

# New name, same services

## Housing service looks to expand clientele through name change

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As part of an effort to expand their housing services to the entire region, officials from Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services have changed the group's name.

The organization will now be known as NeighborWorks Greater Manchester.

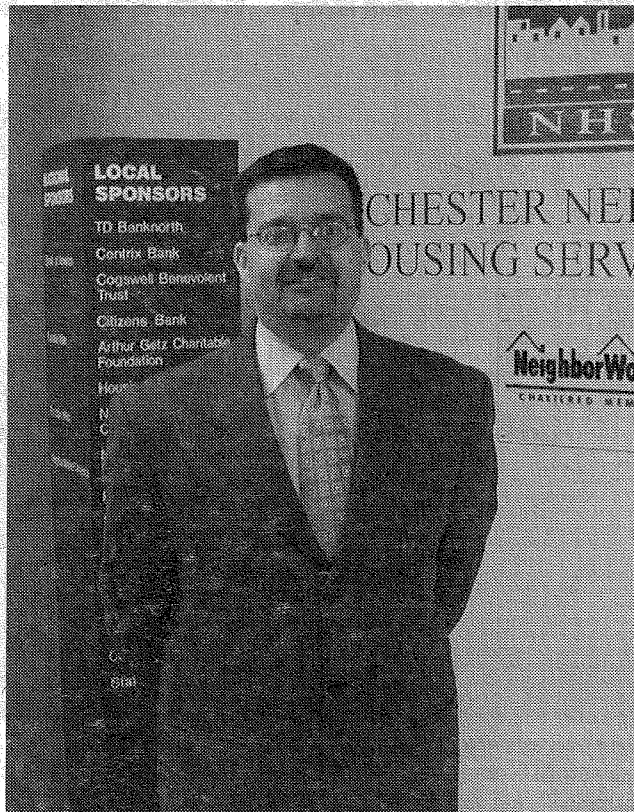
"People think of us as just a city organization," Executive Director Robert Tourigny said. "We want to be the go-to regional resource."

The group, founded in 1992, helps low-income residents become homeowners.

They are credited with playing a big role in the revitalization of the inner-city by bringing the pride associated with homeownership back to the neighborhoods.

The name change has been a long-time coming, Tourigny said. Officials decided to expand the organization's service two years ago.

Along with provid-



Robert Tourigny is the Executive Director of NeighborWorks Greater Manchester. (File Photo)

ing regional recognition, the name change helps the organization capitalize on their affiliation with NeighborWorks America.

NeighborWorks America is a nation-wide, non-profit affiliated with more than 220 community development and affordable hous-

ing organizations around the country.

"They work at the national level to bring attention to the work we do locally," Tourigny said. "They provide us with capital grants, operational support, technical assistance and access to training."

Tourigny said that the name change will have no effect on how they operate.

"Everything else is the same, we just have a new name," Tourigny said.

In August, the group officially opened the Straw Mansion Apartments on Temple Court in the downtown area. That facility houses 33 low-income apartments and cost about \$6 million to complete.

This winter, the groups biggest project ever will get underway when ground is broken on the \$10 million redevelopment of the Silver Mill. The mill is located off of Silver Street on the southeast side of the city.

Once renovations are complete, the 70,000 square foot building will contain 57 new apartment units reserved for families whose income is at or below the areas 50 percent median income.

If you are interested in learning more about NeighborWorks Greater Manchester you can visit their new website at [www.nwgreatermanchester.org](http://www.nwgreatermanchester.org).

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