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## **NH Businesses for Social Responsibility Announces 2019 Award Winners**

Concord, New Hampshire – On May 1, 2019 New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility announced the 2019 Cornerstone and Partnership for Innovation Award winners at their 18th Annual Spring Conference, We Are the Change. Winners of the prestigious Cornerstone and Partnership for Innovation Award were chosen for their exemplary efforts to promote the concepts of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the greater business community of New Hampshire. The awards featured remarks by last year's winners Fiona Wilson, Executive Director of Social Innovation and Enterprise at the University of New Hampshire and Andy Harris of Hannaford Supermarkets on their continued sustainability efforts over the past year.



Amy LaBelle, Owner and Founder of LaBelle Winery was presented the 2019 Cornerstone Award. She was recognized for her efforts to continually integrate environmental and socially responsible initiatives throughout her operations and among her community.

LaBelle's employees describe her as "wearing her values on her

sleeve." Cornerstone Award sponsor Kerrie Diers of Normandeau

Associates, highlighted comments from the employee nomination, "She walks the talk, believing that the more her business grows and becomes successful, the more she should give back to the community,"

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The runner up for the Cornerstone Award, ReVision Energy was recognized for excelling in their industry and in the NH business

community. As a Certified B Corporation, employee-owned ReVision Energy is committed to operating their business as a force for positive social change in the communities where they operate. Their reach and engagement to advance sustainability in NH is extensive.



The Partnership for Innovation Award was presented to Timberland and Girls at Work, Inc. for their work to build a strong community through their collaboration.

The mission of Girls at Work is to empower inner city girls, shaping confidence through building. The partnership with Timberland grew from an employee volunteer project creating workshops from an old school's classrooms. Elaine Hamel Founder of Girls at Work encouraged all businesses attending the NHBSR conference to

volunteer in their communities saying "your efforts elevate the impact nonprofits can have."

Michelle Veasey, Executive Director of NHBSR remarks, "We congratulate all nominees, finalists and winners for moving the needle for sustainable business forward in NH and making the Earth a much kinder place for us all."

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NHBSR encourages all businesses and organizations interested in corporate social responsibility to find out more about their programming and learn more about how to make a positive impact in New Hampshire at nhbsr.org.

## **ABOUT NHBSR**

New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility, a member-based, non-profit organization, convenes, inspires and supports businesses and community stakeholders to build a more sustainable and prosperous state for all. More information on NHBSR and upcoming events, resources and membership can be found at <a href="https://nhbsr.org">nhbsr.org</a>.

NHBSR's Spring Conference, **We Are the Change** took place on Wednesday, May 1 at the Grappone Center in Concord. For a full description of the conference, program and speakers, please visit <a href="mailto:nhbsr.org/conference">nhbsr.org/conference</a>.

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