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## United Way helps fund Bridges' Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Programs



**Photo Caption:** United Way President Mike Apfelberg presenting Bridges Executive Director Dawn Reams with an annual support check for \$29,000 to support Bridges' Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Program as well as it's Shelter.

Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support Services mission is to cultivate communities free from violence as we support victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

Dawn Reams, Executive Director shares with us as to what this funding means for her programs, "United Way is an invaluable partner for Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support Services, Inc. in so many ways. United Way conducts an annual campaign and makes grants based on the most pressing needs in our community. Bridges receives two of those grants, as well as direct donor donations. The United Way has a national parent organization that shares essential information for local UW agencies on best practices, volunteerism, and trends. UW provides nonprofits in our community with a central and local force, where nonprofits can share and work toward solving local issues."

More information about The Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support Services can be found on their website at <http://bridgesnh.org/>.

According to Mike Apfelberg, President of United Way Greater Nashua, "Bridges is one of those local agencies that provides the services we hope and wish were never needed. Their critical role is in supporting women and families when domestic and or sexual violence is at play. They do this in a compassionate, caring, and professional fashion which helps these women and their families to put their fractured lives back together. We are so grateful to be able to provide support for Bridges and are so proud of the work that they do."

### About United Way of Greater Nashua

United Way of Greater Nashua currently provides program funding for 29 different programs in 17 different agencies throughout the greater Nashua area. This area encompasses 11 communities, including Nashua, Hudson, Merrimack, Milford, and the surrounding towns. United Way partners with individuals, companies, and thousands of company employees to raise these funds, primarily through payroll giving. United Way tries to help tackle the critical needs in our community by supporting many programs and agencies throughout Greater Nashua.

If you are interested in learning more about United Way of Greater Nashua and becoming a partner company or agency, please visit them up on-line at [www.unitedwaynashua.org](http://www.unitedwaynashua.org) or call (603)882-4011.