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SENATOR GREGG AND CONGRESSMAN BASS PLEDGE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR NASHUA SENIOR CENTER

NASHUA, N.H. – U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Congressman Charles Bass (R-NH) today joined Nashua Mayor Bernie Streeter, Executive Director of the Nashua Senior Center Pat Francis and President of the Center's Board of Directors Suzanne Keller to discuss federal support of the Nashua Senior Center and its importance to the community. At the time of the facility's construction 25 years ago, the Center had 250 members - today it has 3,000 and it's in need of an expansion. The Nashua Senior Center is in the midst of a significant fundraising effort to dramatically expand the scope of its activities, which will include, among other facilities: a library and resource room; computer and learning center; fitness center; and medical resource room.

Senator Gregg stated, "The Nashua Senior Center has served this community extremely well and has long been a place where the area's seniors can gather. However, it simply was not built to meet the needs of the 3,000 people who are now members. The members here have done a tremendous job raising money for the expansion and their efforts truly underscore how important a new center will be to them. The new center will further enhance the quality of life here in Nashua and is a great example of how this community cares for all of its citizens. Congressman Bass and I will continue to work with the Center and the federal government to improve the lives of senior citizens in the community and I would like to recognize Mayor Streeter, Pat Francis, Suzanne Keller and the entire staff here at the Center for the excellent services they continue to provide."

Congressman Bass stated, "Loneliness and isolation are enemies of senior citizens; the Senior Activity Center and its dedicated staff have devoted time and energy to enhancing the quality of life for Nashua Area seniors. Supporting this expansion and renovation project will help the area's older citizens to remain active, healthy, and involved in the community. I look forward to working with Senator Gregg to increase federal funding for this important project."

Suzanne Keller, RN, President of the Board of Directors, stated, "We are thrilled that Congressman Bass and Senator Gregg are committing themselves to the renovation and expansion of our Senior Activity Center here in Nashua. They clearly understand that as our population ages, these kinds of centers are becoming more and more important to the social fabric of our community and to the health and wellness of our seniors."

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