

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR *Massachusetts*



Annual Report 2006–2007

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Mission

Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts builds political power in low-income and working class communities around economic justice issues. By developing local leadership, organizing a broad coalition of allies, and winning elections, we hold politicians accountable to the needs of their constituents and build a progressive majority for the Commonwealth.

Agenda

The Working Family Agenda – good jobs, education and training; affordable child care, health care and housing; a welfare safety net; and progressive taxation – is the cornerstone of our program.

Organizing Model

Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts empowers low-income people to get involved in the democratic process year-round. Our grassroots organizing model includes:

- Leadership Development
- Voter Empowerment
- Issue Advocacy
- Coalition Building
- Legislative Lobbying
- Electoral Campaigns



2 VICTORIES that made Massachusetts the best state to

Raising the minimum wage to the highest in the nation

Last summer, N2N-MA led a broad statewide coalition to win the highest minimum wage in the country. As part of the campaign, N2N-MA organized hundreds of constituency meetings with legislators. This persistent grassroots pressure won passage of a \$1.25 minimum wage increase in the face of strong opposition from House leadership.

Our minimum wage legislation:

- Raised the state minimum to \$8.00/hour.
- Benefited 300,000 low-wage workers across the state.

Hourly Minimum Wage Comparisons for New England Area

Massachusetts	\$8.00
Connecticut	\$7.65
Vermont	\$7.57*
Rhode Island	\$7.40
New York	\$7.15
Maine	\$7.00
New Hampshire	\$5.15

*Based on inflation estimates



The Republican

March 23, 2006

Minimum wage activists rally

By DAN RING

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Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts led a group of minimum wage workers and activists from Western Massachusetts that came to Beacon Hill to rally for the proposed increase...

The Salem News

March 25, 2006

How high should minimum wage be?

Salem's Neighbor to Neighbor group weighs in on proposed bill

By ADRIENNE LAFRANCE
CORRESPONDENT

Salem's Neighbor to Neighbor contingent took their fight for a higher minimum wage to the Statehouse this week. On Wednesday, more than 100 workers and supporters chanting "Raise it! Raise it!" rallied in an effort to get legislative support for a higher minimum wage.

live in for **struggling working families...**

Restoring MassHealth benefits and expanding affordable health care

In April of 2006, legislators responded to the grassroots pressure generated by N2N-MA, as part of the Affordable Care Today! Campaign. Our efforts passed historic health care reform to significantly decrease the number of uninsured residents in Massachusetts.

Our health care legislation:

- Restored dental and eyeglass benefits to 600,000 low-income people.
- Insures all children up to 300% of the federal poverty level.
- Provides free coverage to adults below the poverty level.
- Provides subsidized coverage to adults up to 300% of poverty.

July 2, 2006
SUNDAY TELEGRAM

A 'great day' in health care

MassHealth expansion

By John J. Monahan

TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

Neighbor to Neighbor pushed hard for the new health care reforms... thousands of residents previously had no access to essential services.



“Without health coverage, I had to use my social security to pay for glasses and medications which meant I didn’t have enough for food... Today...we know our voice counts.”

– Martha Absher, N2N-MA Member

Statewide GRASSROOTS FORCES Elect First **Democratic Governor** in 16 Years...

2006 was a sea change for politics in Massachusetts. A new Governor was elected – the first Democrat in 16 years and the first African-American ever!

Deval Patrick won the support of N2N-MA last winter by visiting each of our local chapters, sitting in on neighborhood volunteer meetings and listening to what the grassroots had to say! Because of your support, N2N-MA was able to play a decisive role in Deval Patrick's campaign. Our Campaigns Department worked with Campaign Manager John Walsh to develop their field strategy.

Our Organizers took the lead running intensive door-to-door canvasses and phonebanks in targeted low-income neighborhoods across the state to get out the vote for Deval Patrick and Tim Murray.



How Did Neighbor to Neighbor Deliver for Deval Patrick & Tim Murray?

- **61,409 calls made**
- **37,172 doors knocked**
- **7,499 hours volunteered**

“Neighbor to Neighbor shares my
vision of hope and my commitment
to change politics-as-usual.”

– Governor Deval Patrick



The Daily Item

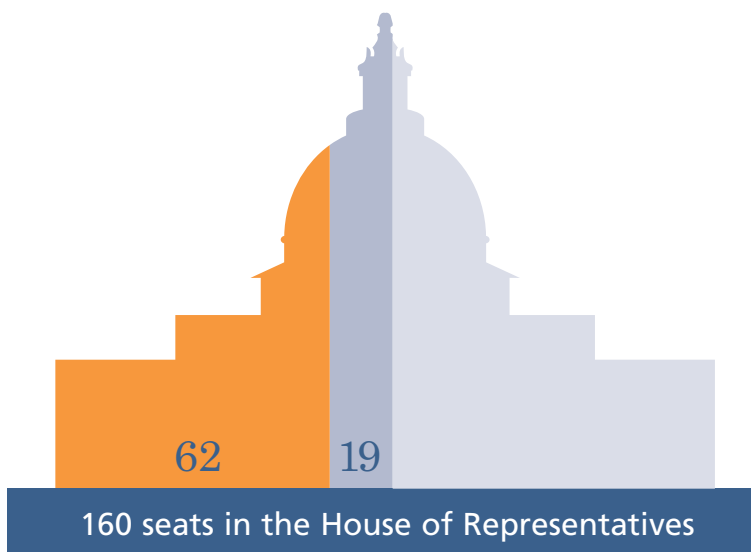
September 19, 2006

Door-to-door democracy
Activists work to get out vote
By David Lisco

Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers in the past few weeks secured more than 2,000 votes in Lynn, most of them residents of the poorest sections of the city...many of them would likely not participate if it were not for organizations like Neighbor to Neighbor.

ELECTION VICTORIES

N2N-MA continues to make steady progress towards a progressive majority in the State House of Representatives.



Right now, we have 62 consistent votes for economic justice – up from just 28 in 1999. Just 19 left to go for an 81-vote majority!

MASS ALLIANCE – our statewide coalition for progressive power!

Mass Alliance, a statewide progressive alliance housed at N2N-MA, is an old idea with a new name, a fresh face, and a stronger coalition of organizations.

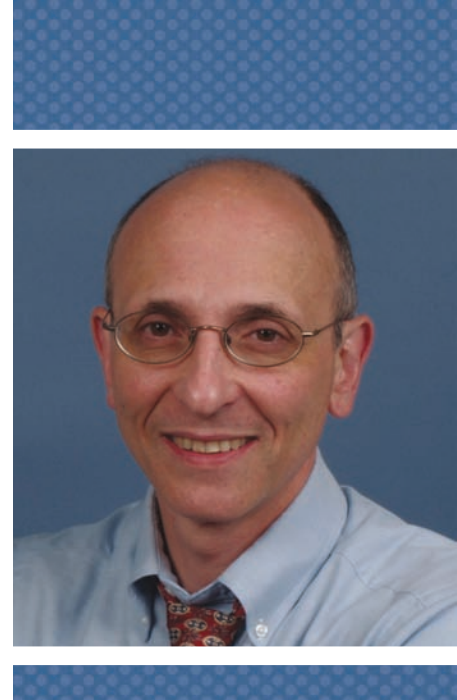
Previously the Commonwealth Coalition, Mass Alliance is a statewide group of 22 organizations that builds unity across a range of progressive issues – from health care, economic justice and equal marriage, to the environment, labor rights, and reproductive choice.

Put Us **Even Closer** to a Progressive Majority

New Legislator Profiles

Steve D'Amico, State Representative

When conservative Phil Travis resigned from his seat, Mass Alliance seized the opportunity to replace one of the state's most right-wing representatives with progressive Steve D'Amico. Steve, a lifelong organizer and community activist from Seekonk, won his election thanks to the help of Mass Alliance and its member groups, led by our sister organization, the Coalition for Social Justice. They organized door-to-door canvasses, ran phonebanks, and helped design his message and direct mail campaign. In the end, Steve won his primary by 408 votes.



Willie Mae Allen, State Representative

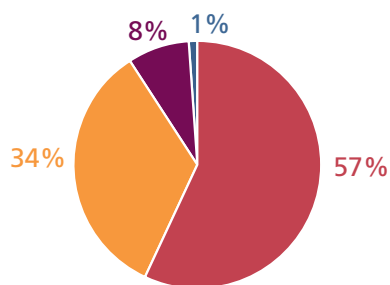
With N2N-MA's backing, Willie Mae Allen won her race for State Representative in Dorchester/Mattapan with 52% of the vote. N2N-MA designed her campaign plan and had a full-time organizer working on her election, emphasizing the importance of volunteer recruitment and face-to-face voter contact. Willie Mae, with 38 years experience as a community activist, will be a strong voice for all progressive causes and we are excited to have her leadership in the State House.



2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

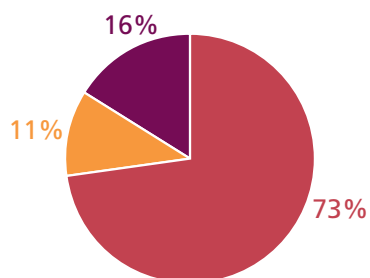
INCOME

	501(C)3 EDUCATION FUND	501(C)4 ACTION FUND
■ Individuals	\$421,799	\$86,690
■ Foundations	\$160,600	\$145,000
■ Unions	\$1,300	\$66,300
■ Other	\$3,135	\$5,340
TOTAL	\$586,834	\$303,330



EXPENSES

	501(C)3 EDUCATION FUND	501(C)4 ACTION FUND
■ Program	\$384,566	\$223,031
■ Administration	\$55,918	\$32,430
■ Fundraising	\$87,042	\$50,480
TOTAL	\$527,526	\$305,941



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

	501(C)3 EDUCATION FUND	501(C)4 ACTION FUND
Current Assets	\$181,331	\$49,990
Fixed Assets	\$497	\$427
Other Assets	\$578	\$0
Total Assets	\$182,406	\$50,417
Accounts Payable	\$4,471	\$2,047
Other Current Liabilities	\$28,204	\$765
Long Term Liabilities	\$224	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$32,899	\$2,812
Net Assets	\$149,507	\$47,605
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$182,406	\$50,417

* As of 12/31/06. An itemized copy of our financial statement is available upon request.

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS to Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts

N2N-MA welcomes and depends on your financial support to fund our grassroots organizing work. The Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts Education Fund is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charity. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



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