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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NEW HOPE FOR FAMILIES RECEIVES GRANT FROM LIONS CLUB OF PAWTUCKET

PAWTUCKET, RI – June 13, 2006 – The Lions Club of Pawtucket has awarded a grant of \$4,000 to New Hope for Families, an emergency family shelter, to help defray the cost of repairs and renovations at their location on Barton Street in Pawtucket. The shelter, which opened its door in 1986, provides temporary living quarters for up to six families.

“Our mission at the Lions Club is to offer encouragement and financial support to charitable organizations like New Hope for Families, and ultimately to help those in need,” said Andrew Duehring, president of the Pawtucket Lions Memorial Foundation. “We believe in sharing.”

New Hope for Families is a member agency of Gateway Healthcare, Inc. Last year, the shelter served 47 families, including 57 adults and 81 children.



*Andrew Duehring (right), president of the Pawtucket Lions Memorial Foundation, presents a check to Sister Marta Inés Toro, OP, director of New Hope for Families and Richard Leclerc, President of Gateway Healthcare.*

#### **About New Hope for Families, Inc.:**

*New Hope for Families, a private non-profit shelter, was started in 1986 by a group of concerned citizens in Pawtucket and Central Falls to provide families with a safe place to go to rebuild their resources and their lives. As the only emergency family shelter in the Cities of Pawtucket and Central Falls, families come to the shelter from a variety of circumstances including overcrowded housing, eviction, living in cars, or living house to house. In response to the homeless prevalence in the area, New Hope created a home that supports its mission of providing structure, support and case management such as employment training and counseling that will lead to family self-sufficiency. New Hope provides shelter to approximately 47 families each year.*

*In July 2005, New Hope joined as a member agency of Gateway Healthcare while retaining its own 501(c)(3) status. Gateway provides much needed infrastructure support in the area of clinical services, human resources and staff trainings. This effort is reflective of New Hope's continued effort of integrating case management and best clinical practices into the shelter setting as well as a shared common goal of both organizations.*

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