



# Laconia Area Community Land Trust

## LACLT Honored with Corporate Fund's Dunfey Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Management

# Thresholds Newsletter

Laconia Area Community Land Trust was named a 2007 winner of The Corporate Fund's Walter J. Dunfey Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. An award ceremony was held at the Bedford Village Inn in Bedford, NH, on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Dunfey Award is awarded annually to those organizations demonstrating exemplary non-profit management practices. The selection was made by representatives from the 13 companies which comprise The Corporate Fund, New Hampshire's leading philanthropic partnership among New Hampshire's most generous companies.

The award was presented to LACLT by Jill Wurm of Verizon, Chair of the Corporate Fund Award Panel. "Through the Corporate Fund Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management, we recognize that investing in a nonprofit's infrastructure makes for a stronger organization, better able to deliver on its mission. And when nonprofits are stronger, the lives of all New Hampshire citizens are improved." said Wurm.

Board President Patty Pike and Executive Director Linda Harvey accepted the award on behalf of LACLT. "The Land Trust is truly blessed with countless partners and remarkable and devoted staff," said Pike. Her sentiments were echoed by Harvey who expressed thanks to the Corporate Fund for, "this most wonderful affirmation of our work. We're proud of the work, and we're especially grateful to the Corporate Fund for recognizing us with this award."

We are grateful to all our members and partners. Your support has made us a stronger organization!



Board President Patty Pike (left) and Executive Director Linda Harvey (center) accept Dunfey Award from Jill Wurm of Verizon, Chair of the Corporate Fund Panel (right).

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PLEASE NOTE: OUR MAILING ADDRESS & ZIP HAVE CHANGED TO: 658 UNION AVENUE, LACONIA, NH 03246.

## LACLT GOES SOLAR



LEFT: LACLT Director of Development, Bob Reals (left) displays solar panel with groSolar contractors. CENTER: Solar electric panels installed atop south side of Mechanic School Apartments. RIGHT: Electricians from Gandini Electric tie in at electric panel.

LACLT has installed a 6 panel, 1kW solar electric system atop its Mechanic School apartment building in Laconia. The system will provide for 10% of the building's common area electricity needs. Use of this system will eliminate 39.8 tons of carbon dioxide, as well as other greenhouse gases, over the system's 40 year life. The system was installed by groSolar of White River Junction, Vermont. Electrical connections were completed by Gandini Electric of Gilford.

## Zonta Contributes to Lending Library



Hazel Zimmer of Zonta (Right) presents check to Sarah Denoncourt, LACLT Homeownership Director (left)

The Zonta Club has donated \$1,000 to establish a lending library for clients of LACLT's Home-Buyer Resource Center who participate in First-Time Homebuyer and Financial Fitness education and counseling. Approximately 60 books will be purchased covering topics such as managing credit and debt, budgeting, finance, and home maintenance and repair. The books will not duplicate books available at the Laconia Library and will be loaned at no cost to clients. The Zonta Club's mission is to advance the status of women worldwide. Thank you Zonta!

## NH Charitable Foundation Funding Supports Development of Data Base

LACLT has been awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to develop a data base program. The data base will be used by LACLT to collect, manage, and report program statistics for its Homeownership and Resident Services Programs. We must be able to accurately track, measure, and present program statistics, success measures, and outcomes to funders, members, supporters, and the community at large. Our steady growth has made this an increasing challenge.

LACLT put the project out to bid and has engaged the services of David Stamps of dbstamps Consulting Services to develop a Microsoft Access data base. Work on the project is now underway.

## Non-Event Fundraiser Update

We knew it! You didn't want to be invited. You're tired of thons, auctions, dinners, and golf tournaments. To date, our Non-Event fundraiser has raised almost \$2,000. It's not too late to donate. Mail checks to LACLT, 658 Union Ave, Laconia 03246, or donate on line at [www.laclt.org](http://www.laclt.org). THANKS!

## HOLD THIS DATE!

**FRIDAY, 6/1, 4:30PM to 6:30PM - MECHANIC SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC**

All invited! Mark your calendar now, and plan to join us for a neighborhood picnic at the Mechanic Street School in celebration of National NeighborWorks® Week. This will be a great opportunity to meet the Mechanic School neighbors and LACLT residents - FUN - FOOD - RAFFLES! Details will follow shortly.

### LACLT WELCOMES TARA GALLIGAN



Tara Galligan, LACLT's new Resident Services Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming our new Resident Services Coordinator, Tara Galligan. Tara has a degree in Criminal Justice and a strong social services background. She will provide residents with a wide range of support, referrals, and life skills training. Tara brings plenty of energy and enthusiasm to the job and will be a great resource.

Tara has spent her first few weeks meeting with residents and community partners. She has begun the groundwork for two volunteer projects: Avery Hill Spring Clean Up and a Resident Social and Swap.

We are delighted to have Tara as part of our team.

If you are a resident and haven't yet met Tara, please give her a call at 524-0747. She is looking forward to meeting each of you.

**KNOW ANYONE FACING FORECLOSURE? LACLT PROVIDES FORECLOSURE COUNSELING. ADVICE AND SUPPORT ARE OFFERED WITH NO JUDGMENTS AND NO COSTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO CALL EARLY. OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN ACTION IS TAKEN EARLY. CALL OUR HOMEOWNERSHIP DIRECTOR AT: 524-0747.**



### FREE SEMINAR & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

#### **Financial Fitness Workshops:**

July 10, 2007 - August 7, 2007 (Tuesdays) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Meredith (Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank)

September 6, 2007 - October 4, 2007 (Thursdays) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Laconia (Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank)

#### **Get the Facts Seminars:**

June 5, 2007 (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Tilton (Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank)

September 12, 2007 (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Laconia (Sponsored by Laconia Savings Bank)

October 24, 2007 (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Meredith (Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank)

#### **First-Time HomeBuyer Seminars:**

July 14, 2007 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Laconia (Sponsored by Northway Bank)

September 29, 2007 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Gilford (Sponsored by Laconia Savings Bank)

A complete schedule is available at [www.laclt.org](http://www.laclt.org). To register or for more information, call 524-0747.

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## ***Have You Considered Other Methods of Giving to Help Support the Efforts of Laconia Area Community Land Trust?***

- *Make a charitable bequest to LACLT in your will*
- *Name LACLT beneficiary of a life insurance policy*
- *Donate long-term, appreciated stock or securities*
- *Establish a charitable trust or charitable gift annuity*
- *Make a major gift during your life-time*
- *Volunteer*

## Volunteers Needed for Focus Group

We are seeking volunteers to help review our marketing and fundraising materials. We value your opinion and welcome your input and feedback.

How can we improve our web site, brochures and newsletter? What is important to you as a member? What motivates you to give, and what does not?

Interested in participating in this group? Contact Nancy McCurry 524-0747.

**Our Mission:** To assist low and moderate income households achieve economic self-sufficiency through the development of permanently affordable housing opportunities and associated support programs.