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Southborough Community Fund Distributes \$60,000 to Local Nonprofits

Grants will aid Family & Human Services, Environmental Resources, and Arts & Culture Initiatives

November 17, 2016: The Southborough Community Fund (SCF), a fund of Foundation for MetroWest, recently hosted its third annual Grant Award Ceremony at St. Mark's Church, Southborough, where they distributed \$60,000 to twelve local nonprofit organizations and town agencies. Since 2014, SCF has granted more than \$140,000 to 18 organizations serving the Southborough community.

2016 Grantees:

Assabet Valley Mastersingers (AVM)

This grant will support the production and presentation of the Assabet Valley Mastersinger's concert "The Poet Sings" to be held March 19, 2017 at St. Mark's School, Southborough.

Best Buddies, International

This grant will fund the cost of conference attendance (fees and travel expenses) for three buddy ambassadors and a teacher chaperone to attend the Best Buddies Leadership Conference during July 2017.

The Friends of the Southborough Council On Aging (COA)

This grant will enable the Council to provide meals twice a month for seniors and their primary caregiver(s).

Greater Marlboro Programs, Inc.

This grant will provide funding to pilot a new Extended Day Program for young adults with developmental disabilities who would benefit from a structured educational and recreational program in the hours following the young adult's school, work, or day program.

New Hope, Inc.

This grant will support New Hope's continued work to build a network of local community resources and direct outreach to Southborough residents, making them aware of the free services available through their local advocate and through their 24-hour, toll-free hotline.

Southborough Historical Society

This grant will assist with immediate needs for organizational support and preservation of historic resources due to flood and subsequent mold damage.

Southborough Public Library

This grant will fund a series of art workshops and classes for children, covering an age range from preschool to middle school.

Southborough Friends of Youth Commission (SYFS)

This grant will once again provide Youth Camperships for those in need so that more children in town can receive a positive and meaningful camp experience.

Southborough Open Land Foundation

This grant will support estate planning workshops with property owners about the advantages of placing conservation restriction on property and/or donating land to a land trust.

Southborough Town Agency Collaborative

This grant will once again create a pool of emergency funds designated to assist with urgent, essential services for Southborough residents in need. Areas of assistance include food insecurity, utilities, transportation, heating fuel, medications and other essential services.

Southborough Trails Committee

This grant will support the hiring of professionals to remove the most dangerous obstructions from a recent microburst on Town trails, and assist with purchase of posts and "blazes" to mark trails clearly.

Pilgrim Church - Messiah Community Chorus

This sponsorship and matching grant challenge will once again support the 2016 performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Pilgrim Church in Southborough.

About Southborough Community Fund:

Established in 2014 by local residents, the Southborough Community Fund (SCF) promotes a spirit of philanthropic giving to help enhance the quality of life for all Southborough residents. As a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, the SCF is a source of funding to support community needs and opportunities in the areas of Family Support, Arts & Culture and the Environment, and provides ways for residents to make an immediate impact in their community. For more information, please visit: **www.foundationformetrowest.org/Southborough**

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 \$11.6 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$16 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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