



Twenty five years ago I began my journey as the CEO replacing the Agency's founding director Carl Swenson. Never did I think I

would still be here today leading this amazing organization. As the saying goes, it takes a village. I have had the privilege of working with so many extraordinary people who have helped me on this path to make the Front Door Agency the well-respected organization it is today. From volunteers, Directors, employees, donors, community partners... everyone has played a vital role in changing lives for those most in need. When I began at the "Nashua Pastoral Care Center" we had only 4 employees, a budget of \$485k and one property.

Today, with our latest acquisition of Mary's House that is featured in this newsletter, we now have grown to a budget of \$2.5M, own 7 properties, have a staff of 18 with a governing board of 26 and many wonderful volunteers. I'm often asked what keeps me going, and I can say without question the successes we achieve in helping families stabilize, transform and flourish. At our Gourmet Festival event this year, I had the honor of awarding two Odie scholarships to young adults who I knew when they were in the program at the age of 3. To think we played a small part in their success, just brings joy! However, our work is not done. Over the past several months our Housing Stability Program has seen an increase in applications of nearly 500% and our Transformational Housing Program has an active wait list. I know together we will continue to strengthen our community and help families reach their fullest potential. Thank you for your constant support!

All the best,



## Broadening Our Homeless Support with the Purchase of Mary's House

We are so pleased to announce that on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Front Door Agency doubled its housing and supportive services programming with the purchase of Mary's House.

Mary's House, located on West Pearl Street, provides permanent supportive housing for homeless women ages 18 and over. It is a non-treatment, Section 8 rent-assisted apartment building providing 40 subsidized single-room occupancy apartments for women without children who are in need of a safe and supportive living environment.

This opportunity came to fruition when our community partner Southern NH Services approached the Agency to consider taking ownership and management of the program. The timing was perfect as it fit well with the Agency's strategic plan that was just adopted in 2022. SNHS has owned and operated Mary's House for 27 years. It was named after Mary Moriarty and Mary Stylianos, both long-time board members of SNHS and long time advocates for women's rights and helping women rise from poverty.

***"We are honored to continue the vital work that SNHS started in 1994. Their vision of providing affordable housing, connecting women to vital services, helping them to stabilize and increase their independence is a vision we commonly share and value. We look forward to continuing to provide essential supports to women in need for decades to come and are pleased to continue the legacy of Mary Moriarty and Mary Stylianos."***

**-Maryse Wirbal, CEO Front Door Agency**

For 36 years, the Front Door Agency has been serving the Greater Nashua community by preventing homelessness and providing housing for the community's most vulnerable people. With a less than 1% vacancy rate in the area, affordable housing has become critically scarce. With this purchase, the Agency has the opportunity to ensure that Mary's House remains affordable housing for our community, and enables the Agency to expand its reach and extend its mission to many more individuals. We will continue to partner with Nashua Housing Authority to provide housing vouchers to these vulnerable populations.



Rebecca Gagne, our Housing Programs Director, will oversee the transition and management of the program expansion. For over 21 years, Becky has helped women and children stabilize, transform and reach independence. Her leadership will make for a smooth transition.

With the Agency's expertise in housing women with a goal of economic mobility by offering supportive services and access to education and job training, Mary's House programing will be upgraded and easily absorbed into the work the Front Door Agency is already doing. All the women will be immediately offered the opportunity to participate in these supportive services and educational opportunities.

**With this acquisition, The Agency is in need of monetary support to help with essential renovations. We are hoping to raise \$310k to create a new community room, case management space, upgrade security and heating system. To learn more about how you can help, please scan the QR code or contact Maryse at [mwirbal@frontdooragency.org](mailto:mwirbal@frontdooragency.org)**





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**Susan Santana** Southern New Hampshire Health Systems,

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On Mother's Day, our Program moms received beautiful red roses through the **United Way of Greater Nashua**.



♥ **We wish to recognize Patricia Hopper, who recently passed away, for her bright smile and service** ♥

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