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## Foundation For MetroWest awards \$170K in grants



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Foundation for MetroWest in Natick recently awarded \$173,500 in grants to 26 nonprofit organizations throughout the region as part of their 2012 Discretionary Grant Program. Grants were distributed at an event held last night at Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Wellesley.

The 2012 grants were focused on two key areas: family support and arts and culture. Recipients of this year's grants will be using the funding to support a variety of activities including services for families with mental and physical health conditions, housing support, improving access to the arts for underserved populations, and bringing world class performances to the MetroWest region. (A full list of recipients is included below.)

Having such wonderful nonprofits continually working to strengthen this region is what makes MetroWest such a strong and vibrant community," Judy Salerno, executive director of Foundation for MetroWest, said in a statement.

Salerno continued, "In this difficult economic climate, it's more important than ever to support and strengthen our local organizations. We are proud to support these organizations in their efforts to continually strengthen and enrich the MetroWest region."

This year, Foundation for MetroWest distributed approximately one million throughout the region and has distributed 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. For more information, please visit, [www.FoundationforMetroWest.org](http://www.FoundationforMetroWest.org).

### 2012 FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Family Support** - \$125,000
- Advocates, Inc. of Framingham - \$7,500
- Essex Valley Collaborative of Marlborough - \$5,000
- Stanhill School of Framingham - \$2,500
- Charles River Center of Needham - \$5,000
- Employment Options, Inc. of Marlborough - \$7,500

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Family Promise of Natick - \$10,000

- Framingham Adult ESL - \$4,500
- Friends of Millis Library - \$2,000
- Jeff's Place of Wayland - \$3,500
- Jewish Family Services of MetroWest of Framingham - \$10,000
- MetroWest Legal Services of Framingham - \$10,000
- Minuteman Senior Services of Bedford - \$5,000
- Natick Service Council - \$10,000
- REACH Beyond Domestic Violence of Waltham - \$10,000
- South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) of Framingham - \$10,000
- Waltham Fields Community Farm - \$7,500
- Waltham Partnership for Youth - \$5,000
- WATCH, Inc. of Waltham - \$10,000

**Arts & Culture** - \$48,500

- Center for the Arts in Natick (TCAN) - \$7,500
- Chhandika, Inc. of Waltham - \$3,500
- Concord Conservatory of Music - \$3,500
- Discovery Museums of Acton - \$5,000
- Framingham History Center - \$10,000
- Hopkinton Center for the Arts - \$7,500
- Longfellow's Wayside Inn of Sudbury - \$1,500
- New Repertory Theatre of Watertown - \$10,000

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