



Hitch is the name of Maria and Paul Glorioso's new kitten. The Gloriosos say, "A big thank-you to Matt Mason and the wonderful staff at Blackwater Veterinary Services in Salisbury for rescuing this little wonder, who was pitched out of a car. We are the very lucky recipients of the wonderful little fellow."



A reception at Women's Trust headquarters in the old firehouse in Wilmot welcomed Gertrude Ankrah, Director of Development for Women's Trust in Pokuase, Ghana. (L-r) Cindy and Bryan Jones, Barbara Faughnan, Gertrude Ankrah, Ted Brown, Claire Moseley, and Lee Carvalho. Photo: Lindy Heim

Ghana Director Of WomensTrust Speaks In NYC And Wilmot

By WomensTrust

On December 16 and 18, Dana Dakin, Founder and President of WomensTrust, held a reception for Gertrude Ankrah, Program Development Director of WomensTrust in Pokuase, Ghana. The event was held at the US headquarters of WomensTrust in the old Wilmot firehouse on Campground Road in Wilmot.

Gertie, as she is known to her co-workers, spoke at the United Nations in New York City before coming to Wilmot. She is an energetic and engaging Ghanaian woman who obviously enjoys her work. This was most apparent as she articulated the details of the WomensTrust program and answered many questions asked of her by the guests. Gertie will be returning to the United States in February to attend The Social Microenterprise Initiative International Conference in Berkeley, California.

Featured also was a short film made from 40 hours of videotape taken of the market and village life in Pokuase bene-

fitting from the microlending efforts of the WomensTrust microlending program. In the film, several clients are interviewed, and Dana gives background on how she was inspired to initiate the project in Ghana. If you would like to view the film, please visit WomensTrust.org.

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Laurie Ferguson Named Outstanding Woman In Business

Laurie Ferguson of Andover was recently named one of New Hampshire's "Outstanding Women in Business" for 2010. The award, sponsored by New Hampshire Business Review, celebrates the success and achievements of women in our state's business community from a wide variety of industries.

Laurie is one of five women chosen this year from a pool of more than 150 submissions.

For the past six years Laurie has been the Executive Director of New Hampshire Made, the non-profit marketing organization that is increasing the awareness and demand for New Hampshire-made products and services. Through her leadership, New Hampshire Made has become an award-winning organization that promotes more than 800 businesses statewide.

As the premier advocate for our state's small businesses, New Hampshire Made has created a multitude of marketing programs for them to participate in, including its Web site and on-line store at NHMade.com, its two retail

stores on I-95 in Hampton, the annual *Guide to New Hampshire Products & Services* publication, trade and consumer e-newsletters that keep the business community informed about opportunities, and an array of special events, promotions, and tie-in partnerships.

In addition to her New Hampshire Made work, Laurie has also been an active volunteer in her community, working with the regional Young Life youth program, teaching at her local church, and serving as a soccer coach and ski coach while her two boys were attending the local Andover school. She often appears at civic groups, business groups, and local colleges as a guest speaker about business marketing and the benefits of supporting our local economy by "buying local."

Laurie lives in Andover with her two children, Buckman Brownell, a junior at Clemson University in South Carolina, and Canon Brownell, a junior at Proctor Academy in Andover.

To learn more about New Hampshire Made, visit NHMade.com.

Inns Raise \$900 For Food Bank

Seven Sunapee-region inns partnered with Harney and Sons Fine Teas to create a tea tasting and inns tour that raised \$900 for the New Hampshire

Food Bank. The inns included the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover and two New London inns, the Colonial Farm Inn and the Inn at Pleasant Lake.



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