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United Way Receives \$25,000 Donation from Exeter Hospital

Portsmouth, NH – United Way of the Greater Seacoast recently received a \$25,000 donation from Exeter Hospital. Improving health and wellness – specifically increasing access to healthcare – in the Seacoast region is one of United Way’s top priorities, which this contribution will support.

"The United Way of the Greater Seacoast is an important part of the vitality of the region," said Kevin J. Callahan, President and CEO of Exeter Health Resources. "Exeter



Sue Donahue Suter, United Way Executive Director, and Kevin J. Callahan, President and CEO of Exeter Health Resources

Hospital shares the United Way's commitment to having a positive impact on the health and wellness of the community. Through this contribution to the United Way of the Greater Seacoast, we want to help sustain that commitment."

According to Sue Donahue Suter, United Way Executive Director, an estimated 8 % of Seacoast area residents have no medical insurance, while another 35% have insurance that covers only major injury or illness. “Increasing access to healthcare for all people here on the Seacoast is a very high priority for United Way,” Suter noted. “But we recognize that no one organization alone can solve such a complex problem. We’re focusing our resources in this critical area by actively participating in regional coalitions working on long-term solutions, providing funding support to several local programs that offer low or no-cost healthcare services, and plan to increase our public policy efforts around healthcare issues.”

“This generous donation from Exeter Hospital will go a long way to help us make real progress in this important area,” Suter added.

United Way of the Greater Seacoast (UWGS) is a locally governed nonprofit organization committed to promoting self-sufficient individuals and families, improving health and wellness, and supporting strong and safe communities. By mobilizing volunteers, strategic grant making, collaborative initiatives, and public education efforts, United Way is a community-building leader working to improve the lives of people throughout the Seacoast region. For more information, call 603-436-5554 or visit the website at www.uwgs.org.

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