



## Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation presents \$3,000 donation

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Shown (from left) are: Abby Watanabe, Furniture Sharehouse; Shanese Williams, HGAR board of directors member; Kate Bialo, executive director, Furniture Sharehouse, and Chris Eifler, Furniture Sharehouse.

West Harrison, NY The Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation, the charitable arm of the Hudson

Gateway Association of Realtors, presented a check for \$3,000 to Furniture Sharehouse, located at the Westchester County Airport.

Furniture Sharehouse is Westchester's only furniture bank and provides used, unwanted furniture to economically disadvantaged families and individuals. Clients are referred to Furniture Sharehouse by almost 50 member agencies and include those who are moving from homeless shelters or escaping domestic violence, working families living in poverty, veterans struggling with financial hardship or young adults aging out of foster care.

Clients are seen by appointment, where a volunteer Personal Shopper escorts them through the warehouse and helps them select furniture. The items are then delivered to the clients. In 2023, Furniture Sharehouse furnished 420 families in need, transforming their empty apartments into comfortable and dignified homes.

"We are extremely grateful to Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation for this generous donation. We are experiencing an increase in requests for furniture, so this support comes at a crucial time to help cover increased pick-up expenses," said Kate Bialo, executive director.

Since 2014, the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation has donated hundreds of 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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