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Foundation for MetroWest Awards more than \$300,000 to Local Nonprofits through Regional Competitive Grant Program

January 24, 2017 (Natick, MA) – The Foundation for MetroWest awarded grants totaling more than \$300,000 to 38 nonprofits serving MetroWest communities on December 12 at the Weston Community Center. This latest round of grantmaking brings the Foundation’s 2016 grant distribution to over \$1.4 million. The funds distributed through the Regional Competitive Grant Program focus on family support and arts and culture initiatives.

Nonprofit recipients will use the funding to strengthen the MetroWest region by supporting a variety of activities, including: job creation and workforce development, low-cost mediation assistance, support and resources for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, language and literacy programs, visual and performing arts, and historical and cultural organizations.

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered more than ninety grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest over the past several months.

“MetroWest should be thankful for the many hard-working nonprofit organizations that call this region home,” said Judith Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest to a capacity crowd. “Every day they work tirelessly to ensure that our community provides services and programs to improve the quality of life for all residents. We are proud to support their work through our grant program.”

The Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns of MetroWest. By awarding annual grants, the Foundation retains charitable dollars in the region to create strong, vibrant communities, now and in the future.

2016 Grant Recipients:

Arts & Culture:

Amazing Things Arts Center, Framingham- \$5,000
Danforth Art Museum/School, Framingham- \$7,500
deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum, Lincoln- \$5,000
Dedham Community Association, Dedham-\$10,000
Hopkinton Center for the Arts, Hopkinton- \$10,000
Golden Tones Chorus, Wayland- \$2,500
Gore Place Society, Waltham- \$7,500
Museum of World War II, Natick- \$10,000
The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN), Natick- \$5,000

The Discovery Museums, Acton- \$7,500
The Robbins House, Concord- \$10,000
Waltham Boys & Girls Club- \$5,000

Family Support:

Advocates, Inc., Framingham- \$7,600
Asperger/Autism Network, Watertown- \$10,000
Bethany Hill Place, Framingham- \$10,000
Center for Parents and Teachers, Concord- \$7,500
Doc Wayne Youth Services, Framingham- \$10,000
Employment Options, Inc., Marlborough- \$10,000
English At Large, Woburn- \$10,000
Family ACCESS of Newton- \$10,000
Friends of Resiliency for Life, Framingham- \$10,000
Friends of the Waltham Family School- \$10,000
Hope and Comfort, Waltham- \$5,000
Jeff's Place Children's Bereavement Center, Framingham- \$5,000
Jewish Family and Children Services, Waltham- \$5,000
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, Framingham- \$10,000
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln- \$9,500
MetroWest ESL Fund/Framingham Adult ESL Plus- \$10,000
MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham- \$10,000
MetroWest Mediation Services, Framingham- \$7,500
Natick Service Council- \$7,500
One Can Help, Waban- \$5,000
OUT MetroWest, Framingham- \$5,000
Project Citizenship, Framingham- \$10,000
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Waltham- \$10,000
Rise Above Foundation, Northbridge- \$5,000
Voices Against Violence, South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC), Framingham- \$10,000
Watch Inc., Waltham- \$10,000

About Foundation for MetroWest

Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofits and enhance the quality of life for all our residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$13 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$17 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.

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