We envision strong, just and resilient communities where:

- All residents have access to quality health care, food, housing and other critical needs.
- Residents give back to their communities and participate meaningfully in civic life.
- Students of all ages improve their lives through appropriate education and job training opportunities.
- Economic opportunity is available to all.
- Significant environmental assets are permanently protected and available for long-term public benefit.
- Arts and culture organizations preserve heritage, celebrate self-expression and foster appreciation of diversity.
A mayor inspired to action by the loss of a loved one. A boy discovering that the woods outside his home are way cooler than the TV inside. Citizens honoring the men and women who built their community in shockingly bad circumstances. A mother and daughter finding their voice. A father finding his purpose. Food grown close to home.

Each story is unique, as are the thousands of others that your Foundation helped to bring to life in 2012. And yet, they are united by common bonds — the passion of donors, the skill of our staff and volunteers, the innovation of nonprofit partners. Most of all they are united by our vision of what New Hampshire can be: strong, just, resilient.

By the numbers, too, 2012 was a good year. Investment performance was strong. More than a thousand friends donated nearly $32 million. Total charitable assets soared through the half-billion dollar mark. The details are here, behind the stories of hope and transformed lives.

Much is expected of the independent nonprofit sector, and that means much is expected of this Foundation. Thank you for helping deliver for today, tomorrow and generations to come.

Peter Bergh
Chair, Board of Directors

Richard Ober
President & CEO

Six stories of hope unfold in these pages.

Our mission
We seek to strengthen communities and inspire greater giving by:
- Investing charitable assets for today and tomorrow
- Connecting donors to effective organizations, ideas and people
- Leading and collaborating on important public issues
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“If nothing else,” said Merrifield, “I thought we could put the office of mayor to work to prevent the same circumstances for someone else.” So he created the Franklin Mayor’s Drug Task Force.

But what would be effective — and how would the work be funded? The task force turned to the Capital Region Community Prevention Coalition for help.

New Hampshire has 13 regional prevention networks, which the Foundation helps to fund as part of a 10-year, $12 million investment in substance abuse prevention in the state.

The coalition provided guidance, helped with community-wide strategic planning, identified key community risk factors and took a lead role in writing a proposal that earned a $625,000 federal grant.

Now Franklin has installed a permanent prescription drug take-back receptacle for medications that could end up being abused, collecting more than 500 pounds so far. Young people have been engaged through the Franklin Youth Initiative. Community members have testified before the New Hampshire Legislature. The police chief has been on local radio, raising awareness during prom and graduation seasons.

Merrifield would love to see his city have “no problem whatsoever” with substance abuse, but he knows that may be wishful thinking.

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A 10-year, $12 million investment in substance use prevention is made possible by the Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund.
when it came to town or school issues. Then they were introduced to Pittsfield Listens, a program that engages community members from diverse backgrounds and different opinions in productive conversations to solve critical problems.

Pittsfield Listens is one of eight such independent groups around the state supported by New Hampshire Listens. The Foundation has funded New Hampshire Listens since that group’s inception in 2011.

“I didn’t feel before like I had a say in the town,” says Jen. “I feel differently now.”

Jen and Julia trained as facilitators for the series of community conversations, and Julia, then a high school senior, took a lead role presenting community findings to the president of Nellie Mae.

In Pittsfield, the group focused on school improvement. The school district wanted to engage the community in that process, and also include community input in a grant application to the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. The Pittsfield Youth Workshop signed on and got Pittsfield Listens up and running.

The district got a $2 million grant. Parent attendance at teacher conferences has skyrocketed, students have new resources and test scores have improved. Pittsfield Listens has hosted candidates’ nights, and continues to work on other issues in the community.

And Julia said she knows now that her opinions matter.

“I feel more important because I was involved in such a big thing,” Julia said. “People feel like we care about their input, and I think they will step up and talk more.”

Support to New Hampshire Listens is made possible by $84,300 in grants from the Foundation.
Or, as he put it in a recent college English essay, his life has not been “a box of peaches.” That’s right: a college English essay. Pointer, 37, is going to Nashua Community College full-time with help from a $3,500 scholarship he received from the Foundation. He is studying computer networking there, and also studying to get his journeyman’s electrician’s license.

He did not do well in high school. Dropped out, went to California and ended up working in fast-food restaurants. He had a drinking problem, spent nights in homeless shelters and ate in soup kitchens. He worked for a moving company, an auctioneer, an electrical contractor — long hours of hard labor for dispiritingly low wages.

Finally came the epiphany: To succeed anywhere, you have to go to school. Meanwhile, Pointer has another motivator: His 11-year-old daughter, Nyah.

“I want her to see me going to school, being successful,” he said.

As he wrote in his application essay: “I’m a single dad. I’ve returned to school in hopes of higher education and a better-paying job. I want to be the best example to my daughter, so I started with school in hopes that she’ll follow in my footsteps.”

