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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE NEWHALLVILLE HOMEOWNER RETURNING TO HER CHILDHOOD HOME

WELLS FARGO AWARDS \$150,000 IN PRIORITY MARKETS GRANT TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW HAVEN

New Haven, CT — Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, positioning neighborhoods to succeed since 1979, announced today that they will host a **ribbon cutting** on one of their recently renovated properties thanks to a generous \$150,000 Priority Markets Grant from **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** As a partner with Wells Fargo, NHS of New Haven increases its ability to succeed at its mission, which includes affordable housing development, assisting first-time homebuyers, offering trainings on in-home maintenance and energy-efficiency, and extensive resident engagement.

Kent McClun, Wells Fargo Area President for Greater Connecticut, will speak alongside **Jim Paley**, NHS Executive Director, in front of a newly rehabilitated home at **944 Sherman Avenue** in Newhallville. Homebuyer, **Robyn Handy**, will be in attendance to cut the ribbon to her childhood home. Robyn was raised in the home as a teenager, but after the passing of her father, her family was forced to sell the property. Robyn is absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to re-purchase her family home!

“We could think of no better location to receive our award from Wells Fargo,” said **Bridgette Russell, Managing Director of NHS’ HomeOwnership Center**. “Robyn Handy’s parents were well-respected community members, her brother-in-law is an active minister in Newhallville, and her sister had an established dance studio in the city. This is truly the perfect example of the type of homeowner who will create real and lasting change as a resident of the Newhallville neighborhood.”

“Wells Fargo’s funding of Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven’s revitalization efforts clearly demonstrates the bank’s strong commitment to giving homeowners stunning and energy-efficient homes that will last for decades to come,” said NHS Executive Director **James Paley**. “We are proud to acknowledge this award, which is a strong reaffirmation of the bank’s support for our work in New Haven.”

“No matter where life takes us, there’s no place like home,” says **Kent McClun**. I’m thrilled that Robyn will be able to return to the home she shared with her parents growing up, now as a homeowner and a community leader in her own right. Days like today are a great reminder of the good things that can happen when the private and nonprofit sectors work together for the communities where we live and work.”

The ribbon cutting and open house will be held on **Wednesday, May 17 at 11AM** in front of **944 Sherman Avenue** in New Haven. Guests will be invited to take a tour of the home after the presentation is complete.

944 SHERMAN AVENUE (BEFORE AND AFTER)



About Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven was incorporated in 1979 with a mission to revitalize selected neighborhoods in New Haven. Over time, our mission has evolved to focus on positioning New Haven's neighborhoods to succeed by increasing homeownership; making homes beautiful, energy-efficient, and affordable; and helping residents take charge of their neighborhoods. During the course of our 37-year history, NHS has fully renovated and sold more than 275 houses to low- and moderate-income families. www.nhsfnewhaven.org

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