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All ages. All abilities. All together.

work, and shop.

August 29, 2016 — Cardinal Cushing Centers, a Hanover nonprofit that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, announced that \$11.9 million in state and federal funding has been awarded to support a mixed-income historic rehabilitation project, a key part of its master plan to create a neighborhood where people of all abilities can live,

The financing will be used to convert the Kennedy Building Apartments into 37 units of mixed-income workforce housing for a broad range of individuals and families, including those with disabilities.

Jansi D. Chandler, vice president of development for **Cardinal Cushing Centers**, said, "This is wonderful news for us at Cardinal Cushing Centers. Our vision for the future is to continue to develop an inclusive neighborhood, where people with and without disabilities live, learn, work, and socialize together as one community."

The Kennedy Building Apartments, a mixed-income historic rehabilitation project, is sponsored by the **Planning Office for Urban Affairs**, a nonprofit housing developer affiliated with the Archdiocese of Boston. The Planning Office will own the apartment building.

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and MassHousing Finance Agency are supporting the development with about \$8 million in private equity, generated by the sale of tax credits, and \$3.9 million of DHCD housing financing subsidies, totaling about 80% of the project's financing. The remaining 20% will come from the Town of Hanover, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, and Rockland Trust.

Conversion work on the Kennedy Building, which currently houses Cushing's administrative offices, classrooms, and a health center, is set to begin within six months.

When completed at the beginning of 2018, the building will have on-site management, a laundry, a fitness room, a community room, bicycle storage, parking, as well as a modernized health center. Existing administrative officers and classrooms will be transferred to other nearby properties owned by Cushing.

The project, Cushing's first to convert one of its existing buildings to apartments, is part of a master plan which includes construction of a new 30,000-square-foot Marketplace building that will house retail shops and 14 support classrooms.

Businesses operated by Cushing—The Bass Café, the Timeless Treasures Thrift Shop, The Cushing Trader Gift Shop—will move into the new building. Accessible directly from Route 53, the Marketplace building, a strategic component of Cushing's employment training program, is expected to attract more customers, providing a more realistic job training environment.

Cushing currently is in the second year of a \$13 million capital campaign that aims to raise \$11 million to construct the Marketplace building and \$2 million for a permanent endowment to fund building maintenance. The *Changing Lives- Building a Community* campaign has raised nearly \$6 million to date.

Established in 1947, Cardinal Cushing Centers began as a day and residential school for students with intellectual disabilities. With additional locations in Braintree, Cushing now supports more than 600 individuals of all ages, with the goal of helping each student and adult to become included and independent members of society. Other buildings in Hanover, in addition to the retail shops, include a school building, a recreation hall, a culinary building, and housing for students.

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