

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Partnerships pay off with new workforce housing units in Nashua

For United Way to have positive, long-lasting change on the community, it works with many partners on common goals. In response to identified community needs, UWGN has made access to affordable housing a priority.

Working with the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), the Greater Nashua Workforce Housing Coalition, and a local developer, UWGN helped create new units of workforce housing at two sites in Nashua. Prescott Square is a 41-unit condominium development off Broad Street, and Dalton Village

is a seven single-family home development on Donna Street. UWGN provided a \$50,000 grant, which leveraged \$350,000 in subsidies from NHHFA and the developer.

As a result, 12 two-bedroom condominium units at Prescott Square and three single-family homes at Dalton Village are available to qualified first-time home buyers who can receive up to a \$20,000 discount. The GNWHC is marketing the properties to area employees with an income of up to \$84,100.

Qualified buyers of a two-bedroom unit with a market rate of \$238,900 would pay \$218,900. To help ensure long-term affordability, the \$20,000 discount would remain intact each time the property is sold over 20 years.

UWGN also continues to collaborate with partners who provide permanent and transitional housing solutions in our area. United Way's housing fund, built with

### HOUSING FUND GRANTS

**Affordable Housing Program**  
*Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua*  
\$25,000

**Anne Marie House (Transitional Housing)**  
*Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network*  
\$25,000

**Transitional Housing Program**  
*Nashua Pastoral Care Center*  
\$25,000



portions of the General Fund that have been set aside each of the past four years, awards grants on an as-needed basis to permanent and transitional housing programs in Greater Nashua. Last year, these programs assisted more than 200 people (see box, above).

**United Way Gets Results:** 73% of the residents in the Transitional Housing Program of Nashua Pastoral Care Center demonstrated financial responsibility by paying rent on time for over six months.

## Substance abuse prevention coalition targets under-age, binge drinking

In 2008, United Way advanced its regional substance abuse prevention efforts under the \$644,000 grant it had received the previous year from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

United Way brought together numerous interested parties to form the Greater Nashua Community Prevention Coalition. The coalition seeks to decrease under-age alcohol use and binge drinking.

During 2008, the coalition hired a full-time regional coordinator and a part-time evaluator. It recruited members from several sectors of the community, including health care, education, media, law enforcement, religious groups, youth-serving organizations, and others.

In assessing existing prevention services and the demand for them, the coalition conducted one-on-one interviews, several focus groups, and surveys. It also collected data about alcohol-related arrests and emergency room visits.

The coalition submitted its strategic plan for regionalizing substance abuse prevention services to the state DHHS for review. Once the plan is approved by the state, the coalition will award grants for substance abuse prevention efforts in its 11-town service area.

Grants awarded through the coalition will represent new money for the region, and should not compromise existing programs



or funding until the pilot regionalization is complete and determined to be successful.

The coalition serves Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua and Wilton.