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## **Center offers program to prepare community leaders for nonprofit board service** Fellowship applications due February 7

CONCORD: The NH Center for Nonprofits (the Center) is seeking applications for the next cohort of the Hoffman-Haas Fellowship. Scheduled to launch this March in Manchester, the program is designed to engage, prepare and inspire Fellows to serve on nonprofit boards.

“Board service is a fabulous way to develop leadership skills and increase impact in your community, but it’s not your typical volunteer role,” said Kathleen Reardon, CEO of the Center. “Through the Fellowship, we hope to position future board leaders for an optimal experience which starts with a solid foundation in governance and strategy.”

The Fellowship responds to a critical need in the nonprofit sector: the need for an expanded and diverse pool of community leaders who are ready to bring their talent, passion and commitment to volunteer board service. Hoffman-Haas Fellows are individuals with a strong desire to be effective civic leaders and actively engage in issues which impact their community by applying their leadership, management and strategic problem-solving skills to nonprofit board service.

The Fellowship delves into the core of what it means to govern by engaging the Fellows in a six-part dinner series that features “best of the best” national board experts. To complement the programming, each Fellow is paired with a Mentor – a seasoned professional who has extensive experience serving on nonprofit boards.

“Board service brings the professional a new network, a new way of developing leadership and the opportunity to have meaningful impact. In return, the nonprofit benefits from fresh new energy, approaches and ideas,” remarks Reardon.

The Center is currently accepting applications, and nominations for both Fellows and Mentors. The application deadline for Fellows is February 7, 2017. For information and for applications visit the Center website, [www.nhnonprofits.org](http://www.nhnonprofits.org) or call the Center at (603) 225-1947. The Hoffman-Haas Fellowship is currently supported by the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, Lincoln Financial Group, McLane Middleton and Merrimack County Savings Bank.

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