



Northern New England Chapter

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**National
Philanthropy Day®**

AFP-NNE Announces National Philanthropy Day Winners 2010

National Philanthropy Day® (NPD) is a special day set aside to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy – and those people active in the philanthropic community – to the enrichment of our world. First held in 1986, NPD celebrates the endless contributions individuals and organizations across the world make to countless causes and missions. The Association of Fundraising Professionals – Northern New England (AFP-NNE) Chapter, including Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, is pleased to announce the NPD winners for 2010 and the AFP-NNE Demont Scholarship Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy.

Outstanding Philanthropist: Constance “Connie” King Barnes
Belfast, Maine

At 90 years of age, Constance “Connie” King Barnes is an inspiration to others who support nonprofit causes. She has a special commitment to youth and education and to the Bangor Symphony Orchestra (BSO). Connie endowed the Dr. Maurice P. King Master Class Fund of the BSO. Connie has also established an endowed fund to provide scholarship aid for students who attend the University of Maine. Numerous nonprofit organizations and individuals in Waldo and Penobscot County, Maine, have benefitted from Connie’s generous support.

Outstanding Foundation: The Richard E. and Deborah L. Tarrant Foundation
Winooski, Vermont

Established in 2005, the Richard E. and Deborah L. Tarrant Foundation has made a significant mark in Vermont through carefully designed and innovative grant making. Focusing on organizations most responsive to community needs, the Tarrant Foundation is guided by a philosophy to listen, learn, respond, and then provide the freedom for the funded organization to do their work. Grant making is deliberately divided into two areas: basic support to provide immediate relief for the state’s grassroots non-profit community and major investments to bring system-based, full-scale change. Both components are based on building genuine partnerships and this approach has produced incredible results.

Outstanding Corporation: Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
Bar Harbor, Maine

In the past three years, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (BHBT) has provided funding support to 180 different non-profit organizations and provided college scholarships to 31 students. The types of support provided to non-profit organizations have ranged from annual gifts, event sponsorships, capital campaigns, and memberships. The Bank has support among its employees who contribute to many non-profit organizations through personal contributions and volunteer activities.

Youth in Philanthropy: Sophie McKibben
Ripton, Vermont

At age 15, Sophie McKibben decided that she wanted to honor the dedication of military families in Vermont. She created a program called Snowjourn, which brought six military families to Ripton, VT for an all-expense paid ski vacation weekend. She created a website, raised over \$2,000 to help cover costs, organized over 200 volunteers to cook, host and provide music and entertainment for the families, and contacted the media who covered the event in local newspapers and on the radio. In 2010, Sophie expanded the program and raised a little more than \$3,000 to buy a sit ski for their local ski area so that veterans who were disabled could participate in *Snowjourn*. Acquiring a sit ski led to her beginning an adaptive snow program at the local ski center and the first adaptive ski race at Breadloaf.