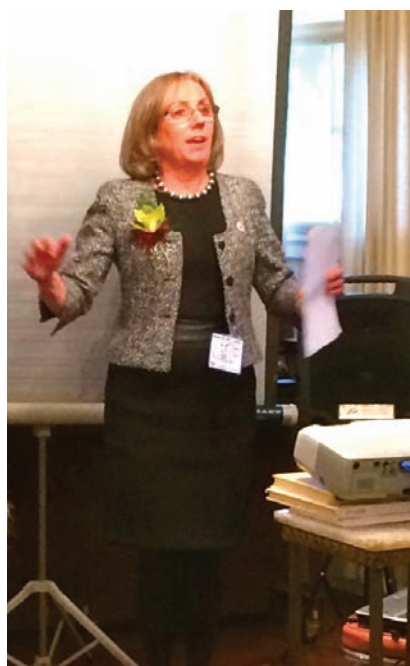


NEWS

News & Updates from the New Hampshire Women's Foundation



“Imagine New Hampshire as a state with social, economic and political gender equality, and you will see what we at the New Hampshire Women's Foundation see!”

The mission of the NH Women's Foundation is to promote opportunity and equality for women and girls in New Hampshire through research, education, philanthropy and advocacy. As four organizations merged into one, the Women's Foundation adopted a broad agenda dedicated to the advancement of women and girls in our state. This agenda includes: advocating for economic security; promoting women and girls in leadership; fostering work and life balance; championing health and wellness; and supporting women and children at risk.

The quarterly Gender Matters and other research provide national and statewide data. Grant-making supports our non-profit partners who provide direct services. Events help us reach new audiences. All of this combined helps to educate the media and the public, which in turn builds support to advocate for positive change.

With your continued support, we believe our vision of a state with social, economic and political gender equality will become reality.

**SHE'S BEAUTIFUL
WHEN SHE'S
ANGRY**

Attend May 29th

Mark your calendars for “*She's Beautiful When She's Angry*,” a film presented in partnership with The Music Hall in Portsmouth.

This documentary resurrects the buried history of the outrageous, often brilliant women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971. It takes us from the founding of NOW, when ladies wore hats and gloves, to the emergence of more radical factions of women's liberation; from intellectuals like Kate Millett to the street theatrics of WITCH (Women's International Conspiracy from Hell!). Q&A panel to follow. Stay tuned as we will be announcing panelists online! themusichall.org



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**WOMEN'S
FOUNDATION**

- 1969 Commission on the Status of Women
- 1980 The Women's Lobby and Alliance
- 1998 Women's Fund of New Hampshire
- 2002 The Women's Policy Institute
- 2012 The New Hampshire Women's Initiative

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Norelli Notes

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation was born out of four organizations supporting women and girls in different ways. What is the result? A stronger organization that has the benefit of combined resources; a unified voice; talented and committed members of our board, committees and networks; and most importantly all of you – our combined supporters.

As the first president to take the helm of this new organization, I am dedicated in this first year to insuring that the Women's Foundation is sustainable well into the future. Since that begins with funding, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our donors. Special thanks goes to Jo Lamprey for her generous "Fund the Future" challenge that helped launch us on our way. Not only did we match the \$25,000, we surpassed it. Thank you, Jo, for your support of the work we do! Special thanks also goes to Sue and Bob Thoresen for their Endowment Challenge currently in progress. Their match of contributions of \$1,000 or more to our endowment will keep us strong in the long term.

We want to be as efficient as possible with your financial support while being as effective as possible. Our two networks and five active board committees expand upon what could be accomplished by our small staff alone. We are pleased that our board has five new voices, increasing our age and gender diversity.

This talented and committed team will take advantage of opportunities to support our entire agenda, but we will also focus some of our efforts in one specific area in order to make measurable progress. Currently, we are engaged in strategic planning to determine how best to accomplish that. I look forward to sharing our plan with you soon and to listening to your ideas and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Terie Norelli
President & CEO



Ellen Koenig
Development Director



Nyomi Guzman
Administrator

New Board Members



Jeff Feingold is currently the editor of NHBR, has received several awards for his high-quality journalism locally and nationally, and is passionate about public affairs and the economy.



