

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



The Spirit of Giving...



NECHV President and CEO, Larry Fitzmaurice along with Evelyn Friedman, Director, Dept. of Neighborhood Development and Meredith Rosenberg, Co-Chair, for Rebuilding Together Boston, cut the ribbon for the newly renovated onsite store on Veterans Day.

The holiday season is now once again upon us and it's heartening to see so many from the community reaching out to us during this season to help support the veterans in our care. The generosity both of material goods and of spirit contributed by so many are heart warming not only in December but all through the year. And, all of this is very much appreciated.

Our 7th annual "**Leave No One Behind**" dinner and auction event, held last month was a tremendous success. Special thanks to **General "Butch" Neal, Chet Curtis, Dan Flynn, Brian Brooks** and our many supporters and friends for ensuring a great evening for all. Highlights of the event, including photos and videos, are available to view at: http://www.nechv.org/LNOB_memories_2009.html

Also last month, our "store", located on the basement level of our facility, had a major renovation courtesy of **Sears Holdings' "Heroes at Home" program**. This grant, awarded to **Rebuilding Together Boston**, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with skilled labor and volunteers to restore homes and non-profit facilities in Boston, brought together volunteers from **Shawmut Design and Construction, Sasaki Associates and Mr. Handyman**, all of whom worked to refurbish the store in early November.

Chosen by Sears as their national project feature, we celebrated the newly upgraded store with a ribbon-cutting ceremony which took place on Veterans Day. Thanks to Sears Holding, Rebuilding Together Boston and the many volunteers and in-kind contributors who generously contributed to this project.

The store provides free clothes, accessories and toiletries to the veterans served by the Center and it's 100% supported through in-kind contributions from the community, while managed exclusively through volunteer support of both our in-house veterans as well as community volunteers.

To learn more about how you can make an "in-kind" donation, please view the page link at: <http://www.nechv.org/inkinddonation.html>

We look forward to the many holiday events of all traditions planned this month, including festive parties, along with gifts from our Adopt- A-Vet program that many of you contribute to, and which are so greatly enjoyed and appreciated by our clients. Live music performances, with a major desert event sponsored by **Mike and Nancy Solomon**, who together with volunteer assistance from the **Clarendon Hill Tenants Association**, help round out the monthly events.

Please consider the **NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS** when you plan your year end giving. For those who have contributed in so many ways all year, we thank you. You may make your donation today by [clicking here](#) to enter our secured donations page.

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