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**Foundation for MetroWest Awards more than \$300,000 to Local Nonprofits through Regional Competitive Grant Program**

**December 13, 2016 (Natick, MA)** – The Foundation for MetroWest awarded grants totaling more than \$300,000 to 38 nonprofits serving MetroWest communities on Monday night at the Weston Community Center. This latest round of grantmaking brings the Foundation’s 2016 grant distribution to over \$1.4 million. The funds distributed through the Regional Competitive Grant Program focus on family support and arts and culture initiatives.

Nonprofit recipients will use the funding to strengthen the MetroWest region by supporting a variety of activities, including: job creation and workforce development, low-cost mediation assistance, support and resources for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, language and literacy programs, visual and performing arts, and historical and cultural organizations.

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered more than ninety grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest over the past several months.

“MetroWest should be thankful for the many hard-working nonprofit organizations that call this region home,” said Judith Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest to a capacity crowd. “Every day they work tirelessly to ensure that our community provides services and programs to improve the quality of life for all residents. We are proud to support their work through our grant program.”

The Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns of MetroWest. By awarding annual grants, the Foundation retains charitable dollars in the region to create strong, vibrant communities, now and in the future.

2016 Grant Recipients:

Arts & Culture:

Amazing Things Arts Center, Framingham  
Danforth Art Museum/School, Framingham  
deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum, Lincoln  
Dedham Community Association, Dedham  
Hopkinton Center for the Arts, Hopkinton  
Golden Tones Chorus, Wayland  
Gore Place Society, Waltham  
Museum of World War II, Natick  
The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN), Natick

The Discovery Museums, Acton  
The Robbins House, Concord  
Waltham Boys & Girls Club

Family Support:

Advocates, Inc., Framingham  
Asperger/Autism Network, Watertown  
Bethany Hill Place, Framingham  
Center for Parents and Teachers, Concord  
Doc Wayne Youth Services, Framingham  
Employment Options, Inc., Marlborough  
English At Large, Woburn  
Family ACCESS of Newton  
Friends of Resiliency for Life, Framingham  
Friends of the Waltham Family School  
Hope and Comfort, Waltham  
Jeff's Place Children's Bereavement Center, Framingham  
Jewish Family and Children Services, Waltham  
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, Framingham  
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln  
MetroWest ESL Fund/Framingham Adult ESL Plus  
MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham  
MetroWest Mediation Services, Framingham  
Natick Service Council  
One Can Help, Waban  
OUT MetroWest, Framingham  
Project Citizenship, Framingham  
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Waltham  
Rise Above Foundation, Northbridge  
Voices Against Violence, South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC), Framingham  
Watch Inc., Waltham

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 more than \$13 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$17 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit [www.foundationformetrowest.org](http://www.foundationformetrowest.org) or call 508.647.2260.

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