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The Sheehan Family Foundation, endowed by the L. Knife and Son affiliated companies including Seaboard Products in Danvers, recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to Wellspring House to fund a part-time coordinator for its Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14. “This age-group is underserved in the Cape Ann region and we are pleased to help make it possible for such a well-established, effective organization to develop and deliver this program,” said Margaret Sheehan, the SFF Executive Director.

The Sheehan Family Foundation was established in 1992. Its mission is to protect the environment and enhance the quality of education including youth serving programs. The Foundation has a geographic focus in eastern Massachusetts. Grants made by the Foundation since 1992 total nearly \$7 million.

Since 1981, Wellspring House, Inc. of Gloucester, MA has operated as a community non-profit organization, offering programs, services and support to help low-income families and individuals move out of poverty and onto economic self-sufficiency. By providing shelter to homeless families, developing and operating affordable housing on Cape Ann, and offering education and support to both families and individuals, Wellspring has helped hundreds of families move on to brighter, more hopeful futures.

In 2005, Wellspring began a new program: Strengthening Families: 10-14. This program focuses on families with children from 10-14, an often overlooked age group. Through Strengthening Families: 10-14, participating families discover their strengths, build self-esteem and family communication skills, and learn to connect to other families and to community resources. The grant from the Sheehan Family Foundation will pay for a program coordinator for this innovative new program.

Seaboard Products, Co of Danvers, MA. a division of L. Knife & Son Inc. of Kingston, Ma. has proudly serviced Essex County for over thirty five years with quality products from Anheuser Busch, InBev, and Guinness USA. The company attributes its success to the effort and dedication of its employees, the quality products sold, and marketing their products in a socially responsible fashion. .

The Sheehan Family, owners of the L. Knife & Son, Inc. companies, has always been involved in the local communities where they do business. Ted Landers, District Manager of Seaboard Products, stated, “As citizens of the Commonwealth, we are proud to give back in substantial ways to the communities we serve. The SFF grant is our way of thanking the communities of Essex County for many years of support.”

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