

# CHANGING COMMUNITIES. CHANGING LIVES.



Annual Report 2018 Impact Summary

## Dear Friends,

While CATCH was founded in 1989 in response to what was then a housing crisis, almost thirty years later the lack of a range of housing options that are affordable to the residents of Merrimack County continues to impact our daily lives and wellbeing. According to New Hampshire Housing, in 2000 the median gross rent for a two-bedroom apartment was \$814 while the median gross rent for that same apartment today is \$1,160, representing a 43% increase. Today, a living wage for a family of four in New Hampshire is \$22.49/hour. Needless to say, salary increases have not kept abreast of inflation. Now, more than ever, households are in the unenviable position of often choosing to fund their food, medical or housing costs.

Reflecting on the past year, it was a time of great change and expansion for us at CATCH! In response to the continued need, and thanks to your tremendous support, we completed the revitalization of the Light and Power Mill in downtown Franklin. Today, 45 families call this fully renovated riverfront property home. Additionally, CATCH and Alliance Asset Management significantly expanded the Resident Empowerment Program, essentially doubling our capacity by increasing staff. Our Resident Service Coordinators work tirelessly to connect our residents to the available services they need in the community. From residents who experience chronic physical or mental challenges, food insecurity, to those dealing with substance misuse, and victims of senior domestic abuse, our Resident Service Coordinators engage in care coordination to help residents live with stability and wellness. We were also thrilled to launch the PATHS program — Positive Aging Through Home Supports — in partnership with the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association for our senior residents living in Friedman Court II.

Through HOMEteam, a collaborative program between CATCH, NeighborWorks® Southern New Hampshire, CATCH Neighborhood Housing, and Lakes Region Community Developers, we deliver homeownership and financial literacy education and counseling services. Last year, 81 communities were served from the southern border to the Lakes Region. More than 250 households participated in one of 27 educational seminars and 71 new homeowners emerged

from our first-time homebuyer program. We are proud of the continued success of this program in providing participants with the information and tools to make good financial decisions related to purchasing, renting, and maintaining a home.

While funding for nonprofit operational support continues to challenge our sector and competition for limited dollars to support the development of low to moderate-income housing is fierce, we are extremely appreciative of the donors and businesses who believe in our mission and make programs like these possible. We believe that the growth of these initiatives, in addition to making CATCH, Alliance, and HOMEteam stronger and more efficient, will position us and our almost 700 residents to succeed now and in the future.

To learn more about our programs, please visit us at <a href="www.catchhousing.org">www.catchhousing.org</a>. Thank you for your ongoing support in creating communities where every person is confident of a home!

Sincerely.

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# **CHANGING COMMUNITIES**



On a windy, cold Friday in November, CATCH, along with many friends and supporters, celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Franklin Light & Power Mill, a renovated 45-unit riverside brick redevelopment in the heart of downtown.

The ribbon cutting was the culmination of close to a decade of hard work. For several years CATCH's staff considered the City of Franklin as a potential site for rental housing. CATCH's President, Rosemary M. Heard, and VP of Real Estate Development and Asset Management, Caite Foley, each participated in design charettes in 2008 and 2015 and, as a result of these, cultivated within the community. In January of 2015, the owner of the Franklin Light and Power Mill reached out to CATCH to explore potentially developing the Mill into rental apartments. This is the first development for CATCH in Franklin, which currently has a poverty rate of just over 20%. Further, this is the largest monetary investment CATCH has made in a single affordable housing development as well as the single largest investment made in Franklin's downtown. The Mill is the anchor of a larger community revitalization effort focused on the downtown corridor.

Today, 45 families call this beautiful riverfront property home and we have been honored to meet the many children, adults and seniors, several of which are veterans, who have moved into the mill



Scott Clarenbach, Interim Mayor of Franklin at the Franklin Light and Power Ribbon Cutting

"Today this building is presenting itself with a marked renewal of our riverfront mills, inspiring growth and further development in our downtown district. I'd like to thank everyone involved with bringing this project to Franklin, as it is rare that a single building has the ability to define, and then redefine, the community that we are going to be."



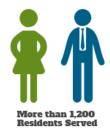


The historic 1895 mill had been largely vacant since the 1970s and had many broken windows and graffiti, as seen above. Today, the fully renovated 50,000 square-foot riverfront brick mill (left) features co-housing principles to promote community, newly created green space and direct access to the river for recreation.

