

How are the CHILDREN?

A newsletter of the
New Hampshire
Children's Trust Fund,
reporting on our efforts
in "keeping children safe
and families strong"
in New Hampshire.

SUMMER 2000

The name of our newsletter, *How Are the Children?*, is a reference to an African tradition, where a visitor to a new village inquires about the status of the children. The NHCTF promotes the idea that the well-being of children is the standard by which every community should be measured.

From the Chair:



I am pleased to present to you the fifth edition of *How are the Children?*

2000 Grant Awards. In this edition of our newsletter, we are sharing with you our grant awards for FY 2000 (see page 2). We are fortunate to be able to support so many worthwhile programs.

Growth and Change. The growth experienced by the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund (NHCTF) reminds me of the growth so many families experience.

Like many parents, I have watched my own two boys move from childhood into young adulthood. They have grown in their understanding of themselves and their relationship to the world. And through it all, they have maintained a strong commitment to our family's values.

I am proud to say that the NHCTF, at fourteen years old, is also maturing successfully. The organization has grown in its understanding of the role it plays in the state. It has skillfully adapted to changing political and social environments, and most importantly, we have maintained our commitment to helping New Hampshire families grow stronger and keeping children safe from abuse and neglect.

Our "Maturing" Identity. One visible sign of our maturing identity is our new logo, utilized here for the first time.

Our internal growth is more difficult to describe. Organizationally, we are asking more complex questions, both of ourselves and to others. We are looking at innovative ways for nonprofit organizations to sustain themselves during a time of shifting funding priorities. We are also continually exploring more effective ways of measuring the social and economic impact of the programs we support.

We are working more closely and cooperatively than ever before with businesses, child advocacy organizations, policy makers, and school administrators across the state. These partnerships are being forged largely through the efforts of Network New Hampshire (see page 5).

Mark your calendar! We also recognize the importance of taking time for celebration! On September 21, 2000, we hope you will join us to learn more about our accomplishments. We plan to bring together our founding board members on this special evening, and will also announce the recipient of the Smith Award for Excellence in Service to Families. Our featured speaker, Dr. Edward Zigler, Director of the Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University, will present his model for supporting families, which is known nationally as the *School of the 21st Century*.

It will be an exciting and interesting evening, and I hope you'll plan to join us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Fowlkes Breed".

Lucy Fowlkes Breed
Chair, New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund

2000 GRANTS

From the Executive Director

As I've been preparing for this year's reunion of founders and friends on September 21, I have been looking through our records from the "old days." It's been interesting to see the steady growth in our grantmaking capabilities over the years.

Just twelve years ago the NHCTF awarded five \$5,000 grants. There were few guidelines for the application process in 1988, and the awareness of NHCTF as a statewide voice for child and family services – and as a grantmaking organization – was also marginal. This year, we received \$344,000 in requests from 50 community organizations – each of which completed a competitive application process.

While our grantmaking capacity has certainly grown, the need and demand for funding has grown even more dramatically. There is a critical need to continually increase our grantmaking capacity to support the many creative and effective responses to the needs of children and families in communities throughout New Hampshire.

If your organization did not receive funding this year, it was most likely because the demand far exceeded the availability of funds. As the Board of Trustees and I continue to look for ways to increase the amount of funding we secure for grantmaking, I encourage you to continue to provide high quality, innovative programs for your communities, and apply again in 2001.

Following is the list of those organizations awarded grants from the NHCTF during the June 2000 grantmaking session. We sincerely appreciate the community support from our growing list of donors who help make this work possible.



Lisa A. Brennan
Executive Director



PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Adult Learning Center

Nashua \$3,000
To expand the parent-child play group.

Children's Place

Concord \$7,000
To conduct two 10-week parent education series.

Concord Heights Neighborhood Family Center

Concord \$5,500
To coordinate parent support groups for single, first time, and teen parents. The grant also supports counseling, home visits, and monthly "family night" events.

Families and Communities Together

Greenfield \$7,000
To continue administrative support for a community coalition working to develop services for families.

Families First of the Greater Seacoast

Portsmouth \$5,500
To expand the fathers education and support group.

Hannah House

Lebanon \$4,000
To support pregnant and parenting youth through educational activities.

Healthy Universal Beginnings Family Support Center

Dover \$7,500
To provide a curriculum-based class for parents going through divorce, custody disputes, or other high-stress times.

Londonderry Family Network

Londonderry \$6,000
To provide home visits for parents and their newborns, parenting classes, play groups, support groups, and youth activities.

Nashua Youth Council

Nashua \$5,000
To provide support and education for parents in English and Spanish.

RESPONSE to Sexual and Domestic Violence

Berlin \$5,000
To conduct parent education programs focused on reducing violence in the home.

Riverbend Parent/Child Centers

Concord \$6,171
To continue weekly parenting groups in five Greater Concord communities.

Rochester Parent/Child Center

Rochester \$7,500
To support parent-child play groups, a clothing assistance program, and education for young families.

Success by Six - Salem School District

Salem \$7,000
To expand support groups for grandparents raising young children, families with children with learning disabilities, and teen parents.

Upper Room

Derry \$6,000
To expand support and education activities for teen parents.

Visiting Nurses Association of Vermont and New Hampshire

Lebanon \$3,000
For support of an initiative to increase active, positive involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

YWCA of Manchester

Manchester \$3,500
To expand the parent education series to include teen health, sexuality, and pregnancy prevention.

HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

Celebrate Families

Conway \$6,000
To expand support for young families through home visits and play groups.

Community Health and Hospice

Laconia \$5,000
To provide in-home supportive visits for parents with newborns, and child screenings to detect developmental delays for children up to age three.

Family Resource Center of Gorham

Gorham \$6,000
To start up a Good Beginnings home visiting and family support program in the Berlin/Gorham area.

Good Beginnings of Southern Carroll County

Wolfeboro \$6,000
To provide in-home services for mothers with newborns up to three months by a maternal/child health nurse. The program also provides supportive home visits by trained volunteers for young families up to three years.

Good Beginnings of Sullivan County

Claremont \$7,500
For a home visiting program where parents receive information on community resources, child rearing and development, assistance with household chores, respite child care, and encouragement.

Good Beginnings of Upper Valley

Lebanon \$6,000
To support families during challenging life transitions.

Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center

Antrim \$5,000
To expand parent education and support groups and children's activities.

Whole Village Family Resource Center

Plymouth \$5,000
To support families with newborns and assist them in accessing services that will help raise safe, healthy children.

LIFE SKILLS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Appalachian Mountain Teen Project

Wolfeboro \$5,000
The help over-stressed families develop healthy relationships and strong communication skills through canoeing, mountain climbing and camping adventures.

Sexual Assault Support Services

Portsmouth \$6,000
To teach pre-school through grade six students to identify and respond to signs of sexual abuse.

Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Plymouth \$5,000
To assist children who have lived with domestic violence learn new ways of dealing with conflict.

Northern Tri-State Community Services of Upper Valley Hospital

Colebrook \$7,000
To reduce teen pregnancy in Coos County.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Concord Hospital

Concord \$2,000
To produce an episode of "Today's Parent" dedicated to preventing and identifying child abuse and neglect.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

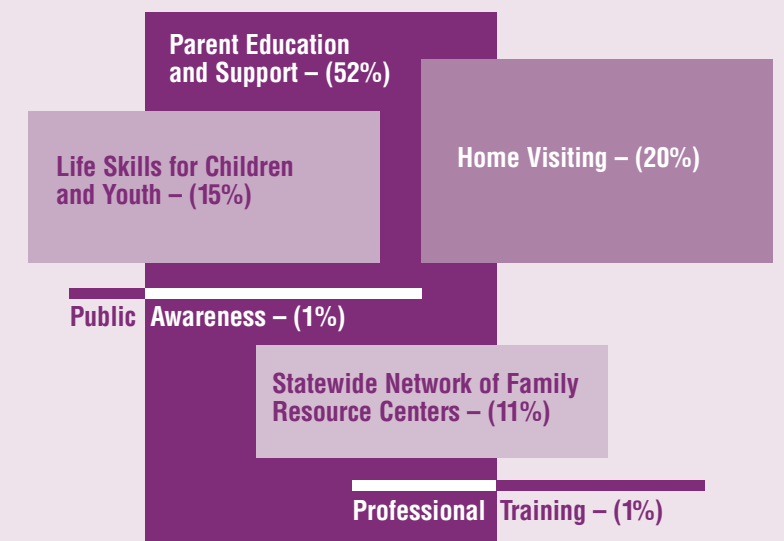
Lebanon \$1,250
To co-sponsor a statewide *Child Abuse Prevention and Detection Conference* for medical, social service, and juvenile justice practitioners.

STATEWIDE NETWORK

Network New Hampshire Statewide

\$20,000
To advance the family support movement in New Hampshire through education, training, advocacy and peer support activities.

2000 Grant Distribution – PROGRAM AREAS



1999 Contributors

We wish to thank the following individuals and businesses that contributed to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund in 1999.

If you, or your business, religious organization or

civic group would like to learn more about how you can help our work to strengthen families and keep children safe, please contact Lisa Brennan at (603) 224-1279.

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in memory of David Eckels

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in memory of Morgan

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in memory of Carol Rines
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River Road Pediatrics



Lisa Brennan, NHCTF Executive Director, in Serowe, Botswana with a young friend.

“For three weeks this Spring

I lived in Serowe, Botswana, helping local families build homes through the international Habitat for Humanity program.

“What continually strikes me, both in Botswana and in Guatemala (where I worked in a similar program last year), is how people in other cultures care for their children.

“In the absence of government-subsidized child care programs and other government funded family supports, most adults take personal responsibility for *all* the children in their community. In the wake of the crisis in child care we are experiencing in the United States, I feel there are important things to learn from cultures that integrate caring for *all* children as a fundamental part of community life.”

— Lisa Brennan

Networks — “Do-nothing” groups, or good business?

Donna Raycraft - President, Network New Hampshire

We hear a lot about networking these days. Those of us who work with children and families have come to learn that networking with other like-minded individuals and organizations is the most effective way of doing business and reaching our goals.

Some organizations with common missions form networks primarily to leverage funding. Others form them in order to share program ideas and support each other professionally. But beyond the opportunity to get out of the office and get together with colleagues periodically, what do networks



really accomplish? In my role as the Director of Riverbend's Parent/Child Centers, I also chair the statewide network of family resource and support programs called Network New Hampshire (NNH).

From isolation to networking

Out of sheer isolation, three other directors of family support agencies and I began meeting some years ago. We discovered through our meetings that we could save enormous amounts of time and energy in developing new programs by sharing what was being offered at each other's centers. For my agency, forming Network New Hampshire was just a more efficient way of doing business.

Network New Hampshire today, with the help of The New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund, has grown into a coalition of leaders from thirty-five agencies that work to support families. Members meet monthly to report on the status of their programs, to share ideas about new initiatives, to find solutions to organizational challenges, and to explore new funding opportunities. They report on and respond to the political and social factors that influence – either positively or negatively – the advancement of the family support movement in their communities and across the state.

A variety of members

It is likely that a member of Network New Hampshire is working in your community on issues important to you. They may be working to improve the accessibility of child care, offering low-cost summer activities for families, helping businesses create policies that support families rather than create additional stress in their lives. They may be offering a program that will help a teen mom graduate from high school or join the work force, or teaching new parents how to keep their children safe from household danger, and how to take advantage of the crucial learning period early in their children's lives.

Want to get involved?

If you would like to become involved in the work of Network New Hampshire, contact a family resource center near you. If there is not a family resource center in your area, contact the NHCTF office at 224-1279 for information on how to explore the possibility of starting one in your community.

Below are the family resource centers and family support programs that are part of Network New Hampshire.

Alliance Family Resource Center
136 Charlestown Road
Claremont, NH 03743
543-0427
Regina DeBoer, Director

Celebrate Families
25 West Main Street
Conway, NH 03818
447-2054
Karen Erickson, Director

The Children's Place
27 Burns Ave.
Concord, NH 03301
224-9920
Diane Hastings, Director

**Concord Heights
Neighborhood Family Center**
The Dame School
14 Canterbury Road
Concord, NH 03301
225-0830
Barbara Hemingway, Director

**Families First of the
Greater Seacoast**
100 Campus Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801
422-8218
Wanda McDonough, Director

Families Matter
P.O. Box 892
Center Ossipee, NH 03814
539-8223
Linn Anderson, Director

**Family Connections
@The Adult Learning Center**
4 Lake Street
Nashua, NH 03060
882-9080
Rena Gilmore, Program
Coordinator

**Family Resource
Center of Gorham**
123 Main Street
Gorham, NH 03581
466-9020

Familystrength
800-544-1119
For information about services
throughout NH

First Family/Growing Family
780 North Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246
524-8444
Margaret Franckhauser, Director

**Good Beginnings of
Southern Carroll County**
P.O. Box 1620
Wolfeboro, NH 03894
569-2729
Bette Coffey, Director

**Good Beginnings of
Sullivan County**
243 Elm Street
Claremont, NH 03743
542-1818
Ellie Tssetsi, Director

**Good Beginning of the
Upper Valley**
2034 Route 14
White River Junction, VT 05001
448-6826
Pat Martin, Director

The Grapevine
43 Main Street
Antrim, NH 03440
588-2620
Kristen Vance, Director

Hannah House
P.O. Box 591
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-5339
Randy Walker, Director

**Healthy Universal Beginnings
Family Support Center**
61 Rutland Street
Dover, NH 03820
749-9754
Mary Ellen Sheffield, Director

Londonderry Family Network
36 South Road
Londonderry, NH 03053
434-2298
Sherry Vaughn, Director

Nashua Youth Council
112 West Pearl Street
Nashua, NH 03060
889-1090
Betsy Abrahams, Director

Parent-Child Connection
50 Slip Road
Greenfield, NH 03047
547-6681
Susan Knight, Director

**RESPONSE to Sexual and
Domestic Violence**
54 Willow Street
Berlin, NH 03570
752-5679
Donna Cummings, Program
Coordinator

Riverbend Parent Child Centers
(with locations in Concord,
Penacook, Pittsfield, Franklin, and
Hillsboro)
Bicentennial Square
Concord, NH 03302
228-1551 x3215
Donna Raycraft, Director

Rochester Parent Child Center
P.O. Box 634
Rochester, NH 03866
335-0207
Carol Heald, Director

Salem Family Resources
Fisk School
14 Main Street
Salem, NH 03079
898-5493
Cindy Jury, Program Director

The Upper Room
36 Tsienneto Road
Derry, NH 03038
437-8477
Anna Willis, Director

**Upper Valley
Fatherhood Network**
325 Mount Support Road
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-1597
Joseph Mender, Program
Coordinator

**Whole Village Family
Resource Center**
258 Highland Ave
Plymouth, NH 03265
536-3720
Betty Jo Taffe, Board Chair



NEW HAMPSHIRE *Children's Trust Fund*

The New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund (NHCTF) was created in 1986 by legislative statute RSA 169-C:39 to build a permanent endowment to support programs in New Hampshire that prevent child abuse and neglect.

In 1988, the State of New Hampshire allocated \$500,000 in public funds to match the same amount of privately raised dollars. The income generated from this growing endowment is dispersed annually to organizations that work to strengthen and support families. Since its inception, the NHCTF has awarded \$1,175,878 to community-based organizations statewide.

In addition to grantmaking, the NHCTF works to raise awareness about the causes of child abuse and the means by which it can be prevented through public awareness campaigns and informational forums. Finally, the NHCTF works to advance the family support movement and insure the highest quality of services to families through a statewide leadership coalition called *Network New Hampshire*.

How to get involved. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund or want to explore your charitable giving options, please call Lisa Brennan, Executive Director, at (603) 224-1279.

For information about applying for a grant. Contact Carol McCarthy, Administrative Assistant, at (603) 224-1279.

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REMEMBER THESE DATES

August 15, 2000, Concord, NH

Network New Hampshire meeting, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
These meetings are open to anyone interested in the family support movement. Granite Bank Conference Room, Loudon Road, Concord. Contact the NHCTF office for more information (603) 224-1279.

September 21, 2000, Concord, NH

NHCTF Annual Meeting and Reunion of Founders and Friends, 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Presentation of the *Smith Award for Excellence in Service to Families*. Watch your mail for details in August, or contact the NHCTF office for more information. (603) 224-1279.

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