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News & Updates from the New Hampshire Women's Foundation



Women Run! is engaging women across the state and empowering them with the tools to run for office.



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New Board Members

We added 4 distinguished women to our board this year bringing experience in finance, law and victim advocacy.

Pathways to Prosperity

We recently awarded our 2018 Pathways Grant to an organization helping homeless families.

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YEAR OF THE WOMAN 2.0

In 1992, the "Year of the Woman," American voters sent more women to Congress than ever before. Fast forward to 2018 and all around the country we are seeing a surge of women stepping up to run for office. Will November be another watershed moment for women candidates? A Year of the Woman 2.0?

Here at the Women's Foundation, we are part of the movement that is lifting up women leaders. We're building pathways to public service for New Hampshire women through our Women Run! program – the Granite State's only nonpartisan program educating women about political leadership, and empowering and training them to run for local and state office. And our investment in gender parity is already paying off! Since launching Women Run! one year ago, 26 of our Women Run! alumnae have run for office, including 21 who ran this fall – and 20 won their primary!

Beyond empowering women to run for office, we are also advocating for women and girls in the State House. During the 2018 legislative session, we and our partners successfully overhauled antiquated child marriage laws, banned discrimination based on gender identity, and improved access to prescription birth control. Our long-time priority, paid family and medical leave insurance, remains on the to-do list – it passed the New Hampshire House for the first time ever, but died in the Senate. As always, we strive to back up our advocacy with data – take a look at our Gender Matters editions on child marriage and birth control. All of our research is available at our website, www.nhwomensfoundation.org.

Finally, we are proud to announce our 2018 Community and Pathways to Prosperity Grantees – 20 organizations working to better the lives of the women and girls they serve. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these exceptional programs. They are unleashing the potential of New Hampshire women and girls, and we are honored to help them achieve their missions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Foundation. It is your engagement – whether you follow us on Facebook, make monthly donations, host house parties, attend our events, or share our research – that strengthens and grows our work.

With you in action and spirit,

Tanna
CEO

p.s. Stay tuned for the release of our inaugural Status of Women Report later this month.



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



KYUNG KIM is a partner with Howe, Riley & Howe, PLLC focusing on auditing, accounting, tax and consulting services for individuals, closely held businesses and nonprofits.



TONYA M. EVANS is a Professor of Law at the University of New Hampshire School of Law with expertise in the areas of intellectual property, entertainment law, trusts and estates, and municipal finance.



LINDA JOHNSON is a director with McLane Middleton, Professional Association which has offices in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.



RASHIDA ELTAG MOHAMED is the Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Advocate at the Manchester Police Department.

Celebrating Success at the State House

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION ADVOCATES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATURE. HERE'S A QUICK LOOK BACK AT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON ALL BILLS!

CHILD MARRIAGE LAWS OVERHAULED

Passage of three bills on child marriage marked the culmination of a two-year campaign sparked by the advocacy of Gold Award Girl Scout Cassandra Levesque. Under the previous marriage laws, girls as young as 13 and boys as young as 14 could get married with permission from their parents and a court order. Under the new laws, nobody under age 16 will be able to get married under any circumstances, and 16- and 17-year-olds (and their parents) will have to convince a judge that marriage is in the young person's "best interest" before moving forward. These new laws move New Hampshire out of the back of the pack when it comes to child marriage. But with more and more states considering minimum marriage ages higher than 16 – including Delaware and New Jersey,

which recently became the first two states to eliminate marriage for people under 18 altogether – we'll keep following this important issue.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAYS NO TO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY

We're proud to be part of the Freedom New Hampshire coalition, which this year won passage of legislation prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity. New Hampshire's Law Against Discrimination now bans discrimination against transgender people in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Transgender women face disproportionate rates of discrimination, harassment, and violence in all areas of their lives, and this anti-discrimination legislation is an important step toward fairness and equal opportunity for all women.

