

From the CEO
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REAL PROBLEMS .. REAL SOLUTIONS .. REAL PEOPLE



U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, James Peake, M.D. along with NECHV President and CEO, Larry Fitzmaurice at our annual "Leave No One Behind" Dinner held in November. Seaport Hotel General Manager and the MC for the event, James Carmody is in the rear to the left, speaking with Major General John Altenburg USA (Ret.)

As we enter the New Year 2009 with enthusiasm and confidence, we also anticipate new pressures on staff and on our finances. There is no need here to state the obvious about world situations and the economy. Our resident Veteran population is growing and we expect more clients from the current conflict, some with PTSD and related issues.

This past fall, a group of film school students from Emerson College here in Boston, produced for NECHV a short video, as part of their assignment for a class called "Community Media" in which students produce short video documentaries for community-based non-profits.

Bob Nesson, an Adjunct Professor at Emerson leads the class, and arranged for his students, Sarah Aaskov, Katherine Shearon and Albert Carpenito to produce the following video, which captures a few of the stories of the veterans currently being served by NECHV, which I am pleased to share with you here. NECHV is grateful to Bob, Sarah, Katherine and Al for their time and dedication in producing this short video.

Please take a few moments to play this video and see the faces of the real people who have been helped by our transitional programs as a result of clinical case worker and Veterans' Training School professional programs.



Thanks to our funders, donors, volunteers and staff who make this possible. Please continue to keep us in mind.

AND ...

Thanks, as always, to our Board for their support, the Gold Star Mothers, staff, volunteers and our generous benefactors. And, to our respected clients, **keep up the good work that you are doing and take advantage of what is offered here including the training programs. Stay strong and persevere!**

Larry

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President and CEO