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### NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire Celebrates Completion of Twentieth Anniversary Capital Campaign *We Exceeded Our Campaign Goal!*

A pproximately 100 people gathered at NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire on Wednesday, March 12th for a reception to celebrate the completion of the capital campaign-the first major effort of this type for the organization. Led by Joseph B. Reilly, the Twentieth Anniversary Capital Campaign raised a total of \$845,968 to support the purchase and renovation of NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire's new offices and homeownership center on Elm Street in downtown Manchester, exceeding the campaign goal of \$815,000 in less than one year.



Gary Chicoine, Joseph B. Reilly & John Madden

A total of 145 gifts were made to the campaign, representing contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and small businesses. All of the contributions to the campaign are offsetting costs associated with purchasing the building and renovating the second floor space for the homeownership program and staff offices.

The reception celebrated the success of the campaign and provided an opportunity for guests to see the space fully finished, with signage in place. Remarks were made by Joseph B. Reilly, Carol Willoughby, Campaign Leadership Committee member and Chair of the Board of Directors; and Robert Tourigny, Executive Director.

Prior to purchasing the downtown building, NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire had moved a total of six times in our twenty year history, each time adapting less than ideal space to accommodate our program and staff needs. We finally have the space we need to deliver our homeownership services most effectively in the Manchester region and accommodate organization staffing. Our purchase of the building also has brought economic development to the downtown area as we are fully utilizing second floor commercial space, and have brought two quality businesses that were not previously present in the downtown area on the Elm Street storefront level.

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Matthew Kfoury & Carol Willoughby



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Thank you to all of our supporters this year. As you will see we had a tremendously successful year thanks to so many contributors to the organization, both to our Annual Fund and our Capital Campaign. I would also like to say thank you to all the volunteers who help support the organization through their time and efforts on our Board of Directors and Trustees, and on all of our committees and at our seminars and workshops. The dollars and hours provided by our supporters are leveraged many times over to enable us to carry out our work.

As we continue our efforts to strengthen our presence in the Nashua region, the need for volunteers to help us with that outreach will increase. As is the case in all of our work, our need is to know the needs of the community. Through that strategy we can help towns meet their affordability housing needs, help neighborhoods reach their revitalization goals, and help individuals and families realize their own dream of an affordable home.



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We are enormously grateful to the Campaign Leadership Committee for their many forms of support, which guided us to success in this campaign. They are an incredible group of individuals who care deeply that residents of Southern New Hampshire have access to quality, affordable housing options. And the community has responded so generously to our need. We are grateful for every gift and gesture of support as NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire continues our mission of creating affordable housing and homeownership opportunities for residents. Thank you!



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# Hall Family Finds New Home, Community, at Hidden Pond



The Hall family is proud of their new home and their new community.

*y heart was pounding for three days afterwards, it was a dream come true,* was Amherst tenant Brenda Hall's reaction to the news her application had been accepted and she would be moving in to the newly developed Hidden Pond Apartments in Amherst.

After unsuccessfully vying for a spot in the Abingdon Square Apartments in Goffstown, the New Hampshire native spoke with staff at Stewart Property Management, the property manager for rental properties owned by NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire, about an alternative. They told her about a new development in Amherst, and that there was one spot left.

After touring the new development and speaking with the property managers and her potential neighbors, she knew it was for her. A single mother of three, she was ready to be in a more suburban setting, while remaining close to the urban amenities she also enjoys.

It was not all good news, however. The representative she was working with at Stewart Property Management informed her the last unit had gone to another family. "My heart sunk," she said.

That was until a few days later, when Fatima, her contact at Stewart Property Management, called back. "She said the family in the unit I looked at backed out, and she asked if I was still interested," Brenda recounted. "I couldn't believe it, and I said I would bring the deposit right over." She then drove back to Amherst to make the deposit, and after the completion of the necessary paperwork, she found herself a proud member of the Hidden Pond community.

"I love the community here, everybody knows everybody, and they are very welcoming too," she says.

She has always tried to be involved in her community. She worked at the Manchester Police Department, and earned her MBA from Southern New Hampshire University at the same time. After a crisis in her family disrupted her life, Brenda left the Police Department and picked up some work at Saint Anselm Library, all the while searching for affordable housing in a more suburban environment. Getting out of the city was a priority for her and her boys, as her youngest has a disability and benefits from being in a more country setting.

