

Head start in philanthropy

More than 100 middle and high school students from area communities recently awarded more than \$67,000 in grants to 24 nonprofit organizations providing services to local youths as part of the Youth in Philanthropy program, according to the Natick-based Foundation for MetroWest. The program seeks to help local students develop leadership skills while learning about nonprofit organizations in their community. The program was offered to all area students through classes held in Concord, Natick, and Sudbury, and the funds were provided by Foundation for MetroWest donors and the Sudbury Foundation. Students gave the largest checks to Chesterbrook Community Foundation and Waypoint Adventures, which both received \$5,000; the John Andrew Mazzie Memorial Foundation was awarded \$4,600; and \$4,500 went to both Everybody Wins MetroBoston and the West Suburban Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Youth. The students gave smaller awards to the remaining 19 organizations. For more information, visit www.foundationformetrowest.org. JACLYN REISS

