45K to Avesta Housing to help reduce homelessness

Gift will help residents adjust to new homes via Homeless to Housing program

PORTLAND, Maine — M&T Bank has donated \$45,000 to Avesta Housing’s Homeless to Housing program to help formerly homeless residents maintain housing stability in their new homes.

Provided by Avesta Housing in partnership with Maine Behavioral Healthcare, Homeless to Housing assists previously homeless residents as they transition to permanent housing across the Avesta property portfolio. Services include connections to case managers, medical providers and mental health practitioners; referrals for obtaining furniture and essential household supplies; and regular check-ins for emotional support.

“When people have been homeless for extended periods — in some cases, months or years — they often have little to no support with their transition to permanent housing,” said Avesta Housing Vice President of Property Management & Resident Services **Amanda Gilliam**. “M&T Bank’s generous gift to the Homeless to Housing program will help them make that transition successfully, leading to improved long-term outcomes.”

“The holistic approach employed by Avesta ensures that people in need are put in the best position possible for long term and sustainable success,” said M&T Bank Maine Regional President Phil Cohen. “We are honored to partner with this incredible organization that continues to make a significant impact and plays such a vital role in the health of our entire community.”

PHOTO: M&T Bank presents a check for \$45,000 to Avesta Housing for its Homeless to Housing program. L-R: Avesta Housing Vice President of Property Management & Resident Services Amanda Gilliam, M&T Bank Commercial Real Estate Relationship Manager Mike Ross, M&T Bank Maine Regional President Phil Cohen, M&T Bank Charitable and Community Relations Manager Katie Rooks, M&T Bank Commercial Credit Senior Portfolio Manager Azaria Stewart, and Avesta Housing Corporate & Major Gifts Officer Zoë Alexis Scott

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About Avesta Housing

Avesta Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with more than 50 years of experience as a leader in affordable housing development and property management in Maine and New Hampshire. The organization is headquartered in Portland, Maine, and operates more than 100 affordable properties, more than 3,100 apartments and two assisted living facilities, providing safe, affordable homes for more than 4,700 people every day. An additional 800 new homes are in the development pipeline. Avesta was named a Best Place to Work in Maine in 2024. Avesta’s mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities by promoting and providing quality affordable homes for people in need. www.AvestaHousing.org

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