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New Hampshire Women's Foundation Welcomes Tanna Clews as New CEO

November 10, 2016 – Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Women's Foundation is delighted to announce that they have appointed Tanna Clews as the new CEO.

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation has nearly 100 years of shared history of advocating for women and girls as the result of a 2014 merger between the Women's Fund of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Women's Initiative. The organization is dedicated to promoting opportunity for women and girls and the advancement of gender equality in the Granite State.

Tanna brings a passion for gender equality along with more than 15 years of nonprofit management, fundraising, political and advocacy experience to the position.

"As a skilled nonprofit executive and champion for gender equality, Tanna has the experience and passion to be a strong and effective CEO and to move the New Hampshire Women's Foundation forward into its next chapter," said Board Chair, Mary Jo Brown.

Most recently, Tanna was an Executive and Strategic Consultant working with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, NH Department of Education and the Community College System of NH on education and workforce development initiatives. Tanna worked closely with New Hampshire's business, philanthropic, and education leaders, as well as managing relationships with national funders and organizations.

Previously, Tanna led the merger of two organizations to form Educate Maine, and as executive director she grew the organization in size, reputation, and impact. She worked at Phillips Exeter Academy in the development office and has worked on a number of state and national political campaigns. Tanna is a dedicated volunteer and a committed advocate for women and children, serving on the board of A Safe Place and as Chair of the Board of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. She also coaches girls basketball and is a Girl Scout Troop Leader. Tanna is a graduate of Smith College and Northeastern Law School and lives in Portsmouth with her family.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected to lead the New Hampshire Women's Foundation, New Hampshire's only organization advocating for gender equality," noted Clews. "I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and our thousands of supporters from across the state to expand opportunities for women and girls. ."

Clews was announced as the CEO on November 9th at the foundation's annual Women Building Community Luncheon at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

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About the [NH Women's Foundation](http://nhwomensfoundation.org/):

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.

The NH Women's Foundation's mission is to promote opportunity and equality for women and girls in New Hampshire through research, education, philanthropy, and 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 its mission. <http://nhwomensfoundation.org/>

Photos Attached: Courtesy of NH Women's Foundation, Tanna Clews

Descriptions: Tanna Clews, CEO New Hampshire Women's Foundation