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## Foundation grants \$85,500 to MetroWest food pantries

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#### The MetroWest Daily News

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NATICK — Foundation for MetroWest announced Friday it has distributed \$85,500 in grants from their MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund 39 food pantries throughout the region. The MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund was recently established to provide more resources to local food pantries and food support organizations.

Twenty percent of all grants requested through our discretionary grant program this year were for food support," said Judy Salerno, executive director of Foundation for MetroWest, in a press release. "This was a significant increase from previous years, and it showcases just how prevalent the issue of hunger is in our MetroWest region."

The Foundation's English Family Fund has continually provided community leadership on this issue. This year, their efforts were joined by other Foundation donors and fundholders in helping local families with giving to the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund.

The Foundation recently awarded \$173,500 to 26 MetroWest nonprofit organizations as part of the 2012 Discretionary Grant Program. This year, the Foundation distributed about \$1 million throughout the region and more than \$7.5 million since its inception in 1995.

Foundation for MetroWest promotes philanthropy in the region, helps donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serves as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and enhances the quality of life for all our citizens, according to the release. For more information: [www.FoundationforMetroWest.org](http://www.FoundationforMetroWest.org).

The 26 towns whose food pantries received money from the grant are: Andover Community Supper; Ashland Emergency Fund; Open Table, Inc., Concord; Dedham Food Pantry; Jewish Family Services, Framingham; Lexington Community Supper; Middlesex Human Services, Framingham; United Way of Tri-Co Curtis Family Supper, Framingham; United Way of

Tri-Co Pearl Street Cafe, Framingham; St. Bridget's Food Pantry, Framingham; Lucy & Joe's Food Pantry, Framingham; Hope Worldwide, Framingham; Holliston Pantry Shelf; Project Just Because, Hopkinton; Hudson Community Food Pantry; Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry; City of Marlborough Heat & Eat; Open Table, Inc., Maynard; and Maynard Food Pantry.

Also: Medfield Food Cupboard; Medway Food Pantry; Medway Village Food Pantry; Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford; Salvation Army, Milford; Millis Ecumenical Food Pantry; Natick Service Council; A Place to Turn, Natick; Needham Community Council; United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry; Stow Food Pantry; Sudbury Community Food Pantry; Walpole Community Food Pantry; Salvation Army, Waltham; Middlesex Human Services Bristol Lodge, Waltham; Grandma's Pantry, Waltham; J.F. & C.S. Family Table, Waltham; Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry, Waltham; Celebration International Food Pantry, Wayland; Wellesley Food Pantry; Westborough Food Pantry; and Westwood Council on Aging.

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Are job applications given with each meal or bag of groceries? With the 'poor' getting gold teeth and cell phones I quit giving to these charities a long time ago. My money goes to charities that serve the truly poor throughout the world (non-US).

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Thanks to the Foundation for MetroWest and all of the local organizations that work so hard to feed people who need a little help. GK, across the entire country we have record numbers of generally middle class families who need help that they never needed before. Congrats to helping out needy people throughout the world, that is a worthy cause as well. I am sure that you have a neighbor, colleague or relative who gets assistance that you don't realize. This issue has nothing to do with lazy non-workers, it is an ongoing widening of an income gap that is leaving many working and non-working families behind.

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Nah, Chesterton is right on the mark.

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Being a patron of organizations which give food assistance throughout the world is indeed a great cause to be supporting. I guess that the uninformed generalization you give to domestic food charities can take the hit and survive as long as you are doing something positive. I generally give to Concern Worldwide and the Boston Food Bank. GK and Scary have inspired me, however to add The Foundation for MetroWest to my list. If you people don't know local friends and neighbors who have not needed this assistance in this economy, you are extremely fortunate.

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