PRESCRIPTION BIRTH CONTROL ACCESS SHORED UP

Changes to New Hampshire's Contraceptive Equity Law ensure that Granite State women can access prescription birth control without any cost-sharing (such as co-pays and deductibles) and guarantee insurance coverage for 12-month prescriptions. Championed by Planned Parenthood New Hampshire Action Fund, the new law will reduce the effect of obstacles like cost, transportation, and geography, which can hinder women's ability to obtain prescription birth control and use it regularly. Prescription birth control and family planning have helped transform women's educational opportunities and economic security. In a time of great uncertainty around birth control access at the federal level, our newly-updated Contraceptive Equity Law is an essential backstop for New Hampshire women.

We Stand with Women and Families



STANDING WITH SEPARATED FAMILIES

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation joined with women's funds and foundations from around the country by issuing a statement opposing the separation of children from their parents at the southern border. Many of the people subjected to the family

separation policy were women fleeing gender-based violence and seeking asylum in the United States. We also co-sponsored a #FamiliesBelongTogether rally in Concord, which was one of hundreds of sister demonstrations calling for an end to human rights abuses in our immigration system and the immediate reunification of children with their parents. Several hundred people attended.

OPPOSING THE TITLE X GAG RULE

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation submitted comments opposing proposed changes to Title X, the federal grant program for family planning and related preventive health care. In New Hampshire, more than 18,000 people receive health care under Title X, accessing services like prescription birth control, sexually transmitted infection treatment, and cancer screenings. Title X does not itself pay for abortion services, but the proposed changes to would take Title X funding away from providers who provide abortion services using other funding, refer patients for abortion services, or even mention abortion as an option. This "gag rule" will drastically reduce access to essential health care and interfere in the relationship between patients and their doctors. Read our comments opposing this dangerous rule on our website.

#NoGagRule

Around the State



Marilla Ricker Reception

In January, we kicked off the legislative session with our First Annual Marilla Ricker Reception, a gathering at which we welcomed New Hampshire's women legislators back for the 2018 session.



Women Run!

In its first year, Women Run! is already changing the face of politics in New Hampshire. 21 Women Run! alumnae ran for office in this fall's elections and 20 won their primary.



Legislative Lunch

In April, we offered our grant partners the opportunity to engage with the New Hampshire Legislature when we hosted an overflow crowd of lawmakers for our first-ever legislative lunch. Grant partners set up displays around the room showcasing their work on behalf of women and girls.



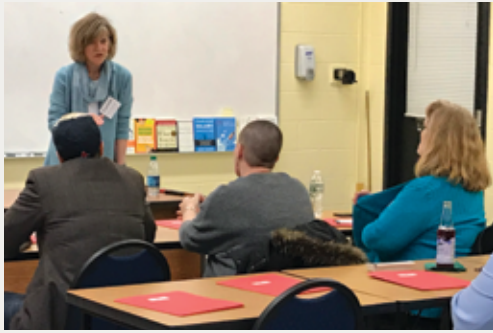
Community Grantmaking

In June, two dozen community members gathered to review the many applications received for support. The group awarded \$75,000 to 19 organizations across the state.



Salary Negotiating Skills for Women

In April, we hosted Salary Negotiating Skills for Women: "How do I ask for a raise?" presented by Connie Roy-Czyzowski, VP of Human Resources at Northeast Delta Dental.



GALA



Celebrating Trailblazing New Hampshire Women

In June, we held our inaugural GALA/A celebrating New Hampshire's trailblazing women. The audience of nearly 200 networked with new and old friends, heard stories of three trailblazers, and celebrated the inspiring work of the evening's AmplifiHER awardees Barb Zeckhausen and Molly Scheu.



#FamiliesBelongTogether

In June, we co-hosted the Families Belong Together Rally in support of children separated from parents at the southern border.



Girls Rock the Capitol

In February, the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains visited the office! Through the Girls Rock the Capitol program, these young women are studying up on the New Hampshire legislative process and advocacy.



