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United Way of the Greater Seacoast celebrates new office with an open house, dedicates new community meeting room to long-time supporters

Portsmouth – United Way of the Greater Seacoast settled in to its new home at [112 Corporate Drive](#) at Pease on Tuesday, September 16th with an open house, where over 100 community members, neighbors and supporters stopped by to tour the space. During the event, Executive Director Sue Suter dedicated the building's three meeting rooms to outstanding individuals from United Way of the Greater Seacoast's history.

The large meeting room, now available to nonprofit groups across the Seacoast as meeting space for up to 50 people, was dedicated in honor of Cyrus and Barbara Sweet of New Castle. The Sweet Room was chosen to represent the pair's spirit of community building shown through their long-time support of United Way of the Greater Seacoast and several other local, national and international organizations.

"This building would not have been possible without Cy and Bobbie's incredible generosity," Suter said during the room dedication. "Their support of so many aspects of the nonprofit system - from fundraising to board development to strategic planning – makes them true partners with United Way in building a better community for all of us."

Other meeting rooms were also dedicated to Assistant Executive Director Cindy Boyd for her over 30 years and continuing service to the organization, and current Board Chair Amy Case, of Case Strategy, in honor of her guidance through United Way's transition from a fundraising and grant-making organization to a community leader, bringing people together to create lasting solutions to community problems.

"United Way and our partners are doing so much great work in the community in the areas of education, income and health, we hope people will take the opportunity to visit us at our new office or on our new website and get to know us, or if they have a long history with United Way, to get to know us again," Suter said.

United Way of the Greater Seacoast is currently running a contest encouraging people to nominate individuals they know who "Live United" through giving, advocacy and volunteering. More information can be found online at www.uwgs.org.

[Photo: United Way of the Greater Seacoast Director Sue Suter presents a portrait of Cyrus and Barbara Sweet to Barbara at the recent open house held at United Way's new office at Pease]

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United Way of the Greater Seacoast (UWGS) is a locally governed nonprofit organization working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life – education, income and health. UWGS develops, supports and works in groundbreaking partnerships in the Greater Seacoast region of NH and Southern Maine to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place and create opportunities for a better life for all. For more information, visit www.uwgs.org.