

# Minute

## NEIGHBORHOOD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBORWORKS® SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### The Townhomes at Whittemore Place now open in Londonderry

**M**embers of the Board of Directors, Trustees, staff, town of Londonderry representatives, project funders, donors, and other invited guests came together on August 5th to celebrate the opening of the Townhomes at Whittemore Place. This first phase of construction on Mammoth Road has resulted in the development of 45 new units of affordable workforce housing, as well as a community room and leasing office.

The two and three bedroom, townhouse-style units were fully occupied by the end of August. The second phase will include an additional 33 units, resulting in much needed affordable housing options in Londonderry and the largest workforce housing development in our portfolio.

Robert Tourigny along with Rich Clegg, Chair of the Board of Directors, presented plaques to project partners and funders at the event. Staff conducted tours of select units in the development.

The other speakers at the event included Congressman Frank Guinta; Joseph B. Reilly, Trustee and Eastern Bank New Hampshire Market President; and Dean Christon, Executive Director of New Hampshire Housing.



*From left: Robert Tourigny; Ken Willis, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston; Darryl Seavey and Kelly McCollum, Raymond James; Rich Clegg; Dean J. Christon, New Hampshire Housing; Ken Viscarello and Susan Manchester, Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA; Joseph B. Reilly and Ben Asselin, Eastern Bank; Gary Chicoine, Gary Chicoine Construction Corporation; Earl Blatchford, Hayner/Swanson; Paul Demers, Pidela Corporation; and Kevin Smith, Town of Londonderry.*

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A handwritten signature of Robert Tourigny.

*Robert Tourigny  
Executive Director*

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“This new development is the culmination of nearly 10 years of collaboration in the Town of Londonderry,” said Robert Tourigny. “All the units were fully occupied within a month of the opening of the project, and I think that is a testament to how strong the demand is for this type of housing in Londonderry.”

The apartments are available to individuals and families whose total income is between 50 and 60 percent of the area median family income. For a family of four, for example, the total income would be at least \$39,700 but below \$47,640. The monthly rent for an apartment ranges from \$975 to \$1,125, including heat and hot water.

We thank Eastern Bank for their generous sponsorship of the ribbon cutting event.



*Ben Asselin with Paul Demers*



*Diane Brewster with Jeff Dorow*





*Carol Bickford, Senior Vice President of Retail Lending and Denise Hubbard, Mortgage Loan Program Specialist of Meredith Village Savings Bank present Paul McLaughlin, Manager of HOMEdteam with \$32,500 contribution in contribution in support of home ownership education and counseling.*



*Thomas Garner, Vice President at Bank of America and member of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's Board of Directors; and Kenneth Sheldon, New Hampshire State President of Bank of America; present Paul McLaughlin, HomeOwnership Manager; Tanya Hannigan, Administrative Assistant; and Robert Tourigny, Executive Director of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire with \$30,000 grant award.*



*Ben Weigler, Real Estate Consultant at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Verani Realty, presents Paul McLaughlin, Manager of HOMEdteam, with \$5,000 contribution.*

## HOMEdteam Community Partners:



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# Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA

## 2015 David P. Goodwin Outstanding Neighbor Award Recipient



*From left: Nicole Faille, Megan Carrier, Margaret Probish, Jaye Goodwin, Michael Leary, Carolyn Leary, Charlie Goodwin, Ellie Cochran, David Cochran, Susan Manchester, Peter Cowan, Brian Bouchard, Sophia Annas, Ken Viscarello, Brad Cook, Bill Caselden, Robert Dustin, Jason Gregoire, Colleen Lyons, Robert Tourigny, Rich Clegg and David McGrath.*

On September 17, 2015, more than 130 supporters and other friends gathered at Straw Mansion Apartments in Manchester to recognize the attorneys and staff of Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA with this year's David P. Goodwin Outstanding Neighbor Award.

Bill Caselden, Principal at Great Bridge Properties, helped present the award with Rich Clegg, Board Chair, and Robert Tourigny to 13 members of the Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green team. The award recognizes an individual or entity making a difference in our mission, and the event supports our ongoing efforts to address housing needs through homeownership and affordable rental development. Members of the Goodwin family, Mayor Gatsas, donors, community leaders, business partners and others were present to celebrate Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green's involvement and support, and NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's work in this state.

Event speakers also included Dalia Vega, a Merrimack resident who was able to save her home from foreclosure with the assistance of NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire. Debora Goodman, a resident of Casimir Place in Nashua, spoke about how having a safe, affordable place has impacted the stability she has been able to provide for her son who began his first year of college this year.

**Special thanks to Great Bridge Properties for being the lead sponsor at this year's event.**

**Additional thanks to event sponsors: Northern New England Housing Investment Fund, Bank of New Hampshire, Brady Sullivan Properties, New Hampshire Housing, Otis Atwell, Anagnost Investments, Citizens Bank, NBT Bank, TD Bank, Central Paper Products, Trivantus, Inc., SNS, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, Raymond James, St. Mary's Bank, Northeast Delta Dental, Eckman Construction, Boyd and Boufford Insurance Agency, KW Commercial, Mutual of America, The John P. Stabile II Family Foundation, Akorn landscaping, Benthien Associates, Gary Chicoine Construction Corp., Families in Transition, and Bellwether Community Credit Union.**

Special thanks as well to RAM Printing, Weber Stave Design, Chalifour's Flowers, and Cross Photography for their in-kind services in support of the event.

We also thank all of our guests who purchased a ticket(s) to attend the event and/or provided a listing in the program booklet or made a donation in lieu of attendance.

