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THE NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSE, INC. RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE JOHN T. GORMAN FOUNDATION

PRESQUE ISLE – The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. (TNLH) is pleased to announce it has received a \$20,000 grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation. These funds will be used to provide case management services to homeless youth in Aroostook County – to include connecting youth with available housing, mental health services, employment supports, safe family reunification, and available social service benefits. Tiffany Faulkner, CEO at TNLH stated that, “We are pleased to be able to offer case management to homeless youth in Aroostook County. We are grateful for the grant to reach and help youth.” This support was provided through the John T. Gorman 2020 Direct Services Grant Program.

Substance use and many other factors lead to youth homelessness in Maine. Homeless youth are more likely to become homeless adults and face additional problems throughout their adult lives. The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. will address this problem by connecting youth to case managers who will assist youth in securing resources that will help them to gain safe housing and to have an opportunity to improve the outcome of their lives. The overall goal of the program is to reunite homeless youth with their families and to ensure that they will live in a safe, stable environment. The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. focuses on the importance of a family structure in the future of youth. This program will help families connect to resources that are available to them within their communities.

“We are very excited to begin offering this support to the youth of our community who may be experiencing homelessness,” said Blake Hatt, Director of Operations at TNLH. He continued, “Our goal will be to help link youth with resources to ensure they have safe and stable housing, natural supports, and access to any other services they may need.”

The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. Case Management Services Program for Homeless Youth will focus on a two-generation approach when providing services. The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. case managers will connect youth to resources such as finding available housing, mental health services, employment support, safe family reunification, and applying for necessary documents and/or available benefits. Each individual plan will focus on meeting the physical, mental, and emotional needs of homeless youth. Throughout this program, youth will have opportunities to gain control of their lives and improve their futures.

The long-term goal of this program is family reunification and finding a safe home environment for the child to live in. Through this critical funding, The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. will support youth in building natural supports as well as family reunification.



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The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. works with children and families across Maine and is excited about this opportunity. To learn more about services, feel free to contact them.

The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. provides services to support families, build self-confidence and self-esteem, personal responsibility, as well as skill development. Staff encourage families to make informed choices regarding their children, by providing education geared towards the specific challenges that they face. The Northern Lighthouse, Inc. team will be nondiscriminatory and respectful of culture, social, and religious differences.