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News & Updates from the New Hampshire Women's Foundation



ON OCTOBER 17 we gathered with hundreds of Women's Foundation friends, supporters and colleagues to celebrate 20 years of the Women Building Community (WBC) Luncheon.

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We will be bold.

As we close out the year, I am filled with gratitude for our community of donors, volunteers, friends and supporters. Your commitment to investing in women and girls makes the work of the Women's Foundation possible—from our grantmaking to our research to our Women Run! program. Thank you!

This year has been one of progress and growth for NHWF. We released our latest Status of Girls report, celebrated our 20th year of women building community at our annual luncheon, welcomed a new class of Women in the Statehouse, and made our **largest distribution of grants ever** this fall to organizations all over the Granite State.

As I look ahead to 2025 and beyond, I am encouraged and emboldened by the strength of our community and our collective power to build a future we can be proud of.

Make no mistake, the months and years ahead will be tough. In these trying times, the Women's Foundation will continue to be a **bold voice for Granite State women and girls**. This is not a moment to be quiet, to step back or to waver. Our strategic priorities of Voice, Money & Power have never felt more appropriate. **Today and every day, we will continue to invest, advocate, educate and empower.**

If you have not yet supported the Women's Foundation this year or you have the capacity to make an additional investment, please do so today! Let your support be a statement of your values and your belief that New Hampshire needs a strong women's foundation.

Now is our moment. And we are proud to have you by our side!

With immense pride and gratitude,

Tanna

Thank you, Hope & Dan!

This month, long time board members Dan Weeks and the Honorable Hope Damon will end their tenure on the board. Their combined 20+ years of leadership and commitment to the Women's Foundation will be missed by staff and board alike.



"We are incredibly grateful to Dan and Hope for the commitment, thoughtful perspectives and unwavering passion they have brought to the Women's Foundation's board," said NHWF Board Chair Allison Potter. "Though their tenure on the board is ending, we hope they remain involved in our work for years to come." Thank you Dan and Hope for your many years of service!

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Women Building Community Luncheon



Our 20th Annual Women Building Community (WBC) Luncheon on October 17th in Manchester was an incredible celebration. Our largest event of the year, WBC once again convened feminists and champions of gender equality from around the state to fellowship with hundreds of like-minded people. Our Grantee Showcase allowed attendees to learn more about our grantee organizations' work on their way into the Luncheon.

During the program, we heard from U.S. Senators, Senator Shaheen and Senator Hassan, both of whom emphasized the importance of ensuring access to reproductive healthcare and encouraging more women to run for office. Kathy Beebe accepted the She Change Award on behalf of HAVEN, marking an exciting moment for the organization's future, and we honored outgoing board members – the Honorable Hope Damon and Dan Weeks.

Our featured program included special guests Martha Cunningham, Mary Jo Brown, Mary Georges and Sarah Grenon, each of whom shared their personal stories of community and their relationship with the Foundation and the WBC Luncheon. Finally, our CEO Tanna Clews closed the afternoon with a call to action to continue to build community, to stand up for our collective values of equality and opportunity, and to remember to vote in November.

Thanks to the many who were a part of this event, including our sponsors Dartmouth Health, Eversource, Wild Valentine, McLane Middleton, Impax Asset Management, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, WIPFLI, Revision Energy, Northeast Delta Dental, Elliot Health Systems, NHPR, and NH Business Review.



Girls in the #603 Symposium

The morning symposium, Girls in the #603, focused on key findings from our latest *Status of Girls in New Hampshire* report through a data presentation and panel discussion. The panel was moderated by Director of Policy, Devan Quinn, and panelists were Kile Adumene, Executive Director, Manchester Community Action Coalition; Heidi Carrington Heath, Executive Director, Seacoast Out-right; Kaylee Richard, Program Director, Girls at Work; and Senator Becky Whitley, New Hampshire State Senator, District 15.



2024 She Change Award: HAVEN

We awarded the annual She Change Award to HAVEN. As the largest violence prevention and support services agency in NH, serving Rockingham and Strafford counties, HAVEN is dedicated to addressing public health and wellness through violence prevention and improving the well-being of children and families.

