



## **The Upper Room Volunteer, Anita Huse, Receives Good Citizen Award**

*Award that recognizes exceptional commitment to volunteerism is granted by Citizens Bank and Volunteer NH*

**Derry, NH, May 28, 2014** – During a ceremony held on May 22, 2014, Anita Huse, long-time volunteer for The Upper Room, was given the Good Citizen Award by Citizens Bank and Volunteer NH. She was recognized for her dedication to the community non-profit over the past thirteen years. As part of the award, a \$250 donation is being made in Anita's honor to The Upper Room.

The Upper Room, a Family Resources center, is a non-profit organization in Derry, NH, committed to creating educational programs and services, which strengthen individuals, families and the community. Anita has donated her time for many initiatives for The Upper Room over the years, namely with the organization's food pantry.

In response to an increased need for provisions over the years, Anita has worked effortlessly to amplify the community's awareness of the need for donations. To make sure that The Upper Room can help serve families in need of support, Anita has organized food drives, helped coordinate donation walks, and personally reached out to citizens and businesses asking for financial support, and donations of food items.

"Working with someone as wonderfully friendly, sincere and caring as Anita is an immense pleasure," stated Ruth Kay, an employee of The Upper Room. "Her dedication to improving the lives of families in the Derry community sets an example for all the volunteers at The Upper Room."

In addition to her time spent making sure the food pantry's shelves are stocked, Anita also volunteers at community events like Derryfest (Derry's annual family celebration), staffs The Upper Room's weekly bingo fundraiser, and has made various personal financial contributions to the agency. And as if her resume was not full enough, she also provided free CPR courses for staff and families for ten years.

"We are so thankful to have Anita on our team, " said Diane Casale, whose many titles include Volunteer Coordinator for The Upper Room. "It's clear to everyone that she is a selfless individual who truly cares about her community. There is no one more deserving of this award, and we congratulate her on the well-deserved distinction."

To learn more about The Upper Room, please visit [www.urteachers.org](http://www.urteachers.org).

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### **About The Upper Room**

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization committed to creating educational programs and services, which strengthen

individuals, families and the community. Our center is a warm, welcoming place where families receive information and support not only in times of crisis but on a day-to-day basis. There are no barriers, income guidelines or geographic limitations to participation. Our doors are open to all who come to them. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at [www.URteachers.org](http://www.URteachers.org)