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Outstanding Neighbor Award

Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA

It may be one of the largest law firms in New Hampshire, with clients throughout the region and country, but Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA has not lost sight of its deep connection to the local community. In fact, founding partner William Green's belief in the importance of giving back still resonates in the beautiful offices high in the tower in downtown Manchester, and in the hearts and actions of the firm's attorneys and staff who keep that belief alive today.

NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's partnership with Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green began in 1997 when Ken Viscarello and Peter Beach began work on our third tax-credit project at the suggestion of Robert Dastin.

What began as one business deal with two attorneys has blossomed into an association that involves so much more than real estate transactions and legal advice. Indeed, Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green has navigated the legal complexities of twelve more low income housing tax credit developments in NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's portfolio since that time, utilizing their skill and expertise to bring quality, safe affordable housing where it is needed in Manchester and surrounding communities.

Throughout the years, the firm's actions and involvement have demonstrated their belief in NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's wholistic vision of community development. Both Sue Manchester and Ken Viscarello are strong advocates for the work this organization does. Sue states, "We embrace NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire's approach to housing. They do much more than provide a physical home for a family. They look at the whole picture, providing quality housing that not only improve the lives of families but also connects residents in a meaningful way." "The whole neighborhood is improved and the entire community benefits," continues Ken.

When NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire lacked meeting space while we were in transition to our new facility on Elm Street, the firm provided conference room space whenever needed. Several of the firm's attorneys – Kimon Zachos, Bob Dastin, Ken Viscarello, Sue Manchester, Brad Cook, Colleen Lyons, and Margaret Probish were leaders in personal gifts to the Twentieth Anniversary Capital Campaign, which was championed by other senior leaders of the firm, including Alan Reische, and resulted in a generous gift from the William S. Green Memorial Fund. Bob, Ken, and Sue provided assistance in campaign solicitations when needed.

In addition to the in-kind and discount support the firm provides on a continuing basis, many attorneys and staff, such as Sophia Annas who is a real estate paralegal, contribute personal financial resources on an annual basis. And when the Straw Mansion project was threatened in a significant way by its general contractor during construction, Peter Cowan went above and beyond to ensure that the project succeeded.

Just as significant as the professional and financial partnership between the two entities, Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green has provided volunteer leadership over the years. Margaret Probish was a member of the Board of Directors for seven years, serving as Chair in her final year. Colleen Lyons joined the Board when Margaret's term was completed. Bob Dastin's long tenure as Trustee continues today, and Ken Viscarello is a member of the Resource Development Committee. And Jason Gregoire, Grant Gendron, and Brian Bouchard commit personal time on Saturdays to present at our Landlord Workshops, providing expertise on eviction law and tenant's rights.

Carol Willoughby, immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors and an attorney, affirms the dedication Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green brings to NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire. "Law firms do not often become so engaged in a particular community organization, nor are they required to. Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green is a stellar example of community involvement and community investment."



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the business law firm

Opposite from left: Colleen Lyons, Susan Manchester, Margaret Probish, Kenneth Viscarello

Above from left: Robert Dastin (inset), Margaret Probish, Brad Cook, Jason Gregoire, Alan Reische, Grant Gendron, Susan Manchester, Brian Bouchard, Sophia Annas, Kenneth Viscarello, Colleen Lyons

Right: Grant Gendron, Brian Bouchard, Jason Gregoire