Founded in 1979 as A Safe Place and merging with Sexual Assault Support Services in 2015, HAVEN's mission is to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking and to support and empower all women, men, non-binary and transgender adults, youth, and families to heal from abuse and rebuild their lives.

Grantmaking in Action

Our Community Grantmaking program fuels positive change in our communities by supporting the most innovative and promising solutions to issues related to gender equality today. We know that when women and girls prosper, communities thrive. Here are our 2024 Community Grantees:

Organization	Description
Arts in Reach	Arts in Reach, in Rockingham and Strafford Counties, was funded to support their mission of providing youth development for teen girls and gender expansive youth through arts programming.
Belknap House	Belknap House, in Laconia, focuses on safe shelter and supportive services and was funded to support the Family Mentoring and Resilience Program for women-led families transitioning from shelter to independence.
Brigid's House of Hope	Brigid's House of Hope, serving people statewide, provides safe housing for victims of human trafficking and exploitation and was funded to support their mission of hope, healing, and empowerment.
BWINH, Inc	Black Womxn in NH, Inc, was funded to support their mission of empowering Black womxn (women, femmes, and nonbinary people) throughout New Hampshire through community, leadership, and education.
Centro Latino de New Hampshire	Centro Latino de New Hampshire, serving people statewide, was funded to support their mission of building a self-sufficient, health, and civically engaged NH Latino community through education, services, culture and arts programming.
Claremont Learning Partnership	Claremont Learning Partnership, in Sullivan County, focuses on increasing educational access, attainment and opportunity for all and was funded to support team building programming at Oasis Drop-In Teen Center.
Community Action Partnership of Strafford County	Community Action Partnership of Strafford County's mission is to reduce barriers to economic stability and well-being and was funded to support the Domestic Violence Housing Supports Program.
Connor's Climb Foundation	Connor's Climb Foundation, serving Rockingham, Grafton, and Hillsborough counties, provides suicide prevention training for youth, educators and the community and was funded to support their collaborative programming with groups serving female identifying participants.
Cornucopia Project	Cornucopia Project, serving Hillsborough County, is focused on healthy eating through garden, kitchen, and farm education and was funded to support the youth farmer program which employs high school students.
COVER Home Repair	COVER Home Repair, in Grafton and Sullivan counties, brings together homeowners and volunteers and was funded to support their efforts to normalize and celebrate women and gender-expansive persons on construction sites with all-woman projects.
Dismas Home of NH, Inc	Dismas Home of NH, Inc, serving people statewide, was funded for their mission of providing treatment and re-entry supports for justice-involved women with substance use disorder in NH.
Girls Inc of New Hampshire	Girls Inc of New Hampshire, serving girls statewide, was funded for their mission of providing research-based programming and supports for girls ages 5-18 who learn to value their whole selves and discover their inherent strengths.



Organization	Description
Girls on the Run New Hampshire	Girls on the Run New Hampshire, serving girls statewide, was funded for their mission of providing an experience-based curriculum that inspires and empowers girls through running and movement.
Harris Center for Conservation and Education	Harris Center for Conservation and Education, located in Hillsborough and Cheshire counties, was funded to support their “Lab Girls” STEM after school program for girls grades 5 through 12.
Hope on Haven Hill	Hope on Haven Hill, in Strafford County, was funded to support their mission of providing treatment and services for pregnant and parenting women in recovery and their children.
Linda’s Closet	Linda’s Closet, in Cheshire County, was funded to support their mission of providing free women’s clothing to individuals in need in the Monadnock region of New Hampshire.
New England Healing Sports Association	New England Healing Sports Association, in Merrimack County, was funded to support their mission of providing equitable access to outdoor recreation experiences for those living with disabilities.
Overcomers Refugee Services	Overcomers Refugee Services, serving Merrimack County, was funded to support their mission of providing client services to refugees who have resettled in New Hampshire.
Seacoast Outright	Seacoast Outright, was funded for their mission of serving, supporting and advocating for LGBTQ+ youth on the seacoast and expanding their programming throughout the state.
The Front Door Agency, Inc.	The Front Door Agency, Inc., serving Hillsborough County, works with individuals and families toward stability and self-sufficiency and was funded to support their “Money Matters” financial coaching program for women.
TLC Family Resource Center	TLC Family Resource Center, serving Sullivan and Grafton counties, is focused on healthy development of children, youth, and families and was funded to support the expansion of their “New Moms” postpartum support group.
Turning Points Network	Turning Points Network, in Sullivan County, was funded for their mission of supporting victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and stalking through empowerment and advocacy.
United Way of Greater Nashua, Inc	United Way of Greater Nashua, Inc, works to make measurable improvements in lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities and was funded for Rosie’s Pantry which provides feminine hygiene products for female residents of Nashua.