Pointer imagines combining the computer skills with the electrical skills he is learning, so he can work on “smart houses” with computerized electronics. His goals are simple: “I want what normal people have. I want the white picket fence with the kids in the yard.”

James Pointer has had his share of difficulties. Pointer’s $3,500 scholarship is made possible by the Paul & Ann Harvey Scholarship Fund, Oleonda Jameson Trust Fund and the Judith & Michael Salter Medallion Fund.
in a new greenhouse. Heirloom-breed pigs forage in the fields and dairy cows graze. There is camembert setting in the creamery, buttermilk and sausage and eggs and yogurt in the farm stand, and dozens of loaves of sourdough ready for the wood-fired oven.

It took a lot to get here. For starters, Luke and Catarina Mahoney had to move their operation from Rollinsford when the lease ended. A loan from the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund’s Farm Food Initiative helped purchase the 600-acre farm in Canterbury.

But the Farm Food Initiative is not just about money. Funded in part by a grant from the Foundation, it gives food producers the business education and support to succeed in the long term.

“A lot of farmers get into it for idealistic purposes. Now, we have the tools to make it thrive.”

Luke Mahoney

At Brookford Farm in Canterbury, kale, lettuce and beets flourish

The New Hampshire Community Loan Fund’s Farm Food Initiative is funded in part by $305,000 in grants from Foundation donors.

“The capital is critical,” said John Hamilton, Community Loan Fund vice president. “But it’s the ongoing support that is the real value-add.”

While the demand for locally produced food is increasing, New Hampshire still has the lowest rate of farm profitability in New England. This initiative hopes to help farmers move that number.

The Community Loan Fund helped create a board of advisors for the farm and find new markets for products. An in-depth profitability analysis helped the Mahoneys better understand where their profits are so they could shift production there.

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A group of fifth-graders has gathered near a footbridge in Crawford Notch above a fast-moving tributary of Ammonoosuc Lake. They record the time, signs of animals and inspect for pollution. Then the nets come out, and 10-year-old scientists charge up and down the streambank, in the laboratory of the woods.

These students from the Milan Village School have been studying watersheds in school. Now they are staying for three days at the Appalachian Mountain Club’s Highland Center, continuing that study, thanks to a three-year, $300,000 grant from the Foundation’s Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund, which supports programs for youth in the region.

Fifth-grader Paul Salek likes the program. “You can do a lot more outside instead of just watching TV all day,” he said. “You can build forts, you can hike, you can examine things.”

Meanwhile, by the stream in Crawford Notch, the collection box is filling with water bugs, sand, river rocks. The pH of the stream has been tested, its water quality index examined. There are young scientists with wet feet, dirt-streaked faces and a scratch here or there.

“There’s lots of research that’s coming out about the importance of the outdoors in people’s lives,” said Andrea Muller, AMC’s North Country Youth Education Director. And when young people are engaged with their native landscapes and communities, she said, “The more likely they are to stay there, and forge a future there.”

Support to the Appalachian Mountain Club is made possible by a $300,000 grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund.
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Foundation donors have made contributions totaling $90,250 toward the building of the Portsmouth African Burying Ground Memorial Park.
We are deeply grateful to all donors who support stronger communities and greater giving through the Foundation.

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$31,699,690

Total contributions in 2012

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The Foundation’s legacy society is named for Marvin Spaulding-Potter, her brother Huntley Spaulding and his wife, Harriet, whose generous bequests were the genesis of the Foundation. The people listed here have made plans for a future estate or planned gift to the Foundation.

Anyone who has made plans for a future estate or planned gift to the Foundation may become a member of the Spaulding-Potter Circle Legacy Society.

If you are interested in creating a charitable legacy through a bequest or deferred gift, contact Robin Abbott, director of gift planning, at 800-464-6641 ext. 1262 or info@khcf.org.
For five decades, charitable donors have been turning to the Foundation to get more out of their philanthropy. These new funds will improve well-being across a wide variety of community needs. They are as varied as the generous and passionate people who established them.

Agency Funds are established by charitable organizations that want a source of long-term capital to support their mission and ongoing activities.

Conservation Easement
Stewardship Fund
Piscataqua Region
Cosco County Family Health Services Fund
North Country Region
New Hampshire Bar Foundation
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New Hampshire Bar Foundation
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Old Berwick Historical Society Fund
Piscataqua Region

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Aldrich Family Fund
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Mascenic Math & Science Fund
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Piscataqua Region
Charlotte & Alpheus White Fund
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Boucher Family Fund
Capital Region
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Manchester Region
Crouch Family Fund
Upper Valley Region
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Piscataqua Region
Theodore Rejimbal Family Scholarship Fund
Piscataqua Region

Scholarship Funds are established by individuals, families or businesses who would like to help students realize their educational goals.

