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**NASHUA, NH**, (November xx 2024) – The Front Door Agency is pleased to announce the launch of its annual fundraiser to help local families overcome and avoid homelessness. In its 37<sup>th</sup> year, the Agency is one of the largest providers of prevention assistance in the Greater Nashua area. As more families and individuals are experiencing the threat of homelessness than in previous years, the Front Door Agency is proud to have assisted more than 1,800 families and individuals in the community last year.

As the demand for services continues to increase, the [New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute](#) estimates one of six New Hampshire families have an annual income below \$35,000 per year, and one and four families with an annual income below \$50,000. This statistic coupled with the critically low statewide rental vacancy rate of indicate the Front Door’s services are needed now more than ever. Iris, a resilient single mother of two young children, faced a series of devastating challenges that led her into homelessness. Iris found hope when she applied to the Front Door Agency’s [Transformational Housing Program](#)—and was accepted, opening the door to a brighter future for her family.

“The Front Door Agency has been a blessing, providing not just affordable housing, but assistance in finding childcare, covering counseling expenses, offering case management and encouragement, and ensuring my children received gifts through the Holiday Program to make the holidays brighter,” Iris shared. Iris applied for a NH Habitat for Humanity home and after contributing 350 hours of sweat equity, she and her children will be moving into their forever home this year.

"As the demand for our services continues to rise, we are witnessing the devastating impacts of lack of affordable housing, the continuing decrease in vacancy rates, and low-paying jobs," said Maryse Wirbal, CEO of the Front Door Agency. "With surging rent prices and ongoing inflation, families are struggling to make ends meet, and many are losing their homes. Our programs are designed to help keep people in their homes and support those who have lost theirs by connecting them with the resources they need to regain their independence and stability."

Here’s what a gift provides:

- \$50 covers transportation costs for a single mother to get to and from work or school for a month.
- \$100 provides new bedding, towels, and basic toiletries for a homeless family living in our Norwell Home.
- \$500 helps cover utilities and keeps our housing facilities comfortable and safe for families.
- \$1,000 can help a family in crisis with back rent, avoiding homelessness and separation.
- \$2,500 provides housing and dedicated case management for a family we serve.
- \$5,000 provides scholarships to single mothers committed to furthering their education.

To learn more about Iris’s story and contribute to the annual fundraiser, please visit our [website](#).

**About The Front Door Agency**

The Front Door Agency, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization that invests in New Hampshire individuals and families as they transition from crisis to self-sufficiency by providing a hands-up opportunity to those at risk of homelessness. Through our four core programs, we invest in those who need assistance with basic needs by providing direction and educational opportunities as they transition from crisis to sustainable independence. To learn more, visit [www.frontdooragency.org](http://www.frontdooragency.org).