CATCH was honored to receive the **TD Charitable Foundation Housing for Everyone Grant!** The \$125,000 CATCH was awarded in support of Franklin Light & Power Mill was incredibly helpful in completing this exciting project for CATCH Neighborhood Housing and the community of Franklin. TD Charitable Foundation's Housing for Everyone Grant Competition is an annual program that supports affordable housing organizations from Maine to Florida. CATCH's ability to continue to meet the need of low- and moderate-income individuals who seek affordable homes in Merrimack County would not be possible without the generous support of community partners and funders like the TD Charitable Foundation and we are grateful for their support.



# **CATCH'S Year in Numbers**



#### **AVERAGE INCOME**

All CATCH Residents \$23,983 Senior Residents \$21,590 Disabled Residents \$17,950



# CHANGING LIVES



This year, CATCH and Alliance Asset Management significantly expanded the Resident Empowerment Program. Research consistently shows that combining affordable housing with resident support services and care coordination can help those with the greatest challenges to live with stability and wellness. Growing this line of business contributes to the long-term success of this organization and the overall health of low to moderate income residents in New Hampshire.

Our Resident Service Coordinators act as liaisons between residents, our health provider community, and social service agencies, and often identify and

coordinate financial assistance | that prevents evictions and increases family stability. Additionally, Resident Service Coordinators assist residents with lease compliance and encourage resident engagement and leadership.

There are a number of benefits of Resident Empowerment Services in communities including, enabling seniors to feel safe and have the ability to age in place, providing sufficient financial capabilities education to ensure residents are financially independent, and connecting residents with much -needed physical and mental health resources tailored to their unique needs in order to maintain healthy life choices. Further, we have found that by providing stable housing and empowering families contributes to children thriving both socially and academically.

#### The Lives We Touch

- Residents experiencing chronic disease challenges (both physical and mental)
- Residents or family members dealing with substance misuse matters
- Resident victims of senior or domestic abuse
- New Americans residents assimilating into the community
- Resident families facing generational issues (i.e. grandparents as surrogate

According to the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy, by 2030, 29.2% of the population in Merrimack County, NH will be age 65 and older - this is up from 12.4% in 2000. These numbers highlight the importance of programing designed to support NH's aging population. In response, CATCH Neighborhood Housing recently partnered with the Concord Regional VNA (CRVNA) to provide Positive Aging Through Home Supports (PATHS), a program that supports older adults who live at CATCH's Friedman Court II in their ability to remain safe and healthy in their homes for as long as possible. Modeled after a similar program in Vermont, the PATHS program was piloted at one of CATCH's properties last year we feel strongly this has potential for replication in additional properties in CATCH's portfolio.



# Financial Summary—as of 3/31/18

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$8,233,571
\$15,778,693
\$24,901,174
\$473,394
\$1,570,033
\$26,944,601
\$50,956,865
\$1,388,993
\$47,265,102
\$2,302,770
\$50,956,865

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Contributions from Foundations,		
Corporations, and Individuals	\$552,174	11%
Rental Income	\$3,219,959	67%
Earned Income	\$870,092	18%
Fundraising Events	\$69,859	1.4%
Other Revenue	\$124,404	2.6%
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	\$4,836,488	100%
Housing Production	\$253,423	4%
Asset Management	\$203,193	3%
Alliance Asset Management	\$1,131,979	20%
Other Programs	\$3,695,890	63%
Fundraising	\$161,086	3%
Supporting Services	\$401,728	7%
Total Expenses	\$5,847,299	100%

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Thank you for helping CATCH achieve its MISSION of creating communities where every person is confident of a home!

# The 24th Annual CATCH Comedy Night a HUGE Success



For the 24th year in a row, CATCH Neighborhood Housing hosted comedians in Concord to raise funds for affordable housing! The Capitol Steps returned on Thursday, March 29th and brought down the house with their unique political musical

This year, audiences were treated to new renditions of "Wake Me Up in Mar-a-Lago," "I'm Not Indicted!" and "All About the Base." True to form, many of the songs had clearly been written in days or even hours before the cast took the stage as the news content was up to the minute!

Overall, the event raised close to \$65,000 for CATCH's affordable housing programs! CATCH wishes to thank all ticket purchasers, raffle ticket purchasers, the many sponsors, and community supporters for making Comedy Night a great success.

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