Brenda continues to work rush hours at Saint Anselm College, where she is pursuing employment on a permanent basis. Currently, she supplements her income by working for a Multi-Level Marketing company, but she is also looking for other ways to get involved in her community.

"Volunteering would be very rewarding, I know you can volunteer at the library, the Police Department, and the town hall doing administrative tasks," Brenda enthused. She is excited to bring her experience to her new town, and though she has spent less than six months in Amherst, she already feels at home. Her son Christian just started playing baseball for his school, and her youngest, Jakob, has thoroughly enjoyed learning Spanish at the town library.

## Annual Meeting 2014

n April 23, the NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire staff, its Board of Directors and Trustees assembled with other donors, volunteers and business partners at Fratello's Restaurant in Manchester for the organization's Annual Meeting. We thank Public Service of New Hampshire for generously sponsoring this breakfast meeting. To take a look at the presentation, please go online to www.nwsnh.org/about/videogallery.



# Twentieth Anniversary Capital Campaign

# Goal: \$815,000 Raised: \$845,968

### Message from Joseph B. Reilly Chair, Twentieth Anniversary Capital Campaign

am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as the Chairman for the 20th Anniversary Capital Campaign and to have worked on the committee and effort with such an outstanding group of community leaders, led by Carolyn Benthien, principal of Benthien Associates, our hired campaign consultant! The energy and enthusiastic support and commitment of this group was at the core of our success. From the beginning there existed a confidence that we would reach our goal of \$815,000 in support of securing office permanency for this terrific organization.

The efforts of the committee were made possible by the tireless efforts of the staff of NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire. The results of the campaign were largely rooted not in the 12 months of the campaign work but in the 20 years of proven and highly regarded results in support of the mission of the organization. Reputation matters!

It is with great pride that we were able to exceed our goal and help to position the organization for future development activities. On behalf of the entire committee, thank you to everyone who played a role in this very successful campaign, from generous donors to staff and to the community at large!

Josph B. Keilly

Capital Campaign Committee, pictured from left to right, front row: Robert Tourigny, Joseph B. Reilly, Chair; Raymond J. Wieczorek, Honorary Chair. Back Row: Michelle Caraccio, Claira Monier, Patrick Smith, Robert Dastin, Barry Brensinger, Debra Hallett, Arthur Sullivan, Carol Willoughby, Carolyn Benthien.

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# New Volunteer Leadership!

eighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire recently welcomed Thomas Garner to the Board of Directors. Tom is a Vice President at Bank of America, working in the home loan origination field in the Northeast. He is serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors in the At-Large seat, working with the current Board Members to provide ongoing oversight and fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Matthew Kfoury is joining the Trustees, serving with nine other community leaders in an ambassador role for the organization. Matthew is Operations Manager of Central Paper Products, a local paper retail business headquartered in Manchester. The Kfoury family has a long association with NeighborWorks<sup>®</sup> Southern New Hampshire and our community development efforts.

The individuals who serve as volunteers on our Trustees and Board of Directors are vital to our success in creating affordable housing opportunities and neighborhood revitalization in our region, and we are pleased to welcome Tom and Matt to these respective volunteer groups.

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### To all of those listed in this report, we extend our deep thanks for your generosity, interest, and involvement. Thank you!

We appreciate our supporters and volunteers. If we have misspelled or omitted your name, please accept our apologies and notify us at 603.626.4663.

Annual Fund gifts support ongoing operations, including the delivery of our free services. Please consider contributing to this year's Annual Fund with the enclosed envelope, and help sustain these programs and initiatives. Our fiscal year runs from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.



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Please Join Us! David P. Goodwin Outstanding Neighbor Award Reception Recognizing Longtime Volunteer and Supporter, Pauline Ikawa

> September 17, 2014 At Straw Mansion Apartments 15 Temple Court Manchester, New Hampshire 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Tickets: \$30



Pauline Ikawa

he David P. Goodwin Outstanding Neighbor Award is given each year to an individual or entity who demonstrates the qualities of generosity and service to this organization. Many community members, donors, business partners and friends will be in attendance, making this a truly special event to honor Pauline Ikawa's commitment and support of this organization's mission and goals.

For sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.nwsnh.org/news/events or contact Trevor McCourt at 603.626.4663 x2200 or at tmccourt@nwsnh.org

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