Kristen Oliveri is Director of Communications at the NH Charitable Foundation. She loves that she helps kids go to college, feeds the hungry, supports the arts and preserves landscapes.



Mica Stark is the assistant VP for Public Affairs at UNH, cares about creating civic engagement programs for young people, and has been involved with several NH nonprofits.



Amy Sterndale oversees strategic communications for the Carsey School of Public Policy. She is a graduate of Leadership NH and was a board member of two NH nonprofits.



Daniel Weeks is the Executive Director of Open Democracy, is an advocate for democratic reform, and has written and spoken extensively on democracy and poverty issues.



Grantee Partner Spotlight: The Circle Program

The Circle Program offers girls from low-income families the opportunities and resources they need to reach their full potential. They learn how to build positive relationships, make healthy choices and thrive. The Circle Program makes a difference in their lives!

Circle teen Sophie, now in her senior year of high school, just got on a plane to Washington, D.C., in order to attend the National Leadership Awards Luncheon for JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates). She was nominated and selected as one of 500 JAG students from 31 states to be honored at the luncheon. We are so proud of Sophie!

She has certainly come a long way! When Sophie joined the Circle Program back in the fifth grade, she was very shy and academically challenged due to her frequent absences from school. Her family was under a lot of stress – struggling with financial difficulties and living from paycheck to paycheck. Sophie knew from a young age that she wanted to be able to live differently and provide more for her children. Sophie's long-term involvement in the Circle Program helped her realize the importance of her education. She was encouraged by her mentor to explore various career options. Last summer, Sophie served as a camp counselor at Circle Camp and was an excellent role model for the younger girls.

Sophie intends to go to college and work towards a career in human services as a counselor. She also enjoys photography and hopes it will become a lucrative hobby. She has a ten-year plan to own a home of her own, be in a healthy relationship, and have a career that makes her financially independent. She realizes she wants a career to support a comfortable lifestyle so she never again has to feel like she can't afford the necessities.

Sophie's story shows that programs like Circle can have a profound influence on a girl's life. It is possible to break the cycle of poverty through education and mentoring. This has all been made possible by support from individuals and foundations such as the NH Women's Foundation and for that we thank you!

By Kathy Kearns, Executive Director of Circle Program

Ongoing Outreach & Events

As the premier organization in the state working to advance gender equality through research, programming, philanthropy and advocacy, we work hard to present diverse programming and events across New Hampshire. Many of these events are volunteer driven, and thanks to many of you for attending, supporting or volunteering as we grow our outreach! Have an event or program you think we should consider? Have an idea you'd like to help run? Please contact us, we'd love to hear from you!



New Hampshire attendees at the New England Women's Policy conference, for which NHWF was proud to be a partner: Nyomi Guzman, Mary Ellen Hettinger (co-chair of event), Councilor Stefany Shaheen, Rep. Katie Wheeler (co-chair of event), Jenn Alford Teaster, Kate Murray, Stephanie Kuhn, Mary Johanna Brown, and Lucy Natki. The conference was held at the Kennedy Center in Boston, Mass.



Lotte Jacobi, as featured as one of the 27 women highlighted by our partner, the Women's Heritage Trail.



Brainstorming notes from our Foundation Ambassador Network members, also known as the FANs.



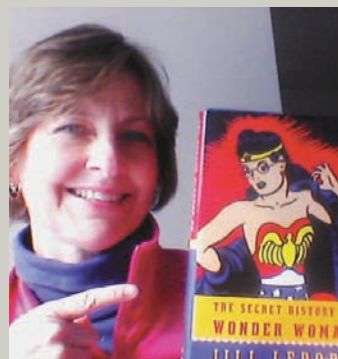
FAN luncheon, where we heard from young leaders and their thoughts about gender equality with Allyson Ryder, Rep. Katie Wheeler, Devan Quinn, Janice Crawford, Jaimie Crawford and Lisa Kessler.



NHWF's Nyomi Guzman speaking to 800+ UNH students.



Valerie Cunningham addresses a full house at the Women's Heritage Trail event in Concord.



Barbara Woodbury Marzelli winning our give-away signed Jill Lepore book, "The Secret History of Wonder Woman."



Supporting Women On 20's, Terie Norelli & NHWF were featured on NECN and NH1.



