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### Message from Tim McCleary, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Transformation is one of those trendy terms that management and consultants like to use. Companies transform their organization, their business models, or marketing approach. Well, NOI has truly transformed itself this year. 2009 has truly been a transforming year for Needham Opportunities Inc. We have moved from a successful, committed team of individuals dedicated to affordable housing and are establishing ourselves as a fledgling nonprofit organization committed to projects of a size and scope that is not possible with an all volunteer effort. 2009 has brought a lot of change and success to NOI. A few of our major accomplishments include:

- Ø Establishing a permanent presence in Needham (10 Oak St) and the Internet ([www.NOIHome.org](http://www.NOIHome.org)).
- Ø Transitioned to a new Executive Director, Sheila g Pransky, LICSW.
- Ø Inaugurated new public outreach initiatives through the Needham Rotary, Needham Business Association, the Needham Clergy Association and cooperative relationships with the Needham Town government.
- Ø Initiated several fundraising activities and events (March Benefit Concert and the Fall Masquerade Gala).
- Ø Presented a proposal for our first major development activity (6-8 units) which we hope to begin in 2010.
- Ø Built a green program initiative in cooperation with The Green Needham Collaborative, utilizing our Americorps staff.

Our successful work this past year will serve as a strong foundation moving forward. We will look to finalize our

development project and continue to discuss opportunities on a number of other development projects. We will strengthen our grant funding and other fundraising activities to provide strong operational and administrative support for our programs, and we will continue to expand our advocacy of affordable housing. Transforming companies builds momentum that carries and sustains their forward trajectory. NOI has established that same forward trajectory that will propel our initiatives in 2010.

None of this work would be possible without the support and advocacy of the local community. Even during this challenging economy, I am amazed by the generosity of the individuals, businesses and organizations that continue to provide our support. It is thanks to your benevolence that we can continue to enable affordable housing options. I sincerely appreciate your support. Look forward to a growing success in 2010.

### Needham Habitat for Humanity Update

#### Needham House under construction

Work continues on the Needham House. Volunteer teams from Needham have been working to build the Habitat House at 5 Bancroft St. The pace of construction is accelerating as we work to close in the home by the advent of winter. We have made good progress to date. Nearly all of the churches and temples in Needham have participated in a build day. The walls are progressing nicely. The second floor walls are now up and we anticipate that we will have the roof in place by mid December. Drive by and check on our progress. Note the 2 x 6 walls and additional external insulation that will make this a very energy efficient home.

The Fernandez family have been active participants and are often working with the volunteer crews on their new home. Interested in volunteering? You can volunteer in a number of ways. Check with your local house of worship, or the volunteer schedule at [www.habitatboston.org](http://www.habitatboston.org) or sign up to be a Super sub at [www.needhamhabitat.org](http://www.needhamhabitat.org).

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