

**From the CEO
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NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

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PROVIDING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH THE TOOLS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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The weather in March may often react this way, but at **NECHV** we are moving at a fast clip right through the month.

I had the occasion to meet briefly with VA Secretary Shinseki and HUD Secretary Donovan at our National Coalition for Homeless Veterans February Board meeting in Washington. They both pledged more interagency cooperation and financial support to veterans returning from OIF/OEF as well as to earlier veterans. The Obama budget request for veterans seeks a 15% increase. Full details can be found at the following link:
http://www.nchv.org/news_article.cfm?id=496

Our Fiscal Year 2008 ending June 30, 2008 audited financial statement reflected another year with a “clean” opinion. This was accomplished by the leadership of our Board, diligent work of NECHV staff, cost containment and, strong revenues. We operate on a sound business model with serious attention to budgets, expenditure control and avoidance of “mission creep”. This model was recognized by Babson College, in the spring edition of the “[BABSON Magazine](#)”, as a noteworthy example of Social **Entrepreneurship**.

We are pleased to announce that NECHV is the beneficiary of a grant received by **Rebuilding Together Boston (RTB)** from **Sears Holdings** through its *Heroes at Home* program. This grant, along with a contribution from **Grand Circle Corporation** will support **RTB's** activities to improve energy efficiency and other needed upgrades at NECHV. More information on this project will be upcoming in the next edition.

Sincere thanks to our current and past donors and, please, keep us as a priority in your future plans.

Please note: None of our endowment funds are invested with investment advisors. Our modest endowment is invested in CDs and all are covered by FDIC insurance.

AND ...

Thanks, as always, to our Board for their support, the Gold Star Mothers, staff, volunteers and all of 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

**Laurence D. Fitzmaurice
President and CEO**