Rep. Dan Feltes sharing his thoughts at the FANs luncheon in March.

27 Women



Step into History and Come Learn About
The New Hampshire Women's Heritage Trail



What:
A social gathering to
learn more about the
Women's Heritage Trail

Where:
Concord Women's Club
44 Pleasant Street, Concord

When:
Thursday March 26th
5:00-7:00pm

RSVP:
nadine15@comcast.net

Top: NHWF was proud to be a presenting partner for 27 Women, a celebration and launch for the Women's Heritage Trail. For more information visit: www.nhwomensheritagetrail.org

Below: NHWF is proud to work with and engage many young and upcoming leaders, seen here at the New England Women's Policy Conference.



Sue Thoresen: A Life of Inspiration

The article below was written by Bob Thoresen as a surprise gift to honor the NHWF work of his wife Sue Thoresen. Surprise, Sue! And thank you, Bob!

Sue and I recently attended a meeting of the Women's Foundation's new Development Committee. Chris Strong, the committee chair, asked me what inspired me to give to the endowment, and the answer I gave at the time was somewhat vague. I thought about the question later, however, and realized what did (and does) inspire me—Sue, my wife and best friend of almost 48 years.

I want to talk about her work and contributions to the Women's Foundation, and I want to honor her by making an additional contribution to the Foundation's endowment—something we both believe is vital to the long-term sustainability of the organization.

Sue was a founding member of the New Hampshire Women's Fund, the predecessor of the NH Women's Foundation. She was on the Board from 2006 to 2014, when the Foundation was created. She served as Treasurer for most of those years, and was on the Executive Committee, the Merger Task Force, the Bylaws Committee, and other special task forces.

Sue gave generously of her time, talent and treasure during her term with the Fund, and has since been a tireless advocate for creating a robust endowment for the Foundation. She knows that ultimately it will only thrive with a substantial endowment (a minimum of \$5,000,000, we believe).

The income from that endowment will provide base funding for the operating costs of the foundation, and additional annual fundraising can then be devoted to grants, special projects, and support to the operating budget.

Sue devotes herself to every task she agrees to take on with a low-key, forthright, and no-nonsense manner. She does her homework, is superbly prepared, and delivers—always with grace and humility. She is the most nurturing and selfless person I have ever met. Many of you have been the recipients of her special gifts and thoughtfulness.

My late parents are also integral to this tribute. My mother passed away in December 2013, my father in January 2015, both at 96 years of age. They had met Sue about three weeks into our courtship. Three weeks later, we called them to announce that we were getting engaged, and my father said to me that marrying Sue was the smartest thing I had ever done. How right he was.

They came to adore Sue, and my mother often commented on how thoughtful and generous she was in every way. Sue became a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley as a second career, and was my parents' advisor for some 25 years. She helped them invest and plan for a future legacy, part of which goes toward this tribute. My parents would have been thrilled to contribute to this investment in the Foundation's future in Sue's honor.

In 2014, we offered a \$50,000 challenge grant to the Women's Foundation to enhance the permanent endowment. We agreed to match every donation of \$1000 or more, on a one-to-one basis up to \$50,000, provided the gifts were made by the end of 2015. Some \$27,000 has already been received and added to the endowment.

