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Photo Caption: Wells Fargo Bedford Mortgage Branch Manager Edward Johnson recently presented a \$10,000 check to representatives from The Front Door Agency. On hand to accept the grant were Rebecca Gagne, Director of Transitional Housing and Rebecca Boisvert, Foundation Relations Manager for the Agency. The funds will provide necessary support services for women and children in the Front Door Agency's Transitional Housing Program.

Wells Fargo Supports Front Door Agency Transitional Housing

Nashua, NH—Wells Fargo recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to support women and children in the Front Door Agency's Transitional Housing Program. The Program assists homeless or disadvantaged young mothers through a three-phase residential program that emphasizes higher education as a path to a career and self-sufficiency.

Currently, up to 80 mothers and children are in the program, which includes the Agency's Phase I Norwell Home on Concord Street, as well as a number of apartment buildings throughout the city.

“Our Transitional Housing services are targeted to motivated young women who need a hand-up to get out of a crisis situation,” says CEO Maryse Wirbal. She adds that some clients are coming from domestic violence shelters while others may have had past drug addiction or may be in financial crisis due to an unstable home situation.

“We appreciate the generous support of the Wells Fargo Foundation to help us provide necessary services to the young women and children in our program. We know from past experience that this is a great investment in the future of our community,” says Wirbal, adding, “We graduate many young mothers who go on to be self-supporting and who give back to the community.”

Through its charitable giving foundation and active involvement of its employees, Wells Fargo promotes economic development and self-sufficiency in the communities they serve. The emphasis in New Hampshire is supporting community development, education and health and human services, including addressing critical needs such as hunger and homelessness.

“Wells Fargo is committed to investing in the communities where its customers and employees live and work,” said Greg O’Brien, a senior member of the Wells Fargo New England Contributions Committee and executive vice president and division manager for the Wells Fargo Middle Market Banking group. “The Front Door Agency provides critical services to young women and their children ensuring they have successful futures and achieve economic stability.”

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted more than 2,600 people in Greater Nashua through its four core programs. In addition to Transitional Housing, programs offered include Prevention and Intervention of Homelessness; Crisis Advocacy & Resource Education; and Financial Literacy. The Agency also co-administers the Telegraph Santa Fund, bringing toys and warm clothing to more than 1,000 children each year. To learn more, visit www.frontdooragency.org.