Geneva E. Blanchard Scholarship Fund
Monadnock Region
M. Thelma Crowell Scholarship Fund
Piscataqua Region
Eliot High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
Piscataqua Region
Richard Newhall Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lakes Region
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INVESTMENT REPORT

The Foundation is committed to serving as a prudent steward of the resources contributed by donors past and present. This long-term thinking shapes the work of the Investment Committee, and is visible in the performance presented here. The goal of the committee is to achieve the best possible return on behalf of the Foundation without taking on undue risk. This approach has served us well through challenging times.

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*The Community Foundation Median is derived from actual results of community foundation investment programs nationwide.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE COMBINED INVESTMENT FUND (12/31/12)

- Hedge Funds: 22%
- U.S. Equity: 21%
- Global ex-U.S. Equity: 19%
- Fixed Income: 11%
- Inflation Hedging: 10%
- Private Equity/ Venture Capital: 10%
- Cash and Equivalents: 7%

BY THE NUMBERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION | 2012

$508,157,557
Total assets

$31,699,690 | 63 | $30,529,068
Total contributions | Funds established | Total grants, scholarships and program initiatives

3,059 | $25,731,062
Grants to nonprofit organizations | Total grants and program initiatives

Grants by Vision Area

- Health & Well-being: 36%
- Education: 19%
- Environment: 15%
- Arts & Culture: 12%
- Civic Engagement: 12%
- Economy: 6%

Scholarship Distribution

1,789 | $4,798,006
Scholarships and loan awards | Total scholarships

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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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<td>$22,818,427</td>
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<td>Permanently restricted</td>
<td>$57,643,769</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$471,665,925</strong></td>
<td><strong>$430,607,999</strong></td>
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### UNRESTRICTED TEMPORARILY PERMANENTLY

#### 12/31/12

- **Total assets**: $508,157,557
- **Total liabilities**: $36,491,632
- **Net assets**: $388,178,836

#### 12/31/11

- **Total assets**: $464,868,238
- **Total liabilities**: $34,260,239
- **Net assets**: $430,607,999

### REVENUES AND INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES)

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<th>Description</th>
<th>December 31, 2012</th>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$31,366,986</td>
<td>$327,577</td>
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<td>Interest and dividend income</td>
<td>$4,887,064</td>
<td>$1,072,122</td>
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<td>Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments</td>
<td>$33,662,104</td>
<td>$7,014,195</td>
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<td>Change in value of split interest agreements</td>
<td>($3,537)</td>
<td>($47,395)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>$67,725</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues and investment gains (losses)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$69,980,342</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,366,359</strong></td>
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#### Net assets released resulting from satisfaction of donor restrictions and other transfers

- **December 31, 2012**: $5,023,064
- **December 31, 2011**: ($69,561)

### EXPENSES

#### Grants, scholarships and program initiatives

- **Administrative expenses**: $30,529,068
- **Program service expenses**: $2,671,212
- **Management and general expenses**: $2,034,898
- **Fundraising expenses**: $1,263,080
- **Total administrative expenses**: $5,969,190
- **Investment management fees**: $815,227
- **Provision for uncollectible notes receivable**: $34,745

### Total expenses

- **December 31, 2012**: $37,348,230
- **December 31, 2011**: $37,815,996

### Increase (decrease) in net assets

- **December 31, 2012**: $37,655,176
- **December 31, 2011**: ($13,778,268)

### Net assets at beginning of year

- **December 31, 2012**: $350,523,660
- **December 31, 2011**: $430,607,999

### Net assets at end of year

- **December 31, 2012**: $388,178,836
- **December 31, 2011**: $471,665,925

As we go to press with this annual report, the statements of financial position and statements of activities are unaudited. The final audited statements will be posted on our website — www.nhcf.org — when available.
No community foundation in America taps more deeply into citizen governance than ours. With a highly engaged board of directors and eight regional advisory boards, our work is rooted in the vision, common sense and passion of more than 100 volunteer leaders.
When Norma Daviault started at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

in 1972 she was given a rotary phone, a manual typewriter and a hand-cranked mimeograph machine.

Walter Peterson was governor, Richard Nixon was president and “American Pie” was all over the radio.

Norma was a young mom with no plans to go back to work. But a friend called and asked for help with a short-term project.

“I was only coming in for two weeks,” Norma laughs. “And 40 years later ...”

Forty years later, Norma is retiring.

After those two weeks, Norma accepted a secretarial job, offering a calm presence and an uncanny ability to recall names and faces by the hundreds. In 1986, she went to work in Student Aid, which that year awarded $691,510 in scholarships. By 2012, that figure would rise to nearly $5 million.

For a quarter-century, Norma has been the voice of patience, guiding countless students through the application process. In her honor, the Foundation has established the Norma Daviault Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Norma and her husband, Ron, who met in high school and will be married 50 years in September, both retired on May 31. They plan to travel and Norma hopes to study: a course on the Civil Rights Movement, maybe French lessons. And she and Ron are going to learn to play the ukulele.

This report is dedicated to Norma and her steadfast commitment to the Foundation and the people it serves. We are deeply grateful those two weeks turned into 40 years.