

INSIDE THE FRONT DOOR

The Front Door Agency Celebrates Graduation Season

Christina, pictured below with her son Luke, is a single mother in our Transformational Housing program who overcame homelessness to graduate from Nashua Community College with a full-time job offer in the engineering industry.



"I've never finished anything in my life, but that's about to change," says Christina. "The support I received in the Transformational Housing program changed my life. I was held accountable, but able to work at my own pace toward independence. I truly feel like the program works for you if you work for it."

The situations that myself and other moms in the program are in when they come to the Front Door Agency do not reflect who we are as people. We all want good lives for ourselves and our children and this program gives us the opportunity to create that."

[Read Christina's Story Here](#)

Transformational Housing Updates



Meeting Clients' Changing Needs During the Pandemic

Balancing work, school and childcare has been difficult for everyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially the single mothers in our programs that lacked sufficient support and resources before it began.

In addition to increasing sanitation protocols, our case managers are meeting with clients twice a week to ensure they stay on track with professional and academic goals, including for school-aged children who were forced to participate in remote learning for the first time.

Despite the economic shut-down, many of our clients continued to work this spring and case managers helped them determine the best way to utilize their stimulus checks to supplement lost income.

While parenting stress levels are elevated, all families report they're adapting to their "new normal" and are excited to get active and enjoy some time outside this summer!

Home Improvements at the Norwell Home

A new, state-of-the-art security system has been installed to increase safety for families and eliminate the need for 24-hour staff coverage.

We are currently exploring funding sources to renovate common areas, including the kitchen and meeting spaces, to reduce congestion and make social distancing possible. Thank you to Melissa Swidler, board member and owner of SWI Designs, for her help exploring design solutions!

Can you help?



Donation items needed:

- Lysol Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Disinfecting cleaners

Donations can be dropped off in the covered bin located at the back entrance of the Norwell Home at 12 Concord Street in Nashua.

Questions? [Click here to email us.](#)



161 days until Christmas! We're developing plans to adapt our annual Holiday Program, which helped 756 children in need last year, to COVID-19 regulations. We're committed to ensuring that local families have something to celebrate again this year, especially during these uncertain times. Stay tuned for information on how you can help fulfill a local family's wish list this holiday season!



Meet Doug, our new Housing Stability Program Manager!

Doug Howard joins the Front Door Agency with more than 10 years' experience working with vulnerable populations, most recently providing support services to students experiencing homelessness in the Nashua School District.

The agency is excited to welcome Doug as demand for Housing Stability services is expected to grow as a result of the current pandemic. His passion for assisting our most at-risk neighbors and knowledge of community resources will help many families on their path toward self-sufficiency.

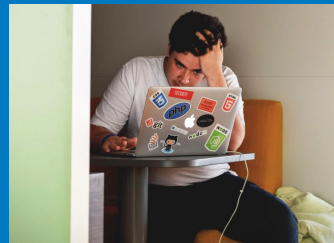
Doug joins the team as Kristy Besada, our former Program Manager, departs the Agency after 3 years. On behalf of our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, we'd like to thank Kristy for her service and wish her the best as she embarks on a new professional journey!

Demand for Housing Stability Services Expected to Increase

With federal unemployment ending, families that have been financially impacted by the pandemic may be unable to pay their rent or utilities bills.

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