



## Beverly caf&eacute;'s coffee blends with low-income seniors

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BEVERLY — The Atomic Café is a hip shop that takes pride in its social conscience, as well as its home-brewed coffee.

Both of those qualities are evident in the café's latest product, the Harborlight House Blend.

The café has created the new coffee to raise money for the Harborlight House, a nonprofit assisted-living home for low-income seniors. For every bag sold, café co-owners John and Andrew Mahoney will donate \$2 to Harborlight House.

The partnership was the idea of Andrew DeFranza, the executive director of the First Baptist Church Property Management Corp., which operates Harborlight House. DeFranza liked the idea of connecting an "artsy community hot spot" with a nonprofit home for seniors down the street.

"Andrew pitched the idea, and we liked it," John Mahoney said. "I like the cause."

The Atomic Café has been in Beverly for 12 years (it also has a shop in Marblehead). It sells "fair trade certified" coffee, which Mahoney said ensures that the Third World farmers who grow the coffee beans receive a fair price. The downtown café on Cabot Street buys its beans from 15 countries.

The Harborlight House, at 1 Monument Square across from the central fire station, has been in existence since the mid-1960s. It was refurbished in 2000 and houses 31 residents at affordable rates.

The Harborlight House blend is available at the Atomic Café or at its online store at [atomiccafe.com](http://atomiccafe.com).

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