All of this support and celebration, in the name of a very generous and committed Manchester resident and one of our founding Trustees, helps NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire continue to provide good homes and affordable rental housing for New Hampshire residents.



# Snapshots from this year's event.

## Thank you for your support!



*Debbie Wheeler, Dalia Vega and Robert Tourigny*



*Peter Mennis, Mayor Ted Gatsas and Ryan Tufts*



*Rob Boufford, Robert Dastin and Joan Boufford*



*Ryan Stewart, Bill Caselden, Jim Menihane, Andre Tremblay and Pauline Ikawa*



*Ellie Cochran, Carolyn and Michael Leary, Jaye and Charlie Goodwin*



*Richard Bunker and Charles Panasis*



*Joseph B. Reilly and Arthur Sullivan*



*Ellen Roposa, Olga and Raymond Cote, and Ellie Cochran*



*Doris and Steve Labbe*



*Rich Clegg and Jim Vayo*



*Claire Moses and Meredith Stidham*



*Claire Monier, David Sargent, Gloria Paradise, Patricia Donahue and Dee Pouliot*

## Casimir Place provides family with stability and affordability in pricey housing market

**D**ebora Goodman is home. Although she has moved a lot in search of a stable place to raise her youngest son, she knows she has found a place where she can give him the care and attention any son needs.

In 2003, Debora divorced her husband, sold her Brockton, Massachusetts home and she and her youngest son Malcolm moved to her native Savannah, Georgia. Her two adult children and her grandchildren remained in Massachusetts, so Debora planned to move back north to be with her family. But with a limited income, she found herself in Laconia.

"It was nice, and much closer than Georgia, but I wanted something closer. That is when I heard about the apartments at Casimir Place in Nashua." Debora recalls.

She learned about the new affordable housing development from the Nashua Housing Authority, and completed an application. By the end of 2007, she was among the first residents of the new development, and she has not looked back.



*Debora Goodman and her son Malcolm (center) with Jennifer Vadney, Neighborhood Development Manager, Erica Rivera, Community Building Specialist, and Robert Tourigny.*

"As a single parent, Casimir Place has provided a stable place for my son and me. They take good care of it and, more importantly, it is a place I can afford to live and provide for my son."

Malcolm, who has a learning disability, graduated from Nashua North High School last spring with a 4.0 G.P.A. and currently attends Nashua Community College. He plans to transfer to the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester upon completion, and would not have this opportunity without a stable and affordable home. The affordable rent means Debora can afford to give her son an education while working as a substitute teacher in the Nashua school system.

"I am blessed, proud and grateful that Casimir Place is an affordable option and a great place to live. I'm able to be with my family, and provide a home for my family."

## Annual Fund 2015 - 2016

**P**lease consider making a charitable contribution to NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's 2015-2016 Annual Fund. Over half of the support we receive – and need – for the delivery of our programs, including homeownership educational services and the creation of affordable rental apartments, comes from charitable gifts from the community. Your gift helps this organization continue to provide quality housing options for working individuals and families. Please renew your support or make a contribution for the first-time. Thank you!

You may use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible contribution. Or, you may go online to [www.nwsnh.org](http://www.nwsnh.org) and contribute through our secure website. Our current fiscal year runs from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. All gifts received during this time period will be credited to this year's Annual Fund and acknowledged in our 2016 Annual Report and other avenues of recognition. Thank you!

# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

On Tuesday, December 1st, NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire will be participating in #GivingTuesday. Join this national movement and support your community by helping us this year-end. To find out more about #GivingTuesday, and how you can help, please visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/nwsnhgivingtuesday>



# Tenant Corner

## Back to School Drive

**T**hanks to the generosity of the employees of Merrimack Mortgage Company, four kids living in our affordable housing developments were provided free back to school supplies. New backpacks, pens, pencils, paper, and all the essentials were graciously supplied by the team at Merrimack Mortgage Company in Manchester. Anita Wolcott, an employee at the company, has organized the back to school drive each of the past two years, which helps many kids in the Manchester community. Thank you to the entire team!



*Brothers Alexander and Antonio are ready for school with their new backpacks.*



*Jhoskaty and Drissel, sisters, are very excited to go to class with their new gear!*

## Summer Camps

**S**ummer may be a distant memory for many of us, but for ten kids living in our rental units, it is not one they will soon forget. Thanks to a \$1,500 gift from the Queen City Rotary Club, these children were able to attend the summer camp of their choice! Camp experiences included the Boys and Girls Club Day Camp at Camp Foster, Salvation Army sleep away camp at Camp Sebago in Maine, the Derryfield Repertory Theatre Camp, the Hooksett Fun in the Sun Day Camp, Checkmate Self-Defense Camp, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Baseball Camp, YMCA Teen Trip Camp and YMCA Champions Basketball Camp.

Thank you Queen City Rotary Club and Merrimack Mortgage employees for these generous donations!

## Thank you to outgoing members of the Board of Directors

**J**eff Galvin and Danielle Collins have recently resigned from their positions on NeighborWorks® Southern's New Hampshire Board of Directors. The two volunteers have relocated within the past few months. Both Jeff and Danielle joined the Board of Directors in 2012, and served the organization in a variety of ways during their tenure. Danielle was a member of the Community Services committee for four years, and served as the Secretary for the Board for two years. Thank you to both Jeff and Danielle for your outstanding service to our organization, you will be missed!



*Jeff Galvin*



*Danielle Collins*

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**Y**our support helps to create enrichment opportunities for residents of our rental units. Neighborhood cleanups, tenant BBQ's, gardening and craft activities are just a few examples of how residents, young and old, can connect to their community in a positive way. Please make a tax-deductible gift to NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire today, and help these activities continue!