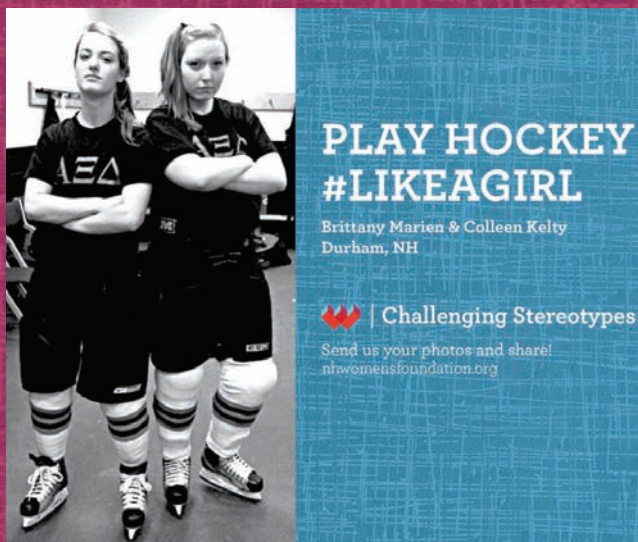
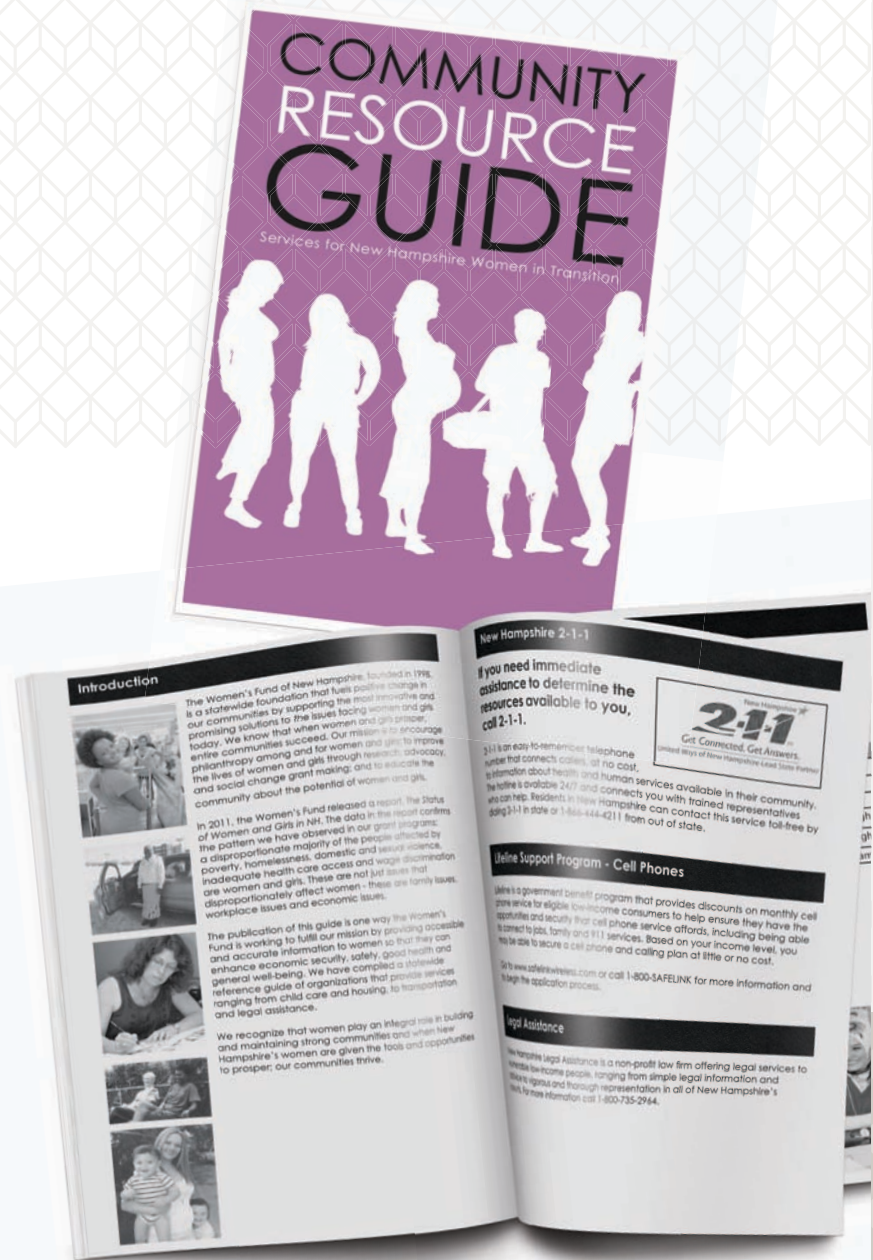
It is now my great honor to make a special tribute in Sue's name by making an additional \$50,000 gift to the Women's Foundation permanent endowment for all that she has brought to the foundation over the last nine years.

