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**NEST Welcomes New Board Members**  
Strengthening Local Leadership and Community Impact

**Waterbury, CT - February 3, 2026** — NEST is pleased to announce the appointment of new members to its Board of Directors, adding deep local knowledge, sector expertise, and a shared commitment to equity, education, and housing stability.

“Our board is getting a major boost in both local heart and institutional wisdom. With two Waterbury residents deeply embedded in the CAP agency world and a seasoned state retiree joining our ranks, NEST is better positioned to advocate for the communities we serve. We are honored to have their voices at the table as we continue to grow our impact in Waterbury and beyond,” said Kevin Taylor, Executive Director of NEST.

Anamin Reveron brings a strong commitment to service, education, and community-building to the NEST Board. A bilingual professional with experience in project development, she is dedicated to connecting older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities that strengthen classrooms and support future generations. A Leadership Greater Waterbury alumna, SEAT Program graduate, published writer, and Certified Human Rights Consultant, Anamin combines strategic leadership with creativity, compassion, and a deep respect for human dignity.

“NEST represents a safe space for growth, advocacy, and empowerment,” said Reveron. “Its mission aligns closely with my commitment to community well-being, education, and equity. Serving on the board allows me to contribute to work that creates lasting change.”

Nelson Villanueva-Martinez, a Waterbury native, joins the board with more than a decade of experience in human services and community leadership. A graduate of Waterbury Public Schools, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut’s Waterbury campus and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Counseling and Human Services at Post University.

Nelson has spent over ten years at New Opportunities, Inc., serving in both direct service and leadership roles. He currently serves as Director of the Foster Grandparent Program and is actively involved in organizational leadership, including service on strategic planning and wellness committees. A SEAT Board Service Training Program graduate, Nelson is committed to equity, access, and community-driven solutions.



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"I decided to join NEST because of its strong focus on education, empowerment, and housing stability," said Villanueva-Martinez. "NEST doesn't just provide information it walks people through every step, helping level the playing field for individuals and families seeking stable housing."

Joining them is Neva Vigezzi, a lifelong Waterbury resident whose career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to civil rights, fair employment, and community advancement. A graduate of Crosby High School and the University of Connecticut, where she earned a B.A. in Sociology, Neva began her career with the Connecticut Department of Labor before spending more than 46 years at the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in the Affirmative Action Division.

"NEST's work has always stood out to me because it meets people where they are and helps them build something lasting," said Neva. "My hope for NEST's future is that it continues to expand affordable homeownership and rental opportunities throughout its service areas, giving more families the chance to put down roots and thrive."

As NEST continues to evolve, its purpose remains constant: to create neighborhoods of choice, expand access to affordable, quality housing, and strengthen communities so they can thrive. The addition of these three leaders further reinforces NEST's commitment to people, place, and possibility.

"These three new board members bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience to NEST, strengthening our governance and strategic direction," said Nancy Fay, President of the Board at NEST. "Each is deeply engaged in the communities we serve, and their leadership will further advance our mission and impact."

### **About NEST**

NEST is a non-profit, HUD certified, NeighborWorks America affiliate organization with a passion for creating homeowners, supporting individuals in achieving financial stability, and revitalizing communities.