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**NEW VINEYARD HOUSE SOBER LIVING COMMUNITY OPEN TO NEW RESIDENTS**  
**Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 am.**

**Vineyard Haven** – With the opening of its new 25-bed residential campus just six weeks away, Vineyard House – the Island’s only sober living facility – is now actively seeking applications for new residents.

The new houses, located in a private, sunny setting in Vineyard Haven, can accommodate up to seven women and 18 men in separate living quarters, said Dawn Bellante-Holand, managing director.

“We are looking for people who are newly clean from alcohol or drug addiction who are genuinely interested in living a healthy sober life among supportive people. The shared experience and mutual support is an important part of life in the houses and directly contributes to developing the skills needed to stay sober” she said.

Construction is nearly complete on the new Vineyard House campus, eight years from the launch of the Capital Campaign that funded it, and eight months from the ceremony that broke ground last May. The new Vineyard house, located on Short Hill Road in Tisbury, is scheduled to open Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 11 am. The buildings were designed for group living including private and semi-private bedrooms, fully equipped kitchens, laundry facilities and common areas. A separate administrative building includes a community conference room that will be available for 12-step meetings and other recovery programs.

Residents must be at least 18 years old, gainfully employed and committed to their own recovery, said Ms. Bellante-Holand. Residents are encouraged to stay at least a year, and can remain at Vineyard House for up to 18 months.

Residents must participate in Twelve Step meetings and to submit to random alcohol and drug screening. Each residential unit has a live-in manager, who is supported by a case manager and a Resident Support Committee made up of practicing clinicians who volunteer up to an hour a week. Vineyard House charges a \$260 entrance fee and \$130 a week in rent.

Vineyard House residents typically come straight from detox, but it is not a requirement, said Ms. Bellante-Holand. Preference is given to Martha’s Vineyard residents, but Nantucket residents will also be considered if space is available.

To inquire about becoming a resident of Vineyard House for you or a loved one, please call (508) 693-8580. Calls are completely confidential. For more information about Vineyard House, go to [vineyardhouse.org](http://vineyardhouse.org).

Since 1997, Vineyard House has served as a safe haven for Vineyarders in early recovery from substance abuse and a resource for those who seek help.

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