Bob Thoresen

Community Resource Guide to be Produced in Three New Languages

In 2012, the Women's Foundation published a Community Resource Guide as a tool to help women who were transitioning back into the community after prison. The need for this guide was significant. We also learned that it was a great resource for all women at a transitional point in their lives, such as taking a new job, relocating within the state, or moving here from another state. The guide acquaints the reader with the greater New Hampshire community. It contains sections that address more specific needs of the reader such as childcare, housing, clothing/food, primary care, family health and legal issues. There are also extensive resource lists in each area of interest. Based on the high level of use of the resource guide and a broader audience, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation is currently working on three new translations in Arabic, French, and Nepali. As a key 2015 project, these new translations will be made available by the end of this year, so stay tuned for updates. When completed, the translated Community Resource Guides will be available both online and in print.

To see the current English version, please visit: nhwomensfoundation.org/2014/10/community-resource-guide



What do you do #likeagirl?

E-mail us your quote and photo today to be part of our Like A Girl campaign!

info@nhwomensfoundation.org



In Memory of Phyllis Brill... A Lasting Legacy

Our mother, Phyllis Wagner Brill, spent her life in Baltimore, growing up in the family business, Wagner & Wagner Pharmacy. She was the only woman in her 1952 graduating class at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Phyllis owned and operated Wagner's and worked in hospital pharmacies well into her 70's. She was a savvy business woman, and a lover of symphony, opera, education, travel and her family.

In Loving Tribute – her children, Lessa Brill and Howard Brill

This generous \$20,000 gift will be matched by the Thoresen Endowment Challenge.



Gender Matters

Gender Matters is a look at gender statistics from New Hampshire and beyond. Published quarterly, Gender Matters is available as a downloadable pdf. It's easy to read and easy to share! Our latest issue is focused on paid sick leave—check it out!

nhwomensfoundation.org/gendermatters

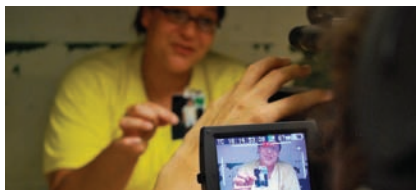
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Nonprofit Grantee Partners in Action

Over the past 15 years, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation has invested more than one million dollars in community organizations to ensure a positive future for women and girls. Our philanthropy continues. Check out eight grantee partners who have recently completed programs that showcase your investment at work!



Filmmakers Collaborative

The Filmmakers Collaborative film, "Telling My Story," follows the story of Dartmouth students working with incarcerated women, one of the most marginalized populations, and their unique challenges as women.
More at filmmakerscollab.org



Circle Program

The Circle Program's certification program will allow up to 64 teens to get junior Red Cross First Aid and CPR, empowering teens with new and useful skills.
More at circleprogram.org



New Generation

New Generation is a safe, family-oriented homeless shelter for homeless pregnant women and their babies. Ongoing individualized intensive care services for pregnant and parenting women are provided. *More at newgennh.org*



Boys and Girls Club of the North Country

The Boys and Girls Club of the North Country runs a program for girls to help them develop self-esteem and leadership so that they can better resist the pressure of using drugs and alcohol, and can build healthy lives.
More at bgcnorthcountry.org



Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

PPNNE is working on improving issues with teen pregnancy through a program in the Manchester area that will educate women on their health and pregnancy prevention options.
More at plannedparenthood.org



Front Door Agency

The Front Door Agency provides housing for single mothers and helps them along with programs and services to transition to permanent housing and livable wage jobs.
More at frontdooragency.org



Shelter from the Storm

Shelter from the Storm provides ongoing transitional housing and wrap-around support services for families, a majority of whom are headed by single females.
More at shelterfromthestormnh.org



NARAL Pro-Choice NH

NARAL Pro-Choice NH is an organization that advocates for reproductive rights in terms of legislation, resources and education. NARAL is implementing two proactive policy efforts during the 2015 NH legislative session.
More at prochoicenh.org



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The Thoresen Endowment Challenge!

"We'd like to see the Endowment grow to be \$5,000,000, which would then provide the operating support to allow the NHWF to address the 21st century needs of NH women and children in perpetuity. We are offering a \$50,000 challenge to grow the Endowment held at the NHCF by matching all gifts of \$1,000 and above designated to this endowment before the end of 2015."

- Bob and Sue Thoresen

A \$50,000 challenge to fund the NHWF endowment.

All gifts of more than \$1,000 matched at 100%.

To designate your gift, please contact Terie by December 31, 2015 to meet the challenge.