2024 Women and Girls of Color Fund Grantees: The Women and Girls of Color Fund aims to reverse the historic and persistent underinvestment in women and girls of color. The Fund provides low-barrier, faster turnaround grants to projects led by and serving women and girls of color in New Hampshire. We’re pleased to announce our 2024 grantees:



- American Friends Service Committee, working statewide to challenge unjust systems and promote lasting peace, was funded for the Healing Justice Reentry Program supporting women returning to their communities from incarceration in New Hampshire’s prison and jails.
- Positive Street Art, working to inspire passion for urban arts and building stronger communities, was funded for the “Future Women’s Group” at Manchester West High School, focused on emotional well-being and empowerment for young women of color through mentorships and civic engagement projects.
- Sista Creatives Rising, working to help BIPOC, queer, and/or disabled creatives gain access and visibility in the arts for personal healing, was funded to support “Art & Mind”, a virtual event to uplift others and advocate for change throughout NH and beyond.

Around the State



In November, CEO Tanna Clews shared her background and work at McLane Middleton's *What's Her Story*.



December 4th was Organization Day, the first official day of the NH Legislature. We were proud to host our bi-annual Women of the Statehouse Breakfast and welcome new and returning women legislators before they were officially sworn into office.



Over several weeks in December, NHWF staff gathered with donors at house parties across the state.



This fall, CEO Tanna Clews had the pleasure of visiting with Women's Foundation founders and supporters Mary Rau and Barb Zeckhausen.



We hosted the final 2024 Nonprofit Roundtable: "Advocacy 101" on November 21 with guest expert Jennifer Frizzell.

Ways to Support the Women's Foundation



HOST A FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

NHWF Board member Tara Chynoweth hosted a Facebook fundraiser for the Women's Foundation for her birthday this year. She posted: "I've chosen this nonprofit because their mission means a lot to me, and I hope you'll consider contributing as a way to celebrate with me." Her fundraiser had a goal of \$250 and she exceeded that goal, raising \$375 for the Women's Foundation! Thank you, Tara!



CREATE A FUNDRAISER

Wine on Main wanted to give back to their community and created a great t-shirt fundraiser to do just that. They are selling their custom *Change the World* t-shirts at their shop on Main Street in Concord and 100% of profits go to the Equality Health Center or the New Hampshire Women's Foundation. The shop's owner said "I wanted to do something to help benefit organizations invested in the future of women." Thanks Wine in Main!



DONATE MONTHLY

Lindsey Williams showed up to our inaugural *Women Run!* training in 2017 not sure if she would run for office, but open to the possibility. The day before, so as to not miss the deadline to file, Lindsey had filed for Dover City Council, but remained uncertain of her decision.

At the *Women Run!* training that day, Lindsey and her fellow participants heard the message, "run as you are," and by the end of the training, she knew she was going to campaign for a City Council seat.

Today, Lindsey is a monthly donor, giving \$25/month to the Women's Foundation, to help keep programs like *Women Run!* going for others. Lindsey just won her third term on City Council, and she told us, "I still regularly rely on my key takeaway from that first training session: 'run as you are.' I even added my own second part: 'run as you are, serve as you are.'"

Thank you Lindsey!

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**WBC LUNCHEON
11.14.25**



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We are grateful for the support of businesses across the Granite State, like Wild Valentine of Portsmouth, who has been our floral sponsor for the two years. Wild Valentine provides all the flowers for our two major annual events.

One of the most exciting moments at each event is the giveaway of the gorgeous centerpieces — people are so excited to win these flowers!

Scan QR code or visit nhwomensfoundation.org/donate-now to make a one-time gift or become a monthly donor. For business sponsorships, in-kind gifts, stock gifts or bequeathments, contact Tanna Clews at tanna@nhwomensfoundation.org or call (603) 226-3355





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