



Maryse Wirbal, CEO

Happy Spring! We are excited to share an inspiring update on a young mother in our Transformational Housing Program and also highlight how we celebrate our moms on Mother's Day.

Struggling on Her Own

Last fall we shared Chelsea's struggles as a single mom after she faced an unplanned pregnancy during her senior year in college. With little support from the baby's father or her own family, Chelsea tried hard to make it on her own for a few years.

Even though she was working full-time at a childcare

Reaching Her Full Potential as a Mother

center, Chelsea wasn't able to pay her rent or other basic expenses. In her own words, she was failing at paying her bills and "failing at being the mother I knew I could be."

Spending Quality Time

Now that Chelsea and her five-year old daughter Brook are in our program, Chelsea is finding her stride as a mother and gaining new confidence as a parent.

"Brook is thrilled to have her own room and finally, I'm not too overwhelmed and tired to do fun things with her," says Chelsea.

Mother and daughter now take trips to the park and take advantage of kid-friendly activities in Nashua. "Last fall, I took Brook to the Wings and Wheels event at the Nashua Airport. She loved it!"

The two also take part in special events offered in our program, including children's birthday parties and pumpkin decorating, for example.

Meeting Goals

Chelsea has also made progress with her educational goals. She is nearly finished her online bachelor's degree in psychology and hopes to start a master's program in guidance counseling.

This Mother's Day, we are pleased to honor Chelsea and all the single mothers in our Transformational Housing Program with a dozen roses, thanks to a community drive by United Way of Greater Nashua.

Each mother also received a professional family portrait session — thanks to services donated by Kelley Traver Photography.

Time and again our clients tell us they just want to enjoy what so many families take for granted: family fun and enrichment opportunities, along with a break from the crisis that brought them here.

Together, we are making that happen and transforming lives. Thank you so much for your support!

Read more about our clients' successes at frontdooragency.org.



We Love our Volunteers!

The Front Door Agency has a strong and dedicated group of volunteers who help to make our mission possible. We took time during National Volunteer Recognition Week to thank these amazing people:

- Pam Clement
 - Barbara Chase
 - Sue Cutshall
 - Eileen Gribouski
 - Sandy Guzas
 - Betty Klamka
 - Donna Sue Morton
 - David Shaw
 - Sally Stalker
 - Deirdre Sullivan
 - Chrystine Weaver
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Thank you, Boston Billiard Club & Bangor Savings Bank



The Front Door Agency was selected by the Boston Billiard Club & Casino as their benefit charity to receive a portion of all gaming proceeds for the week of April 1-8. We were overwhelmed with gratitude to accept a very generous check for more than \$54,000! Thank you to all those who came out to play! The funds will be used for much-needed capital improvements — including new fencing, heating/cooling and renovations — on our Transformational Housing properties.



The Agency was also awarded \$5,000 from the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation as part of their Community Matters More campaign. The award was based on online votes from the community, so thank you to all who voted! Bangor Bank VP and Credit Department Manager Mike Gonzales — also a former Front Door Board member — stopped in recently to present a check to CEO Maryse Wirbal.

Thank You for a Successful 31st Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction

Our 31st Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction gathered 19 of the region’s finest chefs and beverage participants, more than 275 guests and many outstanding auction items—raising nearly \$180,000 to support our programs! The event was held Sunday, March 24th at the Nashua Country Club.

The success of our signature fundraising event relies on the generosity and talents of many people, including the remarkable chefs who donate their time and prepared specialties; many area businesses who donate wonderful auction items, and of course, our guests who generously support both the live and silent auctions.

We could not do it without support from our corporate partners and from the many businesses and organizations who sponsor the event. Thank you to all for helping us make a difference for people in need in our community!



Stephanie, a client in Transformational Housing, received the Dr. Ronald Kraus Memorial Scholarship from Donna Kraus and CEO Maryse Wirbal.

During the Fund-a-Need part of Gourmet, Vicki shared her path from a young single mother in an abusive relationship to the successful and confident woman she is today. After overcoming many obstacles, Vicki is now a student working towards her marketing degree at a local college.

“Without the Front Door Agency, I don’t know where my son and I would be,” Vicki said. “I’m so thankful and blessed to be a part of such a beautiful, caring and genuine program.”



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2018 Program Outcomes At a Glance



We were able to stabilize 89% of families in crisis who entered our Transformational Housing Program.



91% of clients receiving a security deposit loan were still in permanent housing six months later.



88% of families receiving assistance with rent and utilities were able to remain in their homes.



With generous community support, we provided gifts, food and clothing to 766 children.

Partner Spotlight:



For over 160 years, The Lowell Five has been committed not only to offering great banking products, but also to improving the quality of life for residents in the communities they serve.

The Front Door Agency is pleased that Lowell Five has chosen to partner with us in our mission.

Commercial Loan Officer Chris Wilcox is a dedicated board member, often volunteering his time, skills and talents to help us change lives for those in need in Greater Nashua. Thank you, Chris, and thank you, Lowell Five! To explore corporate partnership opportunities, please contact Corporate Relations/Special Events Manager Sheree Sevigny at 886.2866.

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Tax Planning Tip

Americans over the age of 70 ½ must withdraw the required minimum distribution from their IRAs on an annual basis, adding to their taxable income.

Making a tax-deductible gift of these IRA funds allows you to support your community while decreasing the tax burden on your finances. Please consider the Front Door Agency at tax time—we are grateful for your support!