



The Women's Fund of Essex County Awards Family Services of Merrimack Valley Above and Beyond Award for Excellence

For Immediate Release (January 24, 2021) **Danvers, Mass.**---The [Women's Fund of Essex County](#) announces Family Services of Merrimack Valley as the recipient of the 2020 Above and Beyond Award for Excellence.

The grant, in its sixth year, is awarded annually to a local non-profit whose exemplary vision, leadership and impact sets an exceptional standard in addressing complex and overlapping social issues impacting women, families, and communities.

The \$25,000 award was presented to Family Services of Merrimack Valley to recognize its game changing work providing high quality programs grounded in evidence-based best practices in the field of human services. Their longstanding efforts help children and families live their best lives by nurturing inner strength, teaching life skills, championing emotional wellness and providing vital community-based services.

Elaine Quinn, President of the Advisory Board of The Women's Fund said, "Family Services of Merrimack Valley exemplifies the true spirit of this award through its broad and deep impact driving better outcomes for girls, women, and their families. They have consistently demonstrated their belief that personal potential and lasting success is achieved by empowering individuals to care for themselves, their loved ones, and to contribute meaningfully to their community."

Elizabeth Sweeney, CEO of Family Services of Merrimack Valley, accepted the award. She said, "We are honored to receive this award from The Women's Fund of Essex County, a well-respected partner recognized as a thought leader on the status of women and girls in Essex County, and a champion for their betterment."

Prior recipients of the Above and Beyond Award for Excellence are Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Newburyport; Girls, Inc of Lynn; Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lawrence; YWCA of Greater Lawrence, and Raw Art Works, Lynn.

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Since 2003, [The Women's Fund of Essex County](#) has raised and awarded over \$2.5 million to high impact non-profit partners providing local women, girls, and their families with the resources they need to find success at work, school, home and in life. The organization has been recognized with the George Peabody Award for Leadership in Philanthropy by the Essex County Community Foundation and the Champions Award for Community Impact by North Shore Community College. The Women's Fund of Essex County is an all-volunteer organization supported entirely by generous donors whose philanthropy supports a portfolio of programs impacting local women and girls.

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