

NEIGHBORHOOD Minute

THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBORWORKS® SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire Recognizes 25th Anniversary at Annual Breakfast

Approximately 200 people attended our annual breakfast on April 20, 2017 at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford. This year's event kicked off an event series to celebrate our roots, particularly the history surrounding our founding and accomplishments over the years, and our continued commitment to addressing housing and neighborhood revitalization needs in Southern New Hampshire.

Richard Clegg, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Robert Tourigny, Executive Director, presided over the program, and speakers included Joseph B. Reilly, New Hampshire Regional President for Eastern Bank and NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire Trustee; New Hampshire State Senator Lou D'Allesandro; Manchester Mayor Ted Gastsas; and Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess.

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire has grown from a grassroots organization serving one Manchester neighborhood in need to a regional organization that addresses housing and neighborhood revitalization for close to half of the state for homeownership services and more than 15 communities for affordable rental housing development. As part of his remarks, Robert Tourigny read poignant comments from Peter Roche, founding Executive Director, which conveyed the essence of our founding and continued commitment today. Peter's comments are excerpted below.

In the early days of the NHS, we were able to assemble hundreds of units of abandoned housing for less than \$3,000 per unit, despite the limitations of a three person staff. The foresight, hard work and courage contributed by residents like Kathy Philbert, Fay Lang, Tony Simon, Dick Duckoff, and others, provided the real leadership and vision that enabled staff to leverage corporate resources to enable lasting change in a very distressed inner city community. While I do not mean to diminish the incredible early organizing work performed by Dan Reidy and Marty Gruer in cultivating and training that resident leadership, I know that both Dan and Marty would join me in recognizing that our work would not have been possible without the participation of our valued resident partners.

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Thank you for being part of the history of this organization and what it has come to stand for over the years. It truly has been 25 years of transforming communities, neighborhoods, and lives!

From the early organizing days in late 1991 to our incorporation in April of 1992, it took a great number of concerned and dedicated individuals to create what has become NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire. We have always been most successful in the trough of the real estate market, and our work to help families is most challenging when the market peaks. We are experiencing that today as we try to grow our real estate pipeline, but finding few properties for sale.

It is during these times, however, that the grassroots, community based resident engagement that resulted in the formation of Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services is so important in Manchester's Center City and in Nashua, as we help people in those neighborhoods deal with the challenges they are facing today.

The past 25 years has been graced with accomplishments, including the origination of hundreds of loans in the tens of millions of dollars, which helped more than 1,000 families purchase their home. We continue to lend to home buyers today thanks to our partnerships with New Hampshire Housing and USDA Rural Development, and assist hundreds more through the success of our HOMEteam collaboration, arming consumers with the information and knowledge that they need before owning a home.

The venture that has become NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire has been an amazing journey and we've managed to navigate tremendous risks the entire way. We've accomplished this over the years with more than 75 different employees, nearly 100 Board members, 19 Trustees, hundreds of committee members, and thousands of other volunteers. None of our work would ever be possible if not for the support of so many. Thank you for being part of this organization. I hope you will join us as we "take it to the streets" and celebrate our neighborhoods in Manchester and Nashua in June.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RT'.

Robert Tourigny
Executive Director

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Of course, the commitment of a relatively small but determined group of resident leaders was not sufficient to combat the social ills that plagued the near east side neighborhoods of Manchester in the 1990's. Fortunately, we were joined by an equally committed and visionary group of business and civic leaders, including Mayor Wiczorek, Dave Haney, Dennis Lagueux, Pauline Ikawa, Steve Webb, Red Robidas, Fred Kfoury, David Goodwin and literally dozens of business leaders who contributed both time and financial resources to help translate our collective vision into reality. And it goes without saying that without the incredible support we enjoyed from Clairia Monier, Dean Christon and Chris Miller at NHHFA, the accomplishments of those early days would have been severely hampered. While I have had the opportunity to work in many self-described "progressive communities" I truly believe that the civic and corporate support we enjoyed in those early days was unsurpassed throughout the national NeighborWorks® network. These leaders realized that the concept of community is not a liberal or progressive concept . . . it's simply an expression of the values we all celebrate within our families and community.

I find myself both stunned and revitalized by what you have achieved in recent years. I am so proud to be part of the lasting success you have all created. Your good work has given hope to thousands of families who confront the challenges of poverty, illness, or dysfunction on a daily basis.

Breakfast 2017 - Celebrating 25 Years



Richard Clegg and Robert Tourigny present plaques to Carol Willoughby and Justin Boufford whose terms on the Board of Directors expired in March. We appreciate their many forms of support to this organization. Both Carol and Justin are continuing as members of a committee.



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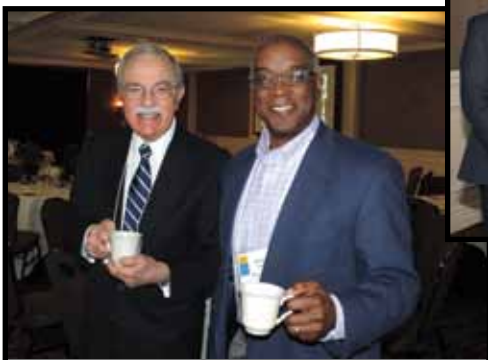
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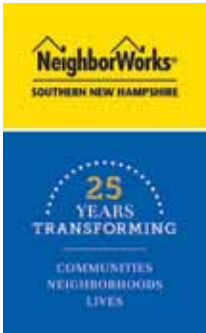
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We invite you to share in a retrospective video of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire, which was presented at the annual breakfast. It is approximately 12 minutes long. You can access the video from our YouTube account on our webpage (www.nwsnh.org) or with this QR code.



New Board Members

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire recently welcomed Thomas Breslawski and Beth Jellison to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Both Beth and Tom have long associations with our organization.

Beth is a Manchester homeowner, purchasing her home after attending our homebuyer seminars. She previously served two terms on the Board Directors, serving one of those years as Chair of the Board. She is a Sales Consultant with Comcast.



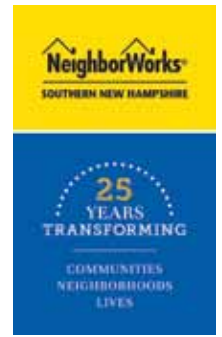
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Tom Breslawski

Tom has been a member of the Finance Committee for the past 5 years. A resident of Hollis, Tom has worked extensively in the financial services and business to business service sectors, and is currently Manager, Supply Chain Programs with Iron Mountain, Inc.

25 Years Transforming Communities, Neighborhoods, Lives



The celebration of our 25th anniversary continues over the next several months. We kicked off recognition of this milestone at our Annual Breakfast this past April, and will soon be hosting two neighborhood activities in June. We are grateful to all of our 25th Anniversary sponsors this year!

Event Schedule

NeighborFest Manchester

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
249 Cedar Street, Manchester

NeighborFest Nashua

Saturday June 24, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Park & Ash Street Skate Park, Nashua

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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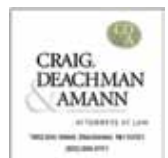
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