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Dr. Richard Weissbourd, Author of *The Parents We Mean to Be* and Senior Lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, to Speak at Spring Inspiration Breakfast

Foundation for MetroWest celebrates youth and philanthropy

March 6, 2017 (Natick, MA) — Author, academic, and parenting expert Dr. Richard Weissbourd will be the keynote speaker at the Foundation for MetroWest's fourth Spring Inspiration Breakfast taking place at the Wellesley Country Club on Thursday, May 4, 2017. This public event celebrates the benefits (and explores the challenges of) engaging children with community philanthropy. Richard's work dovetails with this theme, as his studies focus on moral development, vulnerability and resilience in childhood. He also co-directs the [Making Caring Common Project](#), a national effort to make moral and social development priorities in child-raising while providing strategies to schools and parents for promoting caring, a commitment to justice, and other key moral and social capacities in children. His most recent book, *The Parents We Mean to Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development*, was named by *The New Yorker* as one of the top 24 books of 2009.

For 20 years, the Foundation has worked closely with local youth, educating them about the importance of giving back to their community through the Youth in Philanthropy program. Currently, the Foundation offers twelve programs throughout the MetroWest region. Since inception, over 1,100 students have participated awarding \$1 million to local youth-serving nonprofits— making the Youth in Philanthropy program at the Foundation for MetroWest one of the largest in the country.

“The Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program is a community gem that the Foundation offers,” says Susan Elliott, Event Committee Co-chair and whose daughter Kathryn participated in the YIP program. “While the Foundation offers traditional grant support to the more than 600 nonprofits throughout MetroWest, the YIP program is truly unique and an important experience for our youth.”

The Spring Inspiration Breakfast will begin at 9:00 AM on May 4, 2017 at the Wellesley Country Club. Lend your support through sponsorship by contacting Lee Gagen, Development Associate at lgagen@foundationformetrowest.org. Individual tickets will go on sale in early March. To learn more about the event, visit foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.

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