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Re: Seeking EDGARTOWN HOUSING HEROES for Year-Round Rental Program

Dear Homeowner/Landlord,

The Edgartown Affordable Housing is on a mission to resolve the current housing crisis. We are seeking Homeowners who will join the year-round rental program and participate in this Edgartown Housing Heroes campaign.

Our ultimate goal is to provide housing in order to maintain a year-round stable workforce. We are aware in Edgartown there are many vacant homes and guest houses which could be utilized for year-round housing. We are hoping that the Housing Heroes (homeowners) would be willing to rent their homes or guest houses to year-round residents.

Who are Edgartown Housing Heroes? It first starts out with someone who cares enough about Edgartown and this housing crisis to be a part of the solution. Any Homeowner who is willing to rent out a residential room, apartment, home, guesthouse and/or any access dwelling unit(s) year-round so our First Responders, Teachers, both Municipalities and Private Workforce who are the backbone of maintaining Edgartown can have a residence here to continue the upkeep of our evolving paradise.

Edgartown Housing Heroes Year-Round Rental Program:

- **Benefits** – For example, a home owner who may have a garage apartment or guest house that is rented for 10 weeks of the summer at \$3,000.00 a week for a total of \$30,000.00 may realize that same amount of income over a 12 month period. This ensures guaranteed income from one tenant.
Eliminates rental “turnover” and add some security to the entire property should the homeowner be away from the vineyard for any length of time. Like a Built-in caretaker.
Never have to worry about vetting tenants.
- **Rental Payment** – Full Market Rental Rate includes tenant pays a percentage and the balance will be paid through a variety of affordable housing funding resources.
- **Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Assistance** – They vet tenants including income level and rental history.

We look forward to working with the Housing Heroes in participating in the Edgartown Year-Round Rental program. If you would like to do so, or help in any other way, please contact Shanette Deleon at affordable@edgartown-ma.us and/or call (508) 627-6178. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee