

FORWARD

News & Updates from the New Hampshire Women's Foundation



Over 500 people gathered on October 23 for the annual **Women Building Community Luncheon** with speaker Tiffany Dufu. Before lunch, nearly 200 attended the inaugural **Women in the #603 Symposium** to learn about our newly-released *The Status of Women in New Hampshire* report and issues facing women and girls in New Hampshire.



Status of Women
Our inaugural report is available now, with an executive summary inside this issue. Read how women in NH are doing.



Women Run!
Celebrating the first anniversary of NH's only bipartisan program to empower women with the training and tools to run for public office.



SHE Change
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INVEST IN WOMEN AND GIRLS

This fall has been an extraordinary time for women in New Hampshire and across the nation. For the first time in history, at least 100 members of the United States House of Representatives will be women. At home in the Granite State, voters elected 10 women to the New Hampshire Senate, 135 women to the New Hampshire House, and one woman to the Executive Council. And 20 of our Women Run! alumnae ran in the general election and 10 of them won their races for New Hampshire House of Representatives!

Our work, however, goes well beyond empowering women to run for office. This year we expanded our advocacy, grantmaking and research programs. We awarded grants to 21 organizations from across the state and we released our inaugural *Status of Women in New Hampshire* report, an excerpt of which is included in this newsletter. We believe data on women and girls should drive policies and legislation that impact women and girls. To that end, thanks to a generous donor, we distributed 434 *Status* reports to every newly elected legislator, members of the executive council, the Governor, and our congressional delegation.

No organization is more invested in Granite State women and girls than the New Hampshire Women's Foundation. We are a bold, unwavering voice for issues that are imperative to the health, safety and prosperity of women and girls. **Thanks to your generous financial support, our investments in advocacy, research, grantmaking and Women Run! are transforming the lives of women and girls in the Granite State.**

As the year comes to a close, I hope you will continue to invest in women and girls in the Granite State by supporting the New Hampshire Women's Foundation. Because without you, our work would not be possible.

Happy holidays to you and yours and as always, thank you for your support.

With you in action and spirit,

Tanna
Tanna
CEO

Around the State



FearlesslyGIRL
Our CEO, Tanna Clews, was in Gorham recently with their newly formed FearlesslyGIRL club – part of an internationally recognized anti-bullying organization.



House Parties

More than 200 people attended house parties in Portsmouth and Lebanon in November to celebrate the release of *The Status of Women in New Hampshire* and learn more about the Women's Foundation.



NEWPI Conference

The Women's Foundation sent a group of young women leaders to the New England Women's Policy Initiative Conference on November 16.

Women Run! Celebrates One Year

It has only been one year since the New Hampshire Women's Foundation launched Women Run!, the Granite State's only nonpartisan program empowering and training women to run for office at the state and local level. **In its inaugural year, Women Run! trained more than 100 women and 27 of them ran for office.** The Women Run! provides women the skills and confidence needed to step up and make a difference in their own communities through service in state or local office.

We believe more diversity, including gender diversity, leads to better decision-making. **And, having more women in office – regardless of party or ideology – leads to better policy outcomes for women and girls.** That's why we are investing in the women that will one day lead public investment in women and girls.

In November, women won big across the country and here in New Hampshire: **100 members of the United States House of Representatives will be women, 10 women were elected to the NH Senate, 135 women will be seated in the NH House, and one woman was elected to the Executive Council.** The Women's Foundation is proud to be part of the movement helping propel more women onto the ballot and into elected office. We will continue to expand this program in 2019, with an emphasis on helping women consider local government opportunities and in preparation for statewide elections in 2020.



SECOND ANNUAL SHE CHANGE AWARD



The 2018 SHE Change was awarded to The Manchester Family Justice Center. SHE Change, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation's highest honor, recognizes innovation, collaboration and strengthening opportunity for New Hampshire women and girls. The Justice Center was honored for its work to support survivors of intimate partner violence through community partnerships and coordinated services offered at the Justice Center's Manchester location. They received the award and a \$10,000 grant at our annual Women Building Community Luncheon on October 23rd.

More than one-third of women in New Hampshire will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. Nearly a quarter will be seriously impacted by the violence, such as needing medical treatment or missing work. We are proud to support and elevate the work of the Manchester Family Justice Center. Their innovative approach is an excellent example of how many partners working together can respond to an epidemic that impacts the entire community.

GENDER MATTERS RESEARCH

We believe when you know the facts, you can act! Our quarterly research publication, *Gender Matters*, highlights data on women and girls in New Hampshire as it relates to current events, advocacy and program areas. In 2018, our *Gender Matters* included: Birth Control Access, Women Candidates in Primary Elections (2016 & 2018), Elementary and Secondary Education, and Women Candidates in the General Election. All current past issues of *Gender Matters* are available on our website: nhwomensfoundation.org



POWERED BY YOUTH - OUR 2018 INTERNS

We couldn't accomplish all we do without the talent and energy of our amazing interns. A big thank you to our 2018 interns: Amanda Noel, Luke Testa, Sloane White, Chelsie Rommel and Kirsten Allen!



2019 EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE: MAY 10: GALJA | OCTOBER 24: WOMEN BUILDING COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



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