

Mayor Kim Janey Among Those Expected at Ribbon Cutting for HeartBrothers House

A Place for Families and Patients Undergoing Heart Transplants at Boston Hospitals

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BOSTON, MA – July 27, 2021 – The HeartBrothers Foundation, a local nonprofit that provides financial and emotional assistance to people with heart failure, will officially cut the ribbon for the <u>HeartBrothers House</u> at Church Park Apartments, a luxury building in the Back Bay/Fenway Area that provides furnished apartments for \$30 per night to families of heart failure patients. The event will be held this **Thursday**, **July 29 from** 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Boston Mayor Kim Janey and cardiac care professionals will be on hand to commemorate this new partnership that has already helped dozens of heart failure patients in New England.

Bob Romer and Pat Sullivan co-founded the <u>HeartBrothers Foundation</u> after they each received a heart transplant at Tufts Medical Center, following a year-long wait. During that time, they vowed to help heart failure patients and families—especially those who can't afford to stay in local hotels for weeks on end while their loved one awaits a transplant. The Foundation partnered with Church Park, a distinctive property owned and managed by <u>Boston Residential Group</u> and located at **221 Massachusetts Ave**.

More than 6.5 million Americans suffer from heart failure and 4,000 are currently waiting for transplants. (Heart failure is a chronic, progressive condition in which the heart muscle is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's needs for blood and oxygen); Black Americans are nearly 3 times more likely to die from heart failure than

White Americans. COVID-19, which can damage the heart, is expected to increase heart failure rates in the future.

Click <u>here</u> to view the HeartBrothers House media kit.

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