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League of NH Craftsmen Receives Grant Support for Capital Campaign

CONCORD, NH – The League of NH Craftsmen is in the public phase of its first-ever capital campaign to raise \$2,850,000. The League is seeking funds to purchase its 8,071-square-foot Craft Center and Headquarters in the south end of downtown Concord, and enhance its education program. The League is working to close the campaign this fall and is \$350,000 shy of its minimum goal. Grant support has been one component of the campaign.

A large national funder awarded the League a \$100,000 grant in support of its capital campaign. “The League has earned a reputation for excellence through our jury process and our programs, and this award signifies the respect that our organization has on a national level,” said Susie Lowe-Stockwell, executive director of the League. “It is helping to bring us closer to the end of our goal.” The League also received a \$25,000 award from The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston, Texas in support of the purchase of their headquarters and enhanced education program.

The League has acquired support from 42 New Hampshire businesses through their purchase of CDFA tax credits, which net the organization \$900,000. Foundations such as the Lincoln Financial and PSNH have also joined the list of strong supporters.

The Samuel P. Hunt Foundation is supporting the campaign with a \$25,000 grant to aid the cost of instructors for the League’s newly expanded educational programs in The Craft Center. Since September 2011, more than 3,600 visitors have come to enjoy the Gallery, Permanent Collection Museum and education programs in The Craft Center. The Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, created in 1951 for general charitable purposes, has focused its grant making on New Hampshire nonprofit charitable entities which are 501(c)(3) organizations formally registered with the NH Director of Charitable Trusts.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Putnam Foundation are supporting the capital campaign with a \$20,000 grant to be used for technology, equipment, software and instructors. These funds will support the purchase of computers used in for craft business seminars that train working craftsmen in business skills such as writing a business plan, preparing taxes, using Quickbooks software, etc. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation manages a growing collection of charitable funds created by individuals, families and businesses.

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It awards about \$30 million annually in grants and scholarships. The foundation is nonpartisan, frequently playing the role of convener and catalyst on a broad spectrum of issues. Based in Concord, the Charitable Foundation roots itself in the communities through regional advisory boards, serving communities throughout New Hampshire, southeastern Maine and eastern Vermont. More information is available at www.nhcf.org or by calling 603-224-6641.

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to encourage, nurture, and promote the creation, use, and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community. The League represents the *signature of excellence* in fine craft, through the work of its juried members, and its rigorous standards for self expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship. For more information about the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375 or visit www.nhcrafts.org.



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