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Nashua Nonprofit Celebrates 35 Years of Service with Return to In-Person Fundraiser

Proceeds from the Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction will help local families facing homelessness.

NASHUA, NH, (April 5, 2022) – After hosting its largest fundraiser of the year online for the last two years, the Front Door Agency is excited to host the 34th Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction in-person at the Nashua Country Club on Sunday, May 15 from 4 – 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Agency, which has helped local families avoid and overcome homelessness since 1987.

This year, attendees will enjoy delicious cuisine and fine spirits from 18 local chefs and vendors. More than 120 auction items will be available for bidding during a silent auction and an entertaining live auction hosted by Auctioneer John Terrio. There's something for everyone, including getaways, fine jewelry, home improvement items, spa packages, concert tickets, gift certificates to local businesses, and much more!

“We are thrilled to host a live, in-person event once again, particularly this year as we celebrate our 35th anniversary,” said CEO Maryse Wirbal. “We look forward to commemorating this incredible milestone with some of the sponsors, donors, chefs and individuals who have supported our mission throughout the years.”

Since its founding as the Nashua Pastoral Care Center in 1987, the Front Door Agency has helped nearly 80,000 individuals in crisis get back to self-sufficiency. Funds raised from the Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction make up a significant part of the Agency's operating budget and help young mothers and their children facing homelessness realize long-term solutions. Many families also turn to the Agency for assistance with basic necessities like rent, utilities, and transportation.

Participating restaurants and vendors at this year's event include: Bertucci's, The Bistro at the Event Center at the Courtyard by Marriott, Bite Me Kupcakez, Celebrations Catering, Djinn Spirits, D'Lites & Bites, Luk's Bar & Grill, MT's Local Kitchen/Surf/Buckley's Great Steaks, Nashua Community College, Nashua Country Club, Odd Fellows Brewing Co., Pine State Beverage, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of NE, Stella Blu, Stones Social, Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, and The Utopian.

For those who can't attend the in-person event, the Agency will host an exciting online auction from May 16 – 22. For more information and to join in on the fun, visit www.tinyurl.com/Gourmet22.

The Gourmet Festival & Auction is made possible through the support of the Front Door Agency's Corporate Partners: Summit Title Services, BAE Systems, Bellwether Community Credit Union, Lowell Five, Service Credit Union, Southern NH Health and Stanley Elevator. Media partners include The Nashua Telegraph, Frank FM, The Union Leader, and WMUR-TV.

Major Gourmet Event Sponsors include: RBC Wealth Management (Presenting Sponsor); Earl S. Prolman, CLU, ChFC (Auctioneer Sponsor); White Claw Hard Seltzer (Gourmet Partner); St. Joseph Hospital, Eastern Bank, and Nash Foundation (Caring Sponsors); Eaton & Berube Insurance Agency



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About The Front Door Agency

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted nearly 1,000 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.

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