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Interval House Receives Bank of America Grant

HARTFORD – Interval House recently received a special grant from Bank of America, the \$200,000 “Neighborhood Builders” award.

The unrestricted grant will help Interval House provide ongoing services and programs to victims of domestic violence at a much-needed time due to financial burdens caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, said Mary-Jane Foster, Interval House’s President and CEO.

“Bank of America has been a long-term partner of Interval House and their commitment to our mission has been integral before and during the coronavirus,” Foster said.

“Domestic violence has unfortunately increased during the health crisis, and Bank of America stepped in early on to help us continue serving vulnerable residents. We are grateful to be selected as their 2020 Neighborhood Builder.”

Since the start of the pandemic, Interval House has been operating its safe house at 143-percent, and had to spend more than \$20,000 to \$30,000 per month on unbudgeted special hotel housing for clients needing safe house shelter.

Hartford’s TheatreWorks was also named an awardee, said Joe Gianni, Bank of America’s market president for Greater Hartford.

“Interval House and TheaterWorks are outstanding organizations and I couldn’t be more thrilled to recognize both with the 2020 Neighborhood Builders award,” Gianni said.

“The combination of unrestricted funding and leadership training makes this award unique, and it is my hope that it will give both leaders, Mary-Jane Foster and Rob Ruggiero, the power to tackle the unprecedented challenges presented by the Coronavirus, dream big, and make connections that lead to new opportunities”.

As an awardee, each organization receives a \$200,000 grant, a year of leadership training for the executive director and an emerging leader, a network of peer organizations across the U.S., and the opportunity to access capital to expand their impact.

Since 2004, Bank of America has invested over \$260 million in 50 communities through Neighborhood Builders, partnering with more than 1,300 nonprofits and helping more than 2,600 nonprofit leaders strengthen their leadership skills.

About Interval House

Founded in 1977, Interval House is the largest agency in the state of Connecticut dedicated to preventing and breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Through its direct service and community outreach in 24 towns and cities both East and West of the Connecticut River, Interval House has touched the lives of more than 250,000 people over four decades. 24-Hour Hotline: (888) 774-2900. Donations accepted: www.intervalhousect.org/donate. All other calls: (860) 246-9149. Website: www.intervalhousect.org.

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