

McKibbon Family Foundation

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McKibbon Family Foundation Provides Over \$3 Million in Grants and Interest-Free Loans for Charlotte Non-Profit Roof Above's Permanent Supportive Housing



Charlotte, NC (September 16, 2022) – McKibbon Family Foundation, founded by John and Letitia McKibbon, and hotel development & renovations firm, [McKibbon Places](#), joined Charlotte non-profit, [Roof Above](#), and fellow community partners in celebrating the much-anticipated grand opening of Roof Above's new, permanent supportive housing complex, SECU The Rise on Clanton. The 88-studio complex, which was purchased and renovated with the support of \$3 million in grants and an interest-free loan from the [McKibbon Family Foundation](#) and converted from a former Quality Inn hotel through community fundraising and assistance efforts, is now serving Charlotteans who have experienced chronic homelessness, providing access to onsite healthcare, education, employment resources and other supportive services and staff.

"We couldn't be more excited to see the Rise on Clanton facility come to life and are honored and humbled to have contributed to such an important project and cause," said John McKibbon, McKibbon Family Foundation founder. "It is truly inspiring to see the Charlotte community work together to collectively create a viable solution to help end homelessness and provide much-needed services and support to Charlotte's most vulnerable individuals."

The full-scale repurpose and renovation of the hotel property to 88 individual, fully furnished studio apartments complete with kitchens was carried out by McKibbon Places, who donated their time, labor, and project management expertise to the property's transformation. Welcome

kits, which include essential items such as sheets, towels, pots, pans, cleaning supplies and more, were provided by McKibbon Places and its sister company, hotel management firm McKibbon Hospitality. McKibbon Places is also managing the conversion of a former Days Inn in Asheville, NC, which will provide housing for the area's homeless population once completed.

John McKibbon was introduced to Roof Above and inspired to get involved with the organization's mission by Charlotte philanthropist and author Kathy Izard, who helped raise \$10 million to build Rise on Clanton's predecessor, Moore Place.

"When I met John McKibbon at a speaking event in Asheville four years ago, I had no idea what an invaluable partner he would become for Roof Above," said Kathy Izard. "From financial resources to technical assistance and even volunteer manpower, John and his teams are an inspiring model for what great corporate philanthropy can be. We are truly grateful they have become an integral partner to welcoming people home."

Roof Above's programs and Moore Place facility have helped house and support over 1,000 chronically homeless individuals in Mecklenburg County, inspiring countless other programs across the country.

To learn more about Roof Above, please visit <https://www.roofabove.org/>.

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About McKibbon Family Foundation

As much as we've evolved since our founding, one thing hasn't changed. We're still a family company dedicated to the communities we call home. Through the McKibbon Family Foundation, we give back to dozens of causes near and dear to our hearts. Learn more at <https://www.mckibbonfamilyfoundation.org/>.

About McKibbon Places

Founded by two brothers in 1926, the McKibbon family business has grown to become an industry leader in hospitality, known for owning, developing, renovating, and managing hotels in partnership with the largest franchisors in the world. As the McKibbon company dedicated to new hotel development and renovations management, we partner with owners, investors, and trusted vendors to build experiences, empower operations, and recognize the true value of every place we create. To date, we've completed dozens of new build projects across numerous premier hotel brands in over 20 cities - and we're just getting started. From the first planning meeting to the final ribbon cutting, we're ready to bring your vision to life. For more information, visit www.McKibbonPlaces.com.

About McKibbon Hospitality

Headquartered in Tampa, FL, McKibbon is a fourth-generation family-owned and operated hotel management company. McKibbon Hospitality owns 18 hotels and operates nearly 100 hotels throughout the U.S., including AC by Marriott hotels in Charlotte and Asheville. Our legacy is built on a foundation of integrity, anchored in how we value our guests, treat our associates and partners, and give back to our communities. To learn more about McKibbon Hospitality, visit www.mckibbon.com.