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### **CROSS ROADS HOUSE ANNOUNCES \$100,000 GIFT FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. – July 1, 2008 – Cross Roads House announced today that it has received a pledge of \$100,000. This contribution, pledged earlier in the campaign, helped the organization reach its current total of \$4 million dollars that has been raised for the Campaign for Cross Roads House to rebuild the shelter facility. The Campaign goal is \$5 million dollars.

The donor, Jim McCarthy of Seascope Capital Management LLC, has been a supporter of the shelter for several years. He has generously sponsored and attended many Cross Roads House events and made a commitment early in the campaign to support the project.

“I have supported Cross Roads for several years because they start by meeting the very basic needs of providing shelter—but they don’t stop there. They help people develop the tools they need to get back on their feet and get headed in a direction that will help improve their lives and the lives of their families. It is what I most admire about Cross Roads’ programs. Instead of just a handout, these people are given the opportunity to truly change the course of their future. The need for an improved facility is immediate, and I am happy I can be a small part of it,” explains McCarthy.

Martha Stone, Cross Roads House Development Director, notes, “Jim has been a major contributor to our annual fund for many years.” Stone adds, “This type of support is critical because we couldn’t operate from day to day without it. When it came time to launch the

campaign to rebuild, Jim understood the need for the new facility and stepped up with a tremendous investment in our project. We are very grateful for his support.”

Chris Sterndale, Cross Roads House Executive Director, explains, “Generous contributions like Jim’s have helped us to stick to our construction timeline. The project is currently out to bid and we’re looking forward to breaking ground this summer.” Plans include the replacement of three older buildings with one, at the current location, and renovation of one remaining building. The new facility will solve the multiple physical challenges that Cross Roads House faces, and the shelter will remain open during construction.

Fundraising efforts continue as the shelter works to reach its goal. Gifts at all levels are needed and appreciated. For more information and to find out how to support the Campaign for Cross Roads House, please visit [www.crossroadshouse.org](http://www.crossroadshouse.org).

For over twenty years, Cross Roads House has provided emergency and transitional shelter to homeless individuals and families from Rockingham, Strafford, and southern York, ME counties. Last year shelter was provided to 638 people, including 61 children from 39 families.