

*News from Lowell Five Bank*  
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**LOWELL FIVE BANK EMPLOYEE CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS HOUSE OF HOPE WITH Q2 2017 AWARD**

**Lowell, MA** - On Tuesday, August 29, 2017 representatives of the Lowell Five Bank Employee Charitable Giving Committee (ECGC) and Lowell Five Bank staff, were pleased to present the Lowell Five Bank's Q2 2017 Employee Charitable Giving Award to representatives of House of Hope: Marianne Staid, Shelter Coordinator and Jennifer Sharkey, Associate Director, Business Development. The award, a check for \$7,671, represents the total Employee Elected Charitable Payroll Contribution for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017, equally matched by Lowell Five Bank.

Since 1985, House of Hope Shelter has served tens of thousands of homeless mothers and children by providing emergency shelter services in the greater Lowell community. House of Hope, Inc., and House of Hope Housing, Inc. are sister organizations that share a commitment to transitioning homeless families into a stable community life by providing tandem services that respect and nurture families so that they can heal from the trauma of homelessness; and support heads-of-households by guiding them through opportunities to build economic sufficiency and embrace a stable home life.

With the addition of a new Fletcher Street residence opened in July, House of Hope now operates four shelter locations and three permanent housing sites. House of Hope also runs a non-profit, re-sale store called "The Hope Chest," located on Market Street in Lowell. In addition to offering gently used children's clothing for sale, the store provides on-the-job training for recently homeless parents. All the profits from the store go back to the House of Hope Program.

Employees of Lowell Five Bank are proud to support House of Hope in their mission to help homeless families in our communities find permanent places to call home. Each year, Lowell Five's employees choose four charitable organizations from a list of employee elected nominees to be the recipients of a Quarterly Charitable Giving Award. The proceeds of the award are comprised of voluntary employee donations matched by the Bank. Earlier this year, The Humane Society of Greater Nashua received the Q1 2017 Award.

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**Appearing in photo:** (L to R) Leigh Jaynes – Retail Banking Supervisor/International Place/Lowell Five Bank, Pam Duncan – Receptionist/International Place/Lowell Five Bank, Down Boyle – Assistant Branch Manager/International Place/Lowell Five Bank, Susan Silva – Branch Manager/International Place/Lowell Five Bank, Marianne Staid - Shelter Coordinator/House of Hope, Jennifer Sharkey - Associate Director, Business & Development/House of Hope, David Wallace - CEO and President/Lowell Five Bank, Jennifer Moura – Customer Service Representative/Lowell Five Bank, David Leighton – Teller/International Place/Lowell Five Bank, and Debbie Trull – Human Resources Representative/Lowell Five Bank.

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#### **About Lowell Five Bank**

Lowell Five is a trusted community bank that provides comprehensive loan, deposit, insurance, and investment products for individuals, businesses, municipalities and non-profit organizations across 16 convenient locations throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. Lowell Five is a locally governed and managed full-service bank with over 160 years of proven strength and stability, and a 5-star rating by Bauer Financial. Deposits are insured in full by both the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF). For more information, call 800.931.FIVE or visit us online at [lowellfive.com](http://lowellfive.com).

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