New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility Honors Unwavering Leadership During Crisis

After a year of unprecedented challenges, the key role New Hampshire businesses play in supporting our communities has become more apparent than ever, ensuring thriving workplaces and stewarding care for our planet. New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility is honored to present the Cornerstone and Partnership for Innovation Awards in recognition of the exemplary sustainability and social responsibility efforts of three New Hampshire leaders, with support from award sponsors Normandeau Associates and Ceres.

Hanover Co-op Food Stores and Willing Hands
NHBSR's Partnership for Innovation Award recognizes a collaboration that creates synergy and progress on a sustainability initiative where it might not otherwise have been possible. The 2021 winners use the power of teamwork to feed thousands of hungry neighbors and to lower carbon emissions. Since 2004, this partnership has given 4 million pounds of food to those in need. The impact has been especially important this past year with skyrocketing food insecurity resulting from the pandemic.

Through their food rescue efforts, the Hanover Co-op and Willing Hands have also reduced carbon emissions by 7 million pounds by diverting food from
landfills. Today, 80 food banks benefit from this essential collaboration for community good.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) Cornerstone Awardees exemplify the concepts of corporate social responsibility within their organization and promotes them to the greater New Hampshire business community. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, 2021’s winner of the Cornerstone Award, is recognized for the pillar of support that it has provided to our communities both pre and post-pandemic. The team at D-HH worked tirelessly to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of all Granite Staters over the past year, moving with remarkable flexibility and supporting our communities with thoughtful care, advice, and leadership. While D-HH’s pandemic response has been critical, its efforts as an Anchor Institution, striving to invest in communities, hire locally and build careers, grow local businesses, and practice environmental stewardship and sustainability, highlights their leadership and commitment.

The efforts highlighted here only touch upon the remarkable contributions these New Hampshire leaders have had. Their leadership is time tested and endures, making our communities stronger, more resilient, and equitable.

The awards were presented at NHBSR’s Annual Spring Conference, which provides an opportunity for individuals and businesses to engage, learn, and inspire each other towards greater sustainability impact. Learn more about the conference at nhbsr.org/conference.

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