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### **'Winning Workplaces' Breakfast to Highlight Family-Friendly Business Culture**

**March 21, 2016 – Dover, NH** – The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and the New Hampshire Women's Foundation are joining forces to host 'Winning Workplaces: Competitive Strategies for Your Business to Create a Family-Friendly Culture'. The breakfast discussion will take place on April 7 from 7:30-9:30am at the Cochecho Country Club in Dover.

According to Molly Hodgson, Executive Director of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, "A Family-Friendly workplace culture sets apart businesses as highly desirable places to work. There's no doubt that businesses see an improved bottom line when they are able to attract and retain top talent."

The 'Winning Workplaces' breakfast will feature Amanda Grappone Osmer, the Fourth Generation Steward of Grappone Automotive Group. She will talk about why the decisions, policies, and schedules at Grappone Automotive are made with their employees and families in mind.

Following the keynote, there will be a panel discussion with four seacoast area business leaders that include Andrea Daly of McLane Middleton, Delise West of Human Resources Partners, Matt Mowry of Business NH Magazine and Kathy Neils of the University of New Hampshire. Hodgson said, "We chose these panelists because they are stellar examples of how seacoast area businesses are creating award winning work cultures by focusing on the needs of their employees and the communities they serve."

'Winning Workplaces' is sponsored by Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Federal Savings Bank, McLane Middleton, the University of New Hampshire, and iHeartMedia.

Hodgson added, "We're thrilled to co-host this event with the NH Women's Foundation. Our collaboration to drive these discussions is important because a Family-Friendly work culture engages and motivates employees, while overcoming gender-based stigmas and outdated traditions. Retaining top talent in the Granite State economy is a win-win for both our labor force and state-wide business community."

For more information and to register for the breakfast, go to <http://www.dovernh.org/>. Or contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

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**About the [Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce](#)**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, a member-driven organization, provides value to its members, residents and visitors, by facilitating and sustaining growth of businesses, organizations and events to promote a healthy thriving community.

Our services and initiatives are funded by membership, program participation and sponsorship. The Chamber is a non-government, non-partisan business advocacy organization. We are not a division or department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the opinions and views of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are not necessarily reflective of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. <http://www.dovernh.org/>

**About the [NH Women's Foundation](#):**

With nearly 100 years of shared history of advocating for women and girls, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation was established in late 2014 as a result of a merger between the Women's Fund of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Women's Initiative. The organization continues a commitment of advocacy for women and girls and the advancement of gender equality in the Granite State that was established over the last century by the Women's Fund of NH, the NH Women's Initiative, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Women's Lobby and Alliance, and the Women's Policy Institute.

Our mission is to promote opportunity and equality for women and girls in New Hampshire through research, education, philanthropy & advocacy. The NH Women's Foundation believes that creating family-friendly workplaces is essential to overcoming gender-based stigmas and outdated traditions and is therefore essential to achieving economic gender equality, thus supporting our mission. <http://nhwomensfoundation.org/>

**Courtesy Photo Attached: Winning Workplaces**