

Media Alert



Dave's House & The Mental Health Association of Central Florida Expanding Mental Health & Supportive Housing Services in Seminole County

Double Ribbon Cutting – January 28, 2026 - 9am – The Neighborhood Coop - in Sanford

SANFORD, FL — (December 28, 2025) Dave's House and the Mental Health Association of Central Florida (MHACF), two leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving mental wellness and housing stability in Central Florida, are proud to announce the grand opening of their new offices at **The Neighborhood COOP**, a values-driven shared workspace in Sanford providing affordable office and gathering space for nonprofits, businesses, and individuals committed to strengthening the community. Local officials and stakeholders are invited to attend a Double Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on January 28, 2026, [with pre-registration](#).

- 9am – 9:30 - Networking and Opening Remarks (in the gathering space)
- 9:30 – 9:45 – Double Ribbon Cutting (at offices located across the hall from each other)
- 9:45 – 11:00 – Open House
- The Neighborhood Coop - 420 Magnolia Ave, Sanford, FL 32771 – Follow Signs to Event

This milestone marks an important expansion of both organizations' presence in Seminole County and reflects their shared commitment to serving individuals living with mental illness. **Dave's House** provides permanent supportive housing that offers adults with serious mental illness a stable place to live, heal, and build independence. While the **Mental Health Association of Central Florida** works to empower the community by promoting mental wellness, providing free and accessible mental health services, and advocating for equity and inclusion for those living with mental illness. By establishing offices side by side in Sanford, both organizations are strengthening community access to housing, resources, and mental health support in a way that recognizes these needs as deeply interconnected.

*“As we launch **Dave’s House at Celery**—our first multi-unit residential neighborhood developed in partnership with Community Assisted & Supported Living (CASL) and built alongside HomeAid Orlando—having an office in Sanford keeps us close to the work and the people it will serve. This presence allows us to stay engaged with our partners, support the project’s progress, and prepare to welcome the residents who will call the community home.”*

— **Ellen O’Connor, CEO, Dave’s House**

“Our new Sanford office positions the MHACF to better serve the growing needs of Seminole County. By being here, we can expand our outreach, strengthen community connections, and ensure that individuals and families have direct access to life-changing mental health support.”

— **Marni Stahlman, President & CEO, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida**

“The Neighborhood Coop was created to be a home base for organizations and individuals who are committed to strengthening our community. We are thrilled to welcome Dave’s House and the Mental Health Association of Central Florida to our shared workspace. Their missions align beautifully with our values of collaboration, compassion, and community impact. Having these two respected nonprofits under our roof will not only enrich our campus, but also expand the support and resources available to Seminole County residents. They are exactly the kind of partners who make The Coop a vibrant and purpose-driven place.”

— **Reverend Meghan Killingsworth, The Neighborhood Coop**

About Dave’s House

Dave’s House is a Central Florida-based nonprofit agency that provides affordable permanent supportive housing solutions for individuals living stably with serious mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring disabilities. Founded in 2008, the organization develops housing models that combine a solid foundation of stable housing and managed, wraparound mental health care provided by service partners. Today, it operates throughout the state of Florida. www.daveshouse.org

About MHACF

Established in 1946, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida (MHACF) is the region’s leading nonprofit dedicated to supporting individuals living with mental illness. MHACF offers free mental health services, provider referrals, peer support, and community education to promote mental wellness across Central Florida. www.mhacf.org