Lakes Region Community Developers awarded Second Annual *Pathways to Prosperity* Grant

On Equal Pay Day, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation supporters donate funds to help close the Gender Wage Gap in the Granite State. We grant those funds to an organization which works to boost the economic success of women and girls in the Granite State. This year the *Pathways to Prosperity* grant was awarded to Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) for their Transitional Shelter Program for Homeless Families. LRCD has served low and moderate income community members for the past 25 years by developing high-quality, affordable rental housing throughout the Lakes Region. The Transitional Shelter program serves homeless families and those at risk of homelessness by providing support and connection to critical services related to education, employment, health care, parenting, child care and financial management. At least 75% of those served in this program are single mothers.

LRCD changes lives and women like Erin (pictured) gain valuable tools and skills. While engaged in the program, Erin worked to pursue a better job, enabling her to buy her own home to raise her kids.

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation is proud to support and showcase this important work. Congratulations Lakes Region Community Developers!

Many thanks to NH Mutual Bancorp for their generous support with this project.

Grantmaking in Action Announcing Our 2018 Community Grantees

Organization	Description
Blueberry Express Day Care Center	Expanding technology resources to streamline administrative functions
New American Africans	Connecting multi-lingual and bicultural students with African newcomers for support
Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention	Providing support to victims and education on preventing domestic violence in the Monadnock region
New Beginnings	Supporting women and children at risk of domestic violence in Belknap County
Center for Women & Enterprise	Providing financial capability and entrepreneurship training to low-income women in Manchester
Harbor Homes	Supporting the "Circles Greater Nashua" program, using volunteers to support low income families
Breakthrough Manchester	Providing academic summer programming for 1st generation middle school girls with limited opportunities
Claremont Learning Partnership	Supporting transitional housing for teen parents completing their high school education
Filmmakers Collaborative	Creating a curriculum guide for the "It's Criminal" documentary on incarcerated women in NH
Gorham Middle School	Establishing a girls' empowerment group at the Gorham Middle School called FearlesslyGirl
Girls at Work	Supporting a program evaluation designed to allow the program to be replicated throughout the state
Girls on the Run New Hampshire	Supporting a 10 week curriculum on health, education and empowerment for 2400 girls statewide
The Upper Room	Supporting the Preventive Counseling Services program for adolescent girls
SHARE Fund, Inc	Supporting the CHOICES Project, a multi-step strategy to build financial resilience for low-income families
Shelter from the Storm	Providing transitional housing and support services in Cheshire County
The Way Home	Supporting the pilot of the "Steps to Success" program for homeless and at-risk women
Child and Family Services	Supporting the CFS Human Trafficking Program
Hospice Help Foundation	Supporting impoverished women needing hospice services
Joan G. Lovering Health Center	Supporting reproductive health counseling services



Breakthrough Manchester



Girls at Work



Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention

Our Amazing Supporters...



HOLD FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS

Supporter Pippa Shulman used her 44th birthday to bring awareness to and raise money for the New Hampshire Women's Foundation.

Why? I turned 44 this year so I got the idea of 4 for 44 (4 causes in honor of my 44th birthday). I selected organizations that I felt passionately about, that I knew were good stewards of resources, and that were doing incredible work on the ground to advance equality and justice.

How? Facebook makes it very easy to set up a fundraiser and it only takes a little bit of work from you to make it successful. Adding personal stories, inviting people to give, and thanking people who give all help to keep it top of the feed for people. It's a low stakes way to try out fundraising for something you're excited about.

What surprised you? I was surprised at how fast I got to the goal! It was really easy to get people to give small amounts of money - and each little bit helps. Next time I need to set a bigger goal.



GIVE MONTHLY

Katie Wheeler, former State Representative

As the mother of two daughters and grandmother of four granddaughters, Katie Wheeler wants to ensure that all women and girls in the New Hampshire have the same opportunities available to men and boys. "Growing up in the 1950's, I didn't feel the same freedom to choose my own path away from the stereotypical jobs open to women."

Katie was first introduced to women's focused philanthropy by a Smith College classmate and soon after began supporting the Women's Fund, Women's Initiative, Women's Lobby and the Commission on the Status of Women. Today, Katie is a sustaining donor by making monthly gifts to the Women's Foundation. "When I care deeply about an organization such as NHWF, I like to make a monthly sustaining gift as it is easier for me to budget and to give more than I would be able to once a year."



