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Open House Scheduled at New Vineyard House Sober Living Community

Thursday, August 13, 2014 - Vineyard House has scheduled an Open House Thursday, August 28 at 9 AM so that supporters of the new sober living facility being built on Short Hill Road in Tisbury will be able to stop by and assess the progress being made.

The Open House will take place just a few days after the arrival by barge of the first modules of the “men’s dormitory,” and attendees will be able to watch those buildings being “buttoned up” by the Squash Meadow Construction crew.

The Women’s House and Administration Building arrived July 23 as 8 separate modules and are already near completion. Attendees of the Open House August 28 will have the opportunity to walk through these buildings.

“This is a resource for the community, and we think it’s important that folks in the community have the chance to see what’s happening with it,” said Board President Mark Jenkins. “We welcome one and all, and especially those many, many people who have supported us along the way.”

Since 1997 Vineyard House – a registered 501(c)3 charity – has offered sober housing for Islanders in early recovery from substance abuse. Vineyard House is in the process of transitioning from the three separate houses it owned in Oak Bluffs to a single “campus” on 4.4 acres on Short Hill Road in Tisbury.

The new LEED-certified facility was designed by local firm Mashek Maclean Architects and includes separate residences for men and women, apartments for on-site house managers, offices for administration and a community conference room named in honor of former Vineyard House Treasurer Pat Gregory. The facility is being built by Island-based Squash Meadow Construction using modules provided by Westchester Homes of New York.

“Westchester is an employee owned company providing top-of-the-line modular construction,” says Vineyard House managing director Dawn Bellante Holand. “And just as significant as the quality, the speed with which we will have our new home ready to move into was a determining factor in going the modular route.” Ms. Bellante Holand anticipates a completion date somewhere between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Residents of Vineyard House are required to pay rent, hold down a job, attend support groups meetings, maintain the houses, and submit to regular and random drug and alcohol testing.

Coffee and pastries will be offered at the Open House, and the public is welcome. For directions and other information check the Vineyard House website at www.vineyardhouse.org.

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