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City of New Bedford

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 For Immediate Release

PRESS RELEASE

Official fund announced for individuals displaced by rooming house fire

New Bedford, Massachusetts— The City of New Bedford along with non-profit partners including the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford have announced Rise Up For Homes as the official relief fund for individuals displaced by Tuesday's rooming house fire on Acushnet Avenue.

"The fire has abruptly displaced dozens of residents and turned their lives upside down. I appreciate the partnership of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford and all of the partners involved in Rise Up For Homes to help meet the challenge," said Mayor Mitchell.

Rise Up For Homes is a collaborative campaign established by the City of New Bedford's Homeless Service Providers Network (HSPN). The Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford, a non-profit 501(c)3 serves as the fiscal conduit of the funds.

To donate, checks made out to Rise Up For Homes can be dropped off or mailed to the Inter-Church Council, 128 Union Street Suite 100, New Bedford, MA 02740. The Inter-Church Council can be reached at (508) 993-6242.

To donate online, please visit https://riseupforhomes.com/donate