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## BETHANY COMMUNITIES BYCARE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES GATEWAY ACADEMY STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Haverhill, MA, June 11, 2024– **Bethany Community Services** recognized the achievements of Gateway Academy students who completed the BYCARE program on Monday, June 10 at a celebration event held at the Phoenix Row community.

The BYCARE (Bethany Youth Career Advancement and Readiness for Employment) program, established in partnership with the Gateway Academy and funded with support from the City of Haverhill Youth Activity and Mental Health Grant, provides students with paid training, hands-on work experience, and the opportunity for permanent employment.

Jered Stewart, President & CEO of Bethany Community Services, congratulated students on completing the training while working at Bethany in the Wellness or Dining Services departments. “We were very pleased with this new partnership with the Gateway Academy and to be a part of providing these students an opportunity to gain some valuable real-world experience. These students stepped up and took on a challenge to go through an interview process, receive on the job training, and work in a field that provided them with relevant experience. I’m proud of our Bethany team and proud of these students for completing this program.”

The BYCARE program held 2 sessions during the 2023/2024 school year with 17 participating students who interviewed for their jobs, met training requirements including CPR and First Aid, and individual performance measures to complete the program. Permanent part-time job offers were made to students from both Session 1 and Session 2.

Bethany Communities is a proud supporter of local workforce development and understands the value in contributing to the development of career and employment readiness for students so that they can find gainful and rewarding work at the conclusion of their high school education and beyond.

*Since 1965, Bethany Community Services, a Haverhill non-profit agency, has been providing quality, affordable housing and supportive services to low and moderate-income seniors including meals, wellness and mental healthcare, activities, personal assistance, and transportation, enabling those who are aging-in-place to remain independent and within the Bethany communities as long as possible.*

If you would like more information about Bethany Community Services, please contact **Beth Grady** at 978.374.2160 or email at [bgrady@bethanycommunities.org](mailto:bgrady@bethanycommunities.org). ((photo attached: Gateway Academy students are joined by (L-R) Katherine Moriarity, Gateway Academy, Victoria Luiggi, Bethany Communities, Laura Maynard, Bethany Communities, Dianne Connolly, Haverhill Public Schools, Jeanette Martinez, Bethany Communities, Allison Heartquist, HP3 and Bethany Communities board of director, and Kristen Carbone, Bethany Communities.))

