

Thank you ...

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Overwhelming response for housing

To the editor:

It had been 10 years since Cabot House hosted a Business After Hours (Portsmouth Chamber) fundraiser. We decided to do it again on April 24.

In June 2007, I spoke to a member of the Chamber staff who provided me with a list of nonprofit members. I spotted Dick Ingram's name with **The Housing Partnership** — and that was it!

Housing affects all of us in business. Providing quality, affordable housing strengthens communities. Cabot House, founded in 1912, has had the privilege of being in our Portsmouth location 27 years. Furniture is a function in a home and we go hand in hand with housing.

As the Portsmouth mayor, in "Bullish on downtown," stated, "Downtown is an economic engine; business is a daily thing and as a team we need to help keep the city going in the right direction." We at Cabot House are proud to go in that direction.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to each and every person who helped to make this benefit possible. I was humbled by the generosity displayed in this community. It reminded me of Oprah's "Big Give."

If I have omitted anyone from my "thank you" list I sincerely apologize. The response was overwhelming. We do have a "terrific town."

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