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Autism Housing Pathways receives Signature Grant from Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism for \$5,000

Winchester, MA, 12/28/2021 – Autism Housing Pathways (AHP) is pleased to announce it has received a \$5,000 grant from The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. These funds will be used to provide housing application assistance for individuals with autism who lack family involvement or whose family cannot provide effective assistance with the housing application process.

Autism Housing Pathways will be able to assist approximately 15 individuals to complete five to six applications each for portable and site-based housing vouchers and programs. Applications will include those for two separate Section 8 lists; the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public Housing (CHAMP) for both state site-based housing and the portable Alternative Housing Voucher Program voucher); and up to two or three additional applications. Families and individuals frequently struggle to successfully and accurately complete these applications and lack a system for tracking applications. AHP will work through the applications with them and set up a system for them to track what they have done.

“Completing housing applications can be a daunting process for those we serve,” said Catherine Boyle, president of Autism Housing Pathways. “This grant is critical to helping us help those at high risk of homelessness.”

“The Flutie Foundation Signature Grants help our partner agencies address a variety of significant needs in the autism community,” said Nick Savarese, Executive Director of The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. “Programs like these are helping people on the autism spectrum live life to the fullest and we are proud to support their efforts.”

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, based in Framingham, MA, awards grants annually through a competitive application and review process. The signature grants that the Flutie Foundation distributed this year support traditionally under-served, under-funded, culturally diverse communities reflected in the Foundation’s areas of interest; providing a path for educational and vocational skills, supporting recreational and active lifestyles, and ensuring people with autism are safe, supported, and informed.

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