

## **NEW GRANTS FROM THE NH BAR FOUNDATION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NH RESIDENTS**

CONCORD, NH -- The New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors recently awarded \$35,771 in grants to twelve nonprofit organizations. The Justice Grants Program is one of two annual grant programs at the NH Bar Foundation.

The 2008 grants were awarded to the **Children's Alliance of New Hampshire** (\$2,500) to research and publish the *2008 Kids Count Data Book* and *NH CAN Priorities Agenda*; **Girls, Inc.** (\$1,260) to support a nine-week scholarship for a disadvantaged Rochester youth; the **Institute on Disability/UNH New Hampshire Leadership Series** (\$3,500) for self-advocacy training for individuals with disabilities and family members; **NH Catholic Charities** (\$3,000) to start a new Mobile Naturalization Workshop and to train volunteer lawyers on immigration law; **New England College Press** (\$6,000) for publishing assistance for a new book, *Exiled Voice, Portals of Discovery - Prose, Poetry and Drama by Fourteen Imprisoned Writers*; **NH Legal Assistance** (\$5,000) to support the Youth Law Project created to help at-risk youth advocate for services they need to avoid future delinquency; **NH Pro Bono Referral Program** (\$2,836) to train volunteer attorneys on consumer issues facing low-income residents; the **NH Supreme Court John W. King Lecture Series** (\$2,500) on the law and the courts; a **Public Interest Coalition Fellowship** for a **Franklin Pierce Law Center** (\$3,500) student to work full time for the summer at a New Hampshire nonprofit law agency serving low-income residents; **Rochester Youth Safe Haven** (\$1,500) in support of an after-school computer lab for disadvantaged youth in Rochester; the **State of NH Commission on the Status of Women** (\$2,175) to update the *Legal Handbook for Women in New Hampshire*; and for the domestic violence shelter, **Voices Against Violence** (\$2,000), to support legal advocacy for domestic violence victims.

It is the first time New Hampshire Catholic Charities, New England College Press, and Rochester Youth Safe Haven have applied for and received grants from the NH Bar Foundation. The 2008 grant awards are \$9,571 higher than last year's Justice Grants. Justice Grants are made from endowed funds established by individual donors at the NH Bar Foundation.

Over the past thirty years, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation has made grants in excess of \$20 million to help low-income residents gain greater access to the justice system and to educate students about the law and the courts.



*2008 Justice Grant recipients pose with NH Bar Foundation Executive Director, David Snyder, and Board Chair, Russell Hilliard at the Fellows & Donors Reception at the Bedford Village Inn, January 24, 2008.*