

BOARD CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2016

We have much to be proud of this year at New Start. The hard work of the Executive Director, Staff and Board of New Start has proven that every person makes an important contribution to our mission. We have made many strides this year especially with raising awareness of the valuable work we do and putting New Start at the table for important conversations to influence policy, increase funding and to ensure that the needs of men and their families are heard.

This past year we have made great strides in providing creative services to men and families to address domestic violence which demonstrates our value, our commitment and subject matter expertise. This past year, I believe we are finally being heard in a more definitive manner and that the year to come will bring further development, growth and awareness. Our primary goal for 2017 will be to continue to build on this momentum.

The Board of Directors is very proud of the leadership of our Executive Director who continues to advocate on behalf of the Board for increased resources and her commitment to staff support, development and self-care. We are also very proud of the staff who every day work with our clients in a restorative way and who have worked collectively to build our image and broaden the community's understanding of the value of the complex work of New Start.

Building on the work of this past year, going into the next, we will continue to develop our corporate package with the intent to secure new funding to assist us in meeting the demand as our reputation continues to grow. We will continue to expand our existing partnerships and build new ones. We will look to expand our Board of Directors to secure more community members with specific funding subject matter expertise to assist us to achieve this goal. The Board and Staff will come together to review our mission statement and to build a strategic plan to ensure targets can be met.

On behalf of the Board, "thank you" to the staff and friends of New Start for standing behind our work, for striving for excellence and for providing exemplary service to our clients. Also, thanks again to our Board Members past and present for their continued dedication. Teamwork is so crucial for such a small organization and together we have moved many markers. This coming year we will continue to stand together, and build on our successes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Nash-Butt, Chair

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