

Winter NEWSLETTER 2024



Looking Ahead in 2024

Maryse Wirbal, CEO

As we begin a new year, it is important for us to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of 2023 - a milestone year for the Agency. I celebrated my 25th anniversary as CEO a year ago this month and I could not be prouder of the work the Front Door Agency does every day to improve the lives of those most vulnerable in our community.

Eight of our Transformational Housing Program moms graduated from the program with job skills and education that have allowed them to secure full time employment and achieve sustainable independence. One of our moms was awarded the next Habitat for Humanity home being built on Granite Street in Nashua and is expected to move in this spring. Although we have these great successes, more work needs to be done as many of our moms are staying in the program longer due to the difficulties to support the recent surge in rental costs with one income.

Our Housing Stability Program saw a 233% increase in requests for assistance compared to last year. Over \$500k in direct assistance was provided with security deposits, utilities, food vouchers, and short-term rental assistance. Over 80% were able to maintain their housing for over a year after receiving assistance. Rest assured, this has saved our community and taxpayers significant dollars in healthcare costs, loss of production, and crime. As Benjamin Franklin said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

In April, we expanded our services and purchased Mary's House providing permanent housing and supportive services to 40 women who have faced homelessness. After some needed immediate renovations, we held a ribbon cutting event as pictured below. Our Holiday Santa Program just "wrapped up" providing Christmas to 540 children in the Nashua community.

Reflecting on 2023, one word comes to mind... Community. We are a small but mighty organization that relies heavily on our community nonprofit partners to help us offer the best possible services to our families in the most cost-effective manner. Our 878 donors who invested in our mission in 2023 were vital to the families we serve. Nashua is a very special community. We are truly fortunate to have a strong connected partnership of nonprofits and donors working together to help stabilize and transform lives. I look forward to working with you again in 2024!

Mary's House Ribbon Cutting



Our newest acquisition, Mary's House, provides permanent housing for homeless women ages 18+. It is a non-treatment, Section 8, subsidized apartment building with 40 single-rooms for women without children who need a safe and supportive living environment.

With the generous support of donors and the community, the Agency was able to complete Phase I of renovations for Mary's House. The money raised allowed us to build a new community room, case management space, and upgrade portions of the security and heating systems.

On Wednesday, November 29th, we joined with colleagues, partners, and the Greater Nashua community for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the updated space.

There is Still Time To Donate



Your donation allows us to help families gain the resources and confidence they need to get back on their feet. Can we count on your support to help more families like Alyssa's?



Scan to donate or visit

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/front-door-agency/donation-form-2022>

Suite Sponsorships

Client suites, apartments and common areas can be "adopted" for a calendar year by local businesses, groups, and families. The sponsorship offsets costs, provides funds toward facility upgrades and ensures that homeless women and children have a safe place to call home. Your dollars directly help families in need, and you receive sponsorship benefits.

Contact Sheree at
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for more information

Gourmet Save the Date



Gourmet Festival & Auction

**Sunday, April 7, 2024
4 - 8 PM**

Nashua Country Club

Join us for a sampling of delicious food prepared by local chefs, wine and spirits tastings, Gourmet's infamous "Golden Brick" raffle, and a silent auction, featuring more than 100 items to bid on (online items also available).

Learn more:
<https://frontdooragency.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GourmetFestivalAuction2024/tabid/1400042/Default.aspx>



Donor Spotlight

“Mike and I have been Legacy Program members for almost 20 years. We believe in the mission of the Front Door Agency and are happy to support it. Naming the Agency as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy is a painless way to provide support for this important cause and to have it become part of our own legacy.”
~ Cindy and Mike Woessner

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Our Programs

The **Transformational Housing Program** helps single mothers (or expectant mothers) between the ages of 18 – 35 take control of their lives and work toward self-sufficiency.

The **Housing Stability Program’s** primary purpose is to ensure that individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness retain their current housing status or are able to obtain a new permanent residence if homelessness occurs.

The **Affordable Housing Program** offers permanent housing in Nashua and includes Mary’s House, Marshall St. and Shattuck St.

The **Holiday Program** pairs families in need with community members that fulfill their wish lists. In 2023, 122 individuals, businesses, and organizations donated toys, warm clothing, and food to 540 children – filling the Courtyard by Marriott Nashua ballroom with gifts!



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