



# Friends of NH Drug Courts 2016 Annual Report



2017 Annual Meeting  
and Recognition Program  
"Drug Court - Faces of Recovery"  
May 11, 2017  
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## "Drug Court - Faces of Recovery"

Long term recovery is the goal. The Friends is focused on helping drug court participants achieve recovery and regain their lives. Drug court's remarkable success in helping to beat substance use disorder is best told first hand by drug court graduates who have transformed their lives.



## 2017 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Guest Speaker - Honorable Tina Nadeau, NH Superior Court Chief Justice
2. Call to Order
3. Report of the President, Ed Rajsteter
4. Report of the Executive (Nominating) Committee, Fr. John Mahoney, Chairperson
5. Election of 2017 Officers
6. Ratification of New Board Members
7. Induction of New Honorary Members; Robert Gasser, Joseph Kenny, Bonnie Reid Martin and Linda Saunders Paquette
8. Featured Speaker - Lynn Fuller, Founder, Circle of Hope - "Family Recovery through Drug Court"
9. Speakers - Ashley Hurteau and Jeremy Brown, Drug Court Graduates
10. Adjournment



## President's Message

2016 was the first year for the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts. I want to take this opportunity to thank all supporters and sponsors for a very successful first year.

The year saw many firsts as the Friends expanded its mission with the addition of the Hillsborough-North drug court and anticipates further expansion with the establishment of two additional drug courts in 2017.

The generous donations by the Becket Family of Services enabled the Friends to create its first named fund to support long-term recovery for drug court participants. The Friends are extremely grateful to Jay Wolter, Chief Administrative Officer, of the Becket Family of Services for his support.

The Friends serves as the bridge that forges partnerships among drug courts, community organizations and supporters to enhance drug court's effectiveness.

I thank our Board of Directors, Members, Advisory and Honorary members for their hard work and thank all of you and look for your continued support and another successful year.

Edward Rajsteter  
President

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

### OFFICERS

Ed Rajsteter, President  
Bill Howell, 1st Vice President  
Cheryle Pacapelli , 2nd Vice President  
Edward O'Reilly, Treasurer  
Don Perlee, Secretary

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Dee Belanger, Cheshire County  
Lynn Fuller, Strafford, County  
Larry Guaraldi, Grafton County  
Fr. John Mahoney, Hillsborough-North  
Kathryn Marchocki  
Nancy Russell, Grafton County

## New Hampshire Drug Courts and Coordinators

Tina Nadeau, Superior Court Chief Justice  
Alex Casale, Statewide Drug Court Coordinator

Jacqui Abikoff - Belknap County, Daniel Canniff - Hillsborough-North, Julie Christensen-Collins - Hillsborough-South, Chris Gowell - Strafford County, Christine McKenna - Rockingham County, Jennifer Stone - Grafton County, Alison Welsh - Cheshire County



## Friends' Honorary Members

Former U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte  
Robert Gasser  
Former Congressman Frank Guinta  
U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan  
Executive Councilor Joseph Kenny  
Congresswoman Anne Kuster  
Bonnie Reid Martin  
Linda Saunders Paquette  
U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen

## Drug Courts Expand Across New Hampshire

In 2016, new legislation created the statewide drug offender program that provides more than \$2 million in matching state grants to help establish drug courts or alternative drug offender programs in counties across New Hampshire.

The ultimate goal is to establish drug courts in all New Hampshire counties. Hillsborough-North Manchester was the first new drug court to become operational under this expansion program.

In 2017, new drug courts are expected to become operational in Merrimack and Carroll counties with Coos to follow soon thereafter.

"We know that offenders who leave jail or prison after a year have a 70 percent chance of re-offending," Superior Court Chief Justice Tina Nadeau said. "Drug Court graduates have a 22 percent chance. For the first time ever, drug court graduates can have some control over their lives and their choices, and they start making better choices, and see results."

## 2016 Finances

### Disbursements of Restricted and Unrestricted Donations to Individual Drug Courts for Participant Program Incentives:

Belknap County - Laconia	\$1,735
Cheshire County	\$1,735
Grafton County	\$7,940
Hillsborough - South	\$11,435
Hillsborough - North	\$1,000
Rockingham County	\$2,185
Strafford County	\$1,985
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$28,015</b>

### REVENUES

Contributions	\$42,018
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	0
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$42,018</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$28,015
Supporting Services	\$5,893
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$33,908</b>

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<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,110</b>
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### ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	16,610
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,610</b>

### LIABILITIES

Unrestricted	\$13,360
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,250
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$16,610</b>

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## 2017 Budget

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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>
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### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$41,000
Supporting Services	\$10,000
Reserve for Operations	\$3,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>