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The Front Door Agency Raises \$160,000 During its First-Ever Online Auction

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

NASHUA, NH, (May 19, 2020) – The Front Door Agency raised more than \$160,000 during its largest fundraiser of the year to support families experiencing financial crisis in Greater Nashua. The 32nd Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction was originally scheduled for March at the Nashua Country Club, but was moved to an online auction due to social distancing guidelines. Despite the change, more than 600 people bid on 170+ exciting auction items or donated in support of the Agency.

Proceeds from the fundraiser directly impact single mothers and their children in the Agency's Transformational Housing Program as well as families who need assistance with back rent, utilities, and security deposits in order to avoid homelessness.

“As the current pandemic continues, demand for the Agency's services are expected to increase,” said Nicole Ennis, Chief Development Office at the Front Door Agency. “We weren't sure what to expect when we moved our biggest fundraiser of the year to an online auction, but our supporters stepped up in a big way. We are grateful to everyone that contributed to our first-ever virtual event, including our Board of Directors, corporate partners, auction donors and event sponsors. Their generosity allows us to transform lives in Greater Nashua”

One component of the in-person event that was missed this year was participation from some of Greater Nashua's finest chefs and restaurants. The Front Door Agency encourages everyone to support these establishments during this uncertain time by ordering takeout, purchasing gift cards or visiting those that now offer outdoor seating. A full list of participating restaurants can be found at www.frontdooragency.org.

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.



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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