

INSIDE THE FRONT DOOR



WHAT DOES “BACK TO SCHOOL” LOOK LIKE FOR NASHUA’S HOMELESS CHILDREN?

More than 4,000 homeless children will head back to New Hampshire public schools this year, according to a 2018 report from the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness.

For the 20 school-aged children we served in our Transformational Housing program this year, back-to-school can be a difficult time. “Many families move into the Norwell Home with few possessions, so a new backpack or pair of shoes are considered luxury items,” says Rebecca Gagne, Director of Transformational Housing. “It’s easy for these kids to feel like outsiders on the first day.”

But, considering that many families are homeless before moving into our Norwell Home, the routine of going to school everyday can aid in their path to stability.



THE FRONT DOOR IS GROWING!

When I joined The Front Door Agency in 1998 (then the The Nashua Pastoral Care Center), we were a team of five. Now, we have 16 staff members and 26 professionals on our Board of Directors! Our growth is thanks in part to generous supporters like you. Please help me welcome the newest members of the Front Door family:

New Staff Members

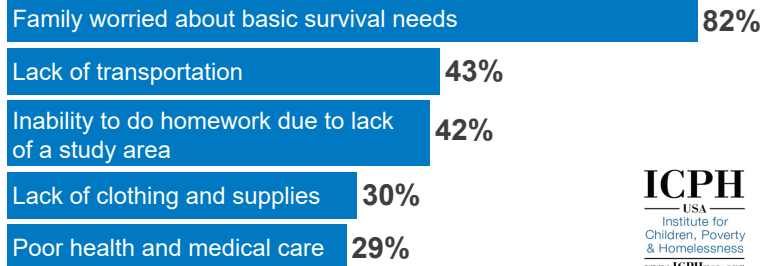
Nicole Ennis, Director of Development
Emily Keane, Transformational Housing Case Manager
Patty Sierra, Development Assistant
Michelle Toomey, Marketing & Media Relations Coordinator

New Board Members

Kevin Flynn, St. Joseph Hospital
Joyce Hillis, Devine Millimet and Branch
Tina-Marie Liles, PMSI
John Porter, Keller Williams Realty
Melissa Swidler, SWI Designs LLC

The knowledge, experience and passion that these professionals bring to the Front Door Agency will allow us to expand our services in the community, helping more of our neighbors who need it most. Here’s to a great fall season!

The top challenges homeless children faced in attending school were:



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Policy and Program Studies Service, State and District Implementation of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Washington, DC, 2015. Data reflects the 2010-11 school year.

What are we doing to help?

- **Ensuring that kids are enrolled in school.** We work with a Nashua School Department liaison to ensure that all kids in our programs are enrolled in school and that transportation is provided as necessary.
- **Providing a safe, stable home environment.** The Norwell Home provides a safe place to call home and supportive case managers that help reduce stress, allowing kids to focus on learning. Families also have access to shared computers with internet.
- **Supporting physical and mental health.** We refer all of our families to physicians to catch up on vaccinations and get help with any health or developmental issues.
- **Helping kids fit in with their peers.** Through collaborations with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, the Amherst Junior Women’s Club, and Stanley Elevator, the kids in our programs receive new shoes, a backpack and new items of clothing to help them start the school year confidently.

How can you help?

Fulfill a child’s back-to-school wish list! As kids settle into the new school year, their needs become more apparent. By purchasing an item from one of our seasonal Amazon wish lists, you ensure that they have the tools they need for continued success.

Visit www.frontdooragency.org/give to find a link to our wish lists. Items can be sent directly to our main office (address below) or dropped off Monday - Thursday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

7 Concord Street, Nashua, NH 03064



SO LONG, SUMMER!

Thanks to the Courtyard by Marriott Nashua, Roedel Companies and volunteers from Church of the Good Shepherd, families in our Transformational Housing program celebrated the end of summer break poolside at our annual Summer Party!

FAREWELL, PENNY PICKERS!



After 27 years, the Front Door Agency is retiring the yellow aprons synonymous with its annual Penny Pickers fundraiser. Penny Pickers will be replaced by a sponsorship program that will more directly impact our Transformational Housing program. However, we are happy to accept change collected as a donation at our main office! Thank you to everyone who supported Penny Pickers over the years. For more information on sponsorships, contact SEvigny@frontdooragency.org.

SAVE THE DATE

32nd Annual

Gourmet Festival & Auction

Sunday, March 22, 2020

4 - 8 p.m.

Nashua Country Club



Join us at our biggest fundraiser of the year featuring 20+ local chefs and 150+ auction items.

Stay tuned for more information!

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES



October 16, 2019

January 22, 2020

April 15, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Norwell Home

12 Concord Street, Nashua

You're invited to tour the Norwell Home, one of our Transformational Housing facilities. Learn more about us and experience first-hand how we help local families in crisis.

RSVP to (603) 886-2866 or ssevigny@frontdooragency.org.

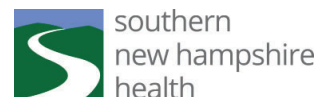
Did you know? If you're 70+, you can make a gift directly from an IRA. Call Nicole at (603) 816-0293 for more information.



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SECURITY DEPOSIT LOAN PROGRAM: HELPING FAMILIES SECURE STABLE HOUSING



Summer is a popular time to move. While an increase in available housing can help reduce homelessness, many low-income families struggle to save enough money for a security deposit. And with average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Nashua exceeding \$1,400, many families turn to the Front Door Agency for help.

What is the Security Deposit Loan Program?

This program helps families facing a short-term crisis secure permanent housing while maintaining their household budget. Loans are repaid over two or three years with no interest.

Who do we help?

While many of the households we help are parents with children, others are couples without children or single adults. Some are working, others are retirees or those with disabilities that are unable to work. To qualify for a Security Deposit Loan, you must be able to financially sustain your new apartment once you move in.



For more information, visit www.frontdooragency.org.

From June - August of this year, we helped 18 households with security deposits, positively impacting the lives of 47 parents and children. We wish these families well as they settle into their new homes this fall!