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## **Pathlight HOME Awarded \$10K TD Charitable Foundation Grant for Homeless Housing Program**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** - (May 15, 2018) – Pathlight HOME, Central Florida’s first and largest provider of the “Housing First” approach to helping homeless men and women rejoin the community, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank. The grant will help support the nonprofit’s *Restore* Permanent Supportive Housing Program for chronically homeless individuals.

“We are honored that TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, recognizes the significant role that Pathlight HOME’s permanent supportive housing plays in Central Florida,” said Pathlight HOME President Helaine Blum. “Their generous support of our work will help us continue to change the lives of more-than-600 homeless and low-income neighbors each day through affordable housing and economic opportunities.”

The *Restore Program* provides 60 housing units and services for chronically homeless adults in Central Florida to assist them in gaining / maintaining housing stability and income, and increasing their mental and physical stability and self-sufficiency. In collaboration with Orange County Government and the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, *Restore* provides affordable housing, case management, transportation, life skills coaching, social services and medical referrals, recreational activities, and more. In the most recent year, 97 percent of clients maintained housing stability or moved to another permanent housing option, instilling a palpable sense pride in all concerned.

*Pathlight HOME changes the lives of homeless and low-income men and women through affordable housing and economic opportunities. We are Central Florida’s first and largest provider of permanent supportive housing.*

*In our 25 years, we have helped more than 5,000 homeless neighbors through the “housing first” philosophy.*

*Today, more than 600 residents receive safe, dignified housing and supportive services.*

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### **About the TD Charitable Foundation**

The TD Charitable Foundation is the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank<sup>®</sup>, one of the 10 largest commercial banking organizations in the United States. Since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has distributed more than \$193.8 million and more than 19,000 grants in charitable donations from Maine to Florida. The Foundation's mission aligns with The Ready Commitment, a new multi-year program that TD launched in March 2018 to help individuals and communities prosper. As part of The Ready Commitment, TD targets CDN \$1 billion (US \$775 million) in total by 2030 towards community giving in four areas critical to opening doors for an inclusive tomorrow – Financial Security, a more Vibrant Planet, Connected Communities and Better Health. For further information, visit [td.com/thereadycommitment](https://td.com/thereadycommitment) More information on the TD Charitable Foundation, including the online grant application, is available at [TDBank.com](https://TDBank.com)

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