MAKE DONATIONS IN HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL

The Concord High School Feminism Now club donated to the Women's Foundation in honor of each of their four graduating seniors.

SHARE OUR RESEARCH

UNH student Holly McWalter created a poster on the gender wage gap for her coursework in Professor Yusi Turell's class "Business, Government, and Society" at the UNH Paul College of Business and Economics. Thank you, Holly, for sharing information on the gender wage gap with your classmates. The more young men and women understand about the gender wage gap, the more they can help craft solutions.



HOST HOUSE PARTIES

Tom and Barbara Sedoric graciously opened their Seacoast home for a house party focusing on men's support for the New Hampshire Women's Foundation.

Sustaining donors like Katie provide a reliable source of revenue to the Women's Foundation which, in turn, strengthen our future planning and programming.

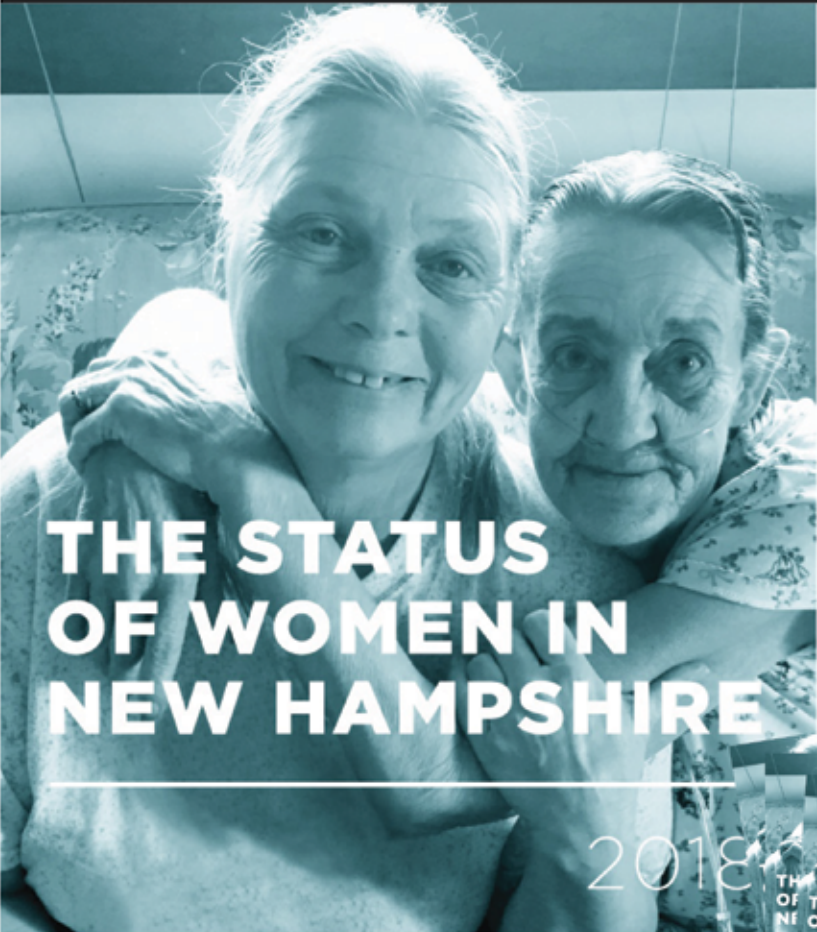
Thank you to all of our supporters for investing in women and girls in New Hampshire!

Are you interested in hosting a house party, becoming a sustaining donor, or using our research? Contact us at info@nhwomensfoundation.org.



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**THE STATUS
OF WOMEN IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

2018



just released!

“Information is power. This report provides critical information on women’s economic security, health, safety, and leadership in the Granite State. This data can change the paradigm that limits opportunity for women of New Hampshire.”

– Tanna Clews, CEO

Explore our inaugural *Status of Women in New Hampshire* report, the most comprehensive compilation of data on women in the Granite State.



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