



**Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation presents \$3,500 donation check to Lifting Up Westchester**

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Shown (from left) are: Kimra Pierre and Nan Palumbo, HG Realtor Foundation; Anahaita Kotval, CEO, Lifting Up Westchester; and Gail Fattizzi, president, HG Realtor Foundation.

White Plains, NY The Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation, the charitable arm of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, recently presented a check for \$3,500 to Lifting Up Westchester (LUW).

LUW provides life-changing support to people who have lost their housing or are struggling to meet

other basic needs. They help individuals find stable housing and build on that foundation to achieve greater self-sufficiency. LUW provides comprehensive support to 2,500 Westchester residents in crisis by:

- Providing emergency shelter, food, and support to keep people safe.
- Facilitating employment readiness and securing job opportunities to increase and sustain income.
- Finding safe and affordable homes of all types and providing ongoing support to maintain the stability of that housing.
- Coordinating and navigating community resources to obtain personalized support.
- Offering education and mentoring services to youth who are homeless or in unstable housing so they can achieve success.

Their Community Kitchen is one of the largest in White Plains and feeds 70 to 90 people per day. Guests also receive donated clothing, toiletries, and other support services to help strengthen their independence. LUW also operates the Open Arms men's shelter and Samaritan House women's shelter where individuals can find support as they look for permanent housing, employment, and other support.

"We are so grateful to the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation for their generous support," said Anahaita Kotval, chief executive officer of Lifting Up Westchester. "We are united with our community partners like the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation by one, bold and unwavering belief: that stable housing is the foundation on which human wellbeing and advancement is built. When people have a secure, affordable home, they can focus on advancing their employment, education, and health. When we support others in living healthier and more productive lives, our entire community benefits."

Established in 2004 and relaunched in 2013, the HG Realtor Foundation has donated thousands of dollars to charities and non-profits throughout the Hudson Valley. As concerned members of the communities we work in, the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation participates in qualified community-based charities who serve the housing, hunger, health, happiness, and humane needs of citizens everywhere.

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