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# Minute NEIGHBORHOOD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBORWORKS® SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Annual Breakfast 2016

**N**eighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire hosted its 2016 Annual Breakfast on March 23rd at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford. Robert Tourigny and Rich Clegg, Chair of the Board of Directors, outlined accomplishments for the past year and priorities going forward. More than 135 donors, volunteers, community and government leaders, and key partners of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire were in attendance, making this the largest Breakfast event in recent memory.

Thank you **TFMoran**, **Sheehan Phinney**, and **Sprague** for generously sponsoring this year's breakfast!



*Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas, Robert Tourigny and Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess.*



*Guests of Annual Breakfast Lead Sponsor TFMoran: Preston Hunter, Dylan Cruess, Jim O'Neil and Robert Duval.*



*New homeowners, and guest speakers Steven and Deliah Souza.*



*Richard Bunker, Ellie Cochran and Arthur Sullivan.*

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**W**e are now beginning our 25th year of revitalizing neighborhoods, creating safe affordable housing, and providing consumers with the tools and resources to own their own home and make their communities a better place to live. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and partners whose support and involvement helped to make fiscal year 2016 so successful. Because of this generosity and dedication, NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire helped our 1,000th homeowner realize their dream. We closed on RENEW, which is the consolidation and refinancing of five of our first properties in Manchester's Center City where things began over 24 years ago, and work is now underway to reinvest in these properties by making capital improvements and upgrades to 98 apartments. We are laying the groundwork to capitalize a new neighborhood revitalization effort in Nashua's Tree Streets neighborhood as we raise funds to invest in the acquisition, redevelopment and rehabilitation of additional properties around our Central and Ash Street units in Nashua. We are excited about our continued work, which creates quality housing for New Hampshire residents, and grateful to those who help make this housing possible.

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*Robert Tourigny  
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*Robert Tourigny, Robert Duval and  
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## Neighborhood Mini-Grants Offered to Resident Leaders

**N**eighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire has partnered with Granite United Way, the Manchester Health Department, and two elementary schools in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Manchester to offer committed residents the chance to impact their community. Through Resident Leadership Training and Neighborhood Mini-Grant opportunities, residents will have the chance to enact positive change in the community.

Residents have been invited to attend Resident Leadership Training classes at Beech Street and Gossler Park Schools in Manchester. These trainings teach concrete leadership skills to neighborhood residents and create a platform for these residents to share their experience and desire for positive change in their community. The curriculum for these classes was crafted in partnership with NeighborWorks® America, and will help leaders accomplish their goals in a realistic and impactful way. Following attendance at this training, residents are invited to submit applications for Neighborhood Mini-Grants, which are designed to achieve specific, resident-driven goals with neighborhood specific outcomes.

Funding for the Mini-Grants has been provided by Granite United Way, through the Neighborhood Health Improvement Strategy, which was developed by the Manchester Health Department. NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire is one of four community organizations delivering services in Gossler Park and Beech Street Schools as a part of the Strategy.



*Six residents attending the first Resident Leadership Training at Beech Street School in May meeting with Manchester Neighborhood Community Police Officer Justin Maguire*

## NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire adopts Nashua Park

**L**os Amigos Park, located in the Nashua Tree Streets neighborhood, has officially been adopted by NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire. This park, centrally located on Ash Street, is nearby to the Nashua Police Athletic League, close to several local churches, and accessible via the Rail Trail. This past spring, the City of Nashua Parks and Recreation Department reviewed and accepted our application to officially adopt the park, meaning NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire will be responsible for the maintenance and further beautification of Los Amigos. NeighborFest 2016 will be held on Thursday, June 9th from 3pm-5pm in the park, and will feature a cleanup, mural painting, and presentation of a neighborhood banner!



*Four I Heart the Tree Streets banners will be presented at NeighborFest 2016 in Nashua this year. These banners are a part of the larger neighborhood rebranding effort.*



*Staff members join Jennifer Vadney to celebrate the presentation of her 40 Under 40 award at the reception hosted by the New Hampshire Union Leader. From left: Tom Krebs, Paul McLaughlin, Diane Brewster, Jennifer Vadney, Cynthia Timmons, Erica Rivera and Michelle Caraccio.*

## Jennifer Vadney honored as 2015 class of 40 Under 40

**E**ach year, the New Hampshire Union Leader honors New Hampshire residents who have achieved professional and volunteer accomplishments in the state, and this year our own Jennifer Vadney, Neighborhood Development Manager, received this honor. Her hard work and dedication to her community are exhibited through her various volunteer efforts, ranging from Trustee of the Franconia Historical Society to member of the Queen City Rotary. Her 16 year commitment to NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire and our mission is also apparent, and we are proud to have her as a member of our staff. Congratulations Jennifer!

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## Tenants participate with Mobile Clay Studio

**S**tudio 550 Art Center, a clay studio located on Elm Street in Manchester, has donated a Clay for Kids mobile clay lesson to tenants of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's affordable housing developments in Manchester's center city. The event was held at Silver Mill Apartments community room in Manchester, and 10 kids attended, along with two adult chaperones. The open-ended pottery lesson gave the kids the opportunity to create their own clay projects, painting them and having them fired in a kiln. Thank you to Studio 550 Art Center for providing this opportunity to our tenants, and thank you as well to Sal Steven-Hubbard for nominating us for this award.



*Tenants in one of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's affordable housing community centers in Manchester create clay projects with the help of the talented staff of Studio 550 Art.*

## Neighborhood concerns group launches in Manchester's Center City

**I**n partnership with the Manchester Police Department, the Queen City Bike Collective, HOPE Church and engaged residents, NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire staff is coordinating a new Neighborhood Concerns Committee in Manchester. This Center City group will provide a forum for residents to voice concerns that they may have about their neighborhood, and provide feedback to the Police Department. The group's first meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2016.





*Bruce Van Saun, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Financial Group, and Joe Carelli, President of Citizens Bank, New Hampshire and Vermont, presenting a check for \$25,000 to HOMEdteam. From left are Joe Carelli, Bruce Van Saun, Robert Tourigny, Paul McLaughlin, and Ryan Tufts.*



*Karen Wilson, Vice President and CRA Officer at Bank of New Hampshire, discusses topics with Paul McLaughlin, HOMEdteam Manager, and Ryan Tufts, HomeOwnership Counselor.*



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