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Club Nova Receives Grant from SECU Foundation for New Mental Health Support Facility

Raleigh, N.C. – Club Nova, which provides services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, recently received a \$350,000 capital grant from SECU Foundation for the construction of a much larger mental health support facility. The financial boost from SECU Foundation will help the Orange County non-profit close the funding gap for the 9,150 square foot facility, which will offer increased space for community programs, a career center, education, crisis intervention training, and other areas, to more than double the number of Club Nova participants being served daily and annually.

Club Nova's mission is to provide opportunities for individuals living with serious mental illness to lead meaningful lives of their choice in the community.

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Jama Campbell, SECU Foundation Executive Director (left), presents ceremonial check to Karen Kincaid-Dunn, Club Nova Executive Director.

Club Nova has been serving the mental health needs of the community for over 30 years, promoting

recovery, self-reliance, and friendship through programs of rehabilitation and community support. The organization is a member of Clubhouse International and is an evidence-based practice which works to reduce the number of individuals otherwise placed in high-cost, restrictive settings such as hospitals, emergency departments, and the criminal justice system. Comprehensive care services are provided at no cost to participants, including psychiatric, medical, social, financial, education, vocation, transportation, and housing. Club Nova currently serves an average of 45 individuals daily and 117 individuals annually.

Jama Campbell, SECU Foundation Executive Director, remarked, "Club Nova is a community support center that offers hope – a place where individuals feel comfortable finding independence through meaningful relationships with family and friends, work, and education if desired. This organization has a dedicated and experienced staff working to provide critical support to people affected by serious mental illness. We are proud to help Club Nova expand their practice and provide greater access to mental health support services for North Carolina families and their loved ones."

"We express our deepest gratitude to SECU Foundation for believing in Club Nova's mission to provide hope and opportunities to individuals living with serious mental illness, helping them to lead meaningful lives of their choice in the community. This generous gift will allow Club Nova to complete its new, larger facility and more importantly, offer life-changing support to more people who need our comprehensive community-based approach," said Karen Kincaid-Dunn, Club Nova Executive Director. "SECU Foundation is a bright star in our constellation."

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