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Nashua Center Receives \$8,000 Grant from Bank of America

The Nashua Center, a multi-program human services agency founded in 1974, recently received an \$8,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The funds will be used to provide staff development and training for Nashua Center programs, including : **The Children's Pyramid (TCP)** - Early Intervention services for children birth to three. **JOBS ETC** - Vocational day program for adults with developmental or acquired disabilities. **Residential Services** - Residential options for children and adults with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders. **CLASSIC In-Home Care** - In-home companion care for elder and chronically ill adults. Collectively these programs provide services to more than 500 individuals every year.

The state mandates that employees attend trainings, but the number of hours per professional per year has already been cut in half and is not sufficient for us to achieve the level of service we aim to provide. In recent years due mainly to state budget cuts, it has become increasingly more difficult for the Nashua Center to send our employees to additional trainings. Many of our clients represent a vulnerable population of individuals that require total care and they deserve the right to have highly skilled caregivers providing their services with knowledge, confidence and precision, said Brian Young, Executive Director of Nashua Center. Bank of America's grant provides the opportunity for our Direct Support Professionals to receive the training that will allow them to achieve and maintain the highest level of care while working alongside our clients.

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