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CNL Charitable Foundation provides seed money. *\$100,000 gift kicks off fundraising initiative*

February 29, 2008 (ORLANDO, Fla.) The Central Florida Commission on Homelessness announced today that the CNL Charitable Foundation has donated \$100,000 to help get the dream of ending homelessness in Central Florida in ten years off paper and out into the community.

CNL Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of CNL Financial Group, a homegrown global real estate investment company founded in downtown Orlando in 1973. Tracy Schmidt, CFO of CNL Financial Group, chaired the commission that developed the 25-step plan that forms the basis for the work of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, moving forward under the leadership of Ed Timberlake, chairman, Central Florida, Seaside Bank. Schmidt will continue to serve on the commission.

“Community stewardship is one of the things CNL is known for,” said Timberlake. “And when you seek the welfare of the city, like CNL does, it all begins with making sure all of our citizens have food and shelter. With this donation, CNL is providing the resources we need to start moving forward toward our goal. Our hope is that all of Central Florida’s corporate and philanthropic entities will follow CNL’s lead.”

Jim Seneff, chairman and CEO of CNL Financial Group said, “Through Tracy’s work we have had an opportunity to become very familiar with this important issue. The homeless want a hand up, not a hand out. The Commission is well on its way to providing for our neighbors and we at CNL are very pleased to assist.”

The Commission’s “Ten 2 End” plan addresses five main goals: housing, prevention, healthcare, supportive services, and implementation and lays out 25 steps to achieve those goals. The complete report, which includes an outline of specific tasks and estimated cost analysis, can be found online: www.cfhomelesscommission.org.

Each night there are approximately 6,000 people in Central Florida who go to bed without a roof over their heads. A third of those are children, 41 percent are families, and 40 percent served in our nation’s armed forces.

A December 2007 survey of registered voters in Central Florida found that 62 percent indicate that homelessness is a problem in their county; 73 percent say we are not doing enough to address homelessness; and 58 percent say that solutions to end homelessness in Central Florida should be a high priority. It is on that mandate that the recommendations of the Central Florida Regional Commission on Homelessness will be taken forward by the permanent Commission now in place.