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The Front Door Agency Announces First-Ever Online Auction

32nd Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction goes virtual to fight homelessness in Greater Nashua

NASHUA, NH, (May 4, 2020) – The Front Door Agency’s largest fundraiser of the year, its Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction, is now an exciting online auction! COVID-19 restrictions forced the agency to take its popular event online where bidding is open from May 7 – 17. Everyone is invited to participate from the safety and comfort of their own homes by visiting www.tinyurl.com/Gourmet20.

The online auction features 170+ exciting items including home improvement packages, weekend spa getaways, unique experiences, fine dining and much more! Just like the in-person event, the online auction will be split into three components: a “silent” auction open from May 7 – 14, a “live” auction open from May 14 – May 17 and the Agency’s Fund-A-Need campaign, which is open from May 4 through the duration of the auction and is the easiest way to support a specific need or program. The online event will also feature the Agency’s signature Golden Brick Raffle, sponsored by Eaton & Berube Insurance, that is open from May 4 – May 17. The first-prize winner will receive a stunning diamond ring appraised at more than \$10,000 and a second-prize winner will receive a beautiful diamond earring set appraised at more than \$1,500.

All proceeds from the auction benefit the Front Door Agency’s mission to prevent homelessness in Greater Nashua. In the face of the current pandemic, The Front Door Agency is expecting to experience an increase in demand for its services from those who have lost their jobs or are otherwise economically affected by it. With your help, the Agency will be able to provide assistance with rent, mortgage and utility payments, security deposit loans and first month’s rent, financial counseling and other housing-related costs to those who need it. Proceeds also support the Agency’s Transformational Housing program which helps young mothers and their children stabilize, transform and flourish into self-sufficiency.

Beverly is a mother of two in the Agency’s Transformational Housing program who planned to speak at this year’s event. “I entered the Transformational Housing program three years ago and have gotten so much more than just a place to live out of it,” she said. “I gained confidence and skills that I didn’t have before. My children and I continue to grow every day and I just celebrated my one-year anniversary at a job I love as a Certified Medical Assistant with Dartmouth-Hitchcock. I want to thank everyone who participates in this year’s fundraiser. Your support gives hope to many families just like mine.”

One component of the fundraiser that will be missed this year is participation from some of the area’s finest chefs and restaurants. A full list can be found at www.frontdooragency.org and the Agency encourages everyone to support them by ordering takeout, delivery or by purchasing a gift card.

The Gourmet Festival & Auction is made possible through the support of the Front Door Agency’s corporate partners: BAE Systems, Bellwether Community Credit Union, Lowell Five, Southern NH Health and Stanley Elevator. Community partners include Boston Billiard Club & Casino, New

Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the United Way of Greater Nashua. Media partners include The Union Leader, The Telegraph, WZID, Frank FM and WMUR-TV.

Major gourmet event sponsors include: RBC Wealth Management (Presenting Sponsor), Conway Office Products, Eastern Bank and UBS Financial (Caring Sponsors), Eaton & Berube Insurance (Golden Brick Sponsor) and Deloitte & Touche (Champion Sponsor).

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This year's Champagne Sponsor is Flynn Construction, and our Live Auction Sponsors are Bertrand Guimond Hanover Insurance, Pillar to Post, the Tamposi Foundation and Winer & Bennett. For more information and to join in on the fun, visit www.tinyurl.com/Gourmet20.

About The Front Door Agency

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted more than 1,200 people in Greater Nashua through its core programs, which in addition to Transformational Housing for single mothers include Financial Literacy; a Holiday Santa Program and a Housing Stability Program offering assistance with rent, utilities, security deposit loans and permanent affordable housing. To learn more, visit www.frontdooragency.org.

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