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JUNEAU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT SUPPORTS HAVEN HOUSE

Juneau, Alaska - The Juneau Community Foundation (JCF) granted \$5,000 to Haven House, Inc., on behalf of the Machamer Fund, a donor-directed fund of the Foundation. The grant will be used to help fund Haven House staffing.

Haven House is a faith-based organization and will provide structured transitional housing and support for women exiting the correctional system. It will also offer counseling, treatment for substance abuse, life skills, and employment coaching, as needed, for up to one year. Haven House will offer an opportunity for some women coming out of prison to help themselves.

One of Haven House's primary goals is to reduce the high rate of female recidivism by providing healthy alternatives to the lifestyles that previously led to incarceration. This organization was established by members of several local churches to begin to provide the help needed for women released from prison in Juneau. The board hopes to open the first Haven House home in 2013.

After almost 30 years of volunteering in prison ministry, Ellen Campbell, founding member of Haven House Juneau, fully realized the great need for transitional housing for women leaving prison. "Women released from prison need help. To successfully mainstream into society, women need a safe haven where they can focus on healing their lives, begin to change their lifestyles, and address the drug and alcohol abuse. The safe haven we hope to construct will address those issues while providing shelter."

The Haven House board members are greatly appreciative to receive the contribution from the Machamer Fund and are also deeply appreciative to the Juneau Community Foundation for making it possible.

Haven House, a public non-profit organization, is working to establish community partners, raise funds to support qualified staff, and obtain a home for these women. They are looking to grants and fundraising to help meet expenses and the women served will also be making contribution from their earnings to cover living expenses. If you are interested in supporting this organization, please contact: Haven House Juneau, P.O. Box 20875, Juneau, AK, 99802; or Adele Hamey, Treasurer, at 780-6310 or 723-1520.

The Juneau Community Foundation, a local charitable organization, was created to promote philanthropy and effectively respond to the needs of our community to create a healthy, safe, and culturally rich environment. If you have questions or would like more information about the Juneau Community Foundation, please visit www.juneaucf.org or call (907) 523-5450.

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Photo (left to right): Talitha Lukshin and Rachel Sanders, Haven House Board Members; Amy Skilbred, JCF Executive Director.