

BOARD CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2016

We have much to be proud of this year at New Start. The Executive Director, Staff and Board continue to work hard to meet the mission of New Start at all levels of the organization and within the communities we serve.

New Start has been key in continuing to raise awareness and to participate in influencing change in the area of domestic violence in several areas including Restorative practices, Domestic Violence court, the Minister of Justice's Roundtable and the Metro Interagency Committee.

Our primary goal for 2018 will be to continue to build on this momentum and to continue to raise awareness with the hopes of improving our funding so that we can meet the growing complex needs of the clients we serve. The Board of Directors and Executive Director will continue to advocate for increased resources and keep our commitment to provide staff with the support and professional development they need to remain committed to this important work.

Building on the work of this past year, going into the next, we will continue to develop our corporate package and begin to reach out to potential funders. 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 subject matter expertise to assist us to achieve our strategic goals.

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. Special thanks to our departing board member, Pernell Blake for his many years of commitment to New Start. Additional thanks to our student interns and volunteers who step up and support the staff in so many ways and prove that our organization is top notch when it comes to learning. Thanks to our Board Members, past and present, for their continued dedication, professional expertise and volunteerism. We are a small but mighty organization and every voice defending our mission is crucial for our continued success.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Nash-Butt, Chair

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