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Healing Transitions Surpasses \$4.5 Million Milestone in New “Forward Together” Campaign

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 24, 2023) – [Healing Transitions](#), a leading Raleigh organization dedicated to the fight against addiction, is pleased to announce a significant milestone in its [new “Forward Together” fundraising campaign](#). Thanks to the generosity of several major donors, the nonprofit has already raised more than \$4.5 million towards its \$10 million goal. The “Forward Together” campaign will allow Healing Transitions to build recovery-oriented housing on its women’s campus, helping women move forward in sustained recovery. This new rental housing is an innovative solution to addressing critical housing needs among alumnae and the unique challenges of women in recovery.

Notable contributions include:

- **The Lonnie and Carol Poole Family Foundation:** Recently donated \$3 million, securing the naming rights for the Women's Campus as "The Carol J. Poole Family Women’s Campus."
- **Fielding and Kim Miller, along with Lauren and Clay Wieczorek:** Contributed \$1 million, designating the 70-seat community room the “Kim and Fielding Miller Foundation Community Room.”
- **Emily Poole and Greg Poole III:** Pledged a \$500,000 donation, naming the new lobby the “Emily and Greg Poole III Lobby.”

“The Raleigh community continues to surprise us with its outsized generosity for individuals seeking support to begin their recovery journey, and this campaign has been no exception. We are grateful to each of these donors, as well as those who will come after them, for their contributions to this life-changing work,” said [Chris Budnick, Executive Director](#), Healing Transitions. “Healing Transitions remains committed to working together with our neighbors to create a brighter future for individuals and families on the path to recovery.”

The significant housing affordability crisis in Wake County means women who complete Healing Transitions' long-term recovery program currently have few options for safe apartment-style housing, especially if they are mothers reuniting with their children. Housing environments with support systems for recovery, which research shows leads to better long-term outcomes, hardly exist at all. This innovative housing solution aims to provide women with financial and emotional stability, camaraderie, accountability, access to resources, and an affordable start to sustaining long-term recovery.

Since 2018, an average of 20 women have earned their Silver Chip at Healing Transitions each year, marking the completion of their journey through the organization's long-term recovery program; 25 percent of those women seek housing that accommodates children. The challenges mount when children have special needs, are too old for partner housing, or transportation and schooling issues restrict a family's location options. Nearly 50 percent of the women at Healing Transitions are between 21-40 years of age.

In the new housing, alumnae will live among peers in recovery, with the support and guidance that are hallmarks of the Healing Transitions peer-to-peer model. New onsite programs and partnerships that link to community resources will strengthen families and increase employment opportunities. Affordable rents will help alumnae build savings to support their independent, productive lives in recovery.

"Healing Transitions has given me a second chance in life. It's given me the opportunity to live one day at a time and be of service to other people," said Maya, Silver Chipper #175. "I get to help other women the same way another woman did for me. She saved my life. She brought me out of the depths of hell and despair. I don't know where I would be without her. And for me, to be able to do that for someone else is a real honor."

The new 30,000 square-foot building will have 16 two- and four-bedroom apartments, common areas to include laundry and community rooms, and meeting and mentoring spaces for new programming to support women in recovery as they rebuild their lives and families.

Every gift offers women a new path for moving forward with the crucial support of their recovery community. Please visit ForwardTogetherHT.org to learn more about the campaign and make a financial contribution.

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Editor's Note: Please find Healing Transitions' [digital media kit here](#).

About Healing Transitions

Healing Transitions is a non-profit organization that provides peer-to-peer recovery services to homeless, uninsured and underserved individuals with alcohol and other drug problems. The program is designed to rekindle a person's desire and ability to return to a meaningful and productive life. The organization serves several hundred men and women each day. 85 percent of the program's graduates remain drug- and alcohol-free after one year.