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**Nashua Nonprofit Receives \$125,000 to Address Rental Burden Crisis**  
*The TD Charitable Foundation awards Housing For Everyone Grant to the Front Door Agency*

NASHUA, NH, (March 4, 2021) – The Front Door Agency has been named one of 32 recipients of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing For Everyone grant program from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank. As the largest homelessness prevention provider for Greater Nashua after local welfare services, the Front Door Agency will use these funds to help individuals and families avoid homelessness through its Housing Stability Program, which offers assistance with most housing-related costs, interest-free security deposit loans and rapid rehousing.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic had an immense and disproportionate impact on those most vulnerable, including renters. As federal unemployment benefits and the eviction moratorium expire, demand for services through the Front Door Agency’s Housing Stability Program has increased significantly, particularly among those employed in the hospitality, restaurant, and service industries.

Jess, a single mother of three, faced eviction after being furloughed at work as a result of the pandemic. The stimulus checks she received helped, but still left a big gap after months without a paycheck. The Agency worked with her and her landlord to catch up on back rent. Jess is now back to work and able to support her family again. Another client that received an interest-free security deposit loan from the Agency said, “without such a loan, getting into my own place would not have been possible. I will be forever grateful.”

“The Front Door Agency believes that every person has the right to safe and secure housing,” says Doug Howard, Housing Stability Program Director. “With permanent housing secured, families can focus on rebuilding their lives to become self-sufficient again. Last year, more than 90% of families that received prevention services were able to maintain their housing and utilities. The funds we receive from the Housing for Everyone grant program will help us meet increasing demand and continue making a lasting, positive impact on families in our community, through the current pandemic and beyond.”

In total, TD Charitable Foundation awarded \$4.9 million for the 2020 Housing For Everyone program, as part of the more than \$20 million that TD has allocated to help strengthen community resilience and COVID-19 recovery through the TD Community Resilience Initiative. A full list of the Housing For Everyone recipients can be found at <http://bit.ly/Housing4Everyone>.

"The Front Door Agency has developed an initiative to help families and individuals impacted by COVID-19 avoid eviction, obtain safe, affordable housing and achieve self-sufficiency," said Sheryl McQuade, Regional President, Northern New England, TD Bank. "Being awarded the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing For Everyone grant is an acknowledgement of the agency's dedication to ensuring an inclusive recovery from the pandemic."

**About the Front Door Agency**

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted more than 1,140 people in Greater Nashua through its core programs including Transformational Housing for single mothers, Financial Literacy, a Holiday 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](http://www.frontdooragency.org).



### **About the TD Charitable Foundation**

The TD Charitable Foundation is the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank<sup>®</sup>, one of the 10 largest commercial banking organizations in the United States. Since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has distributed over \$254 million through donations to local nonprofits from Maine to Florida. More information on the TD Charitable Foundation is available at <https://www.tdbank.com/corporate-responsibility/the-ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/>

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