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## Foundation for MetroWest Youth in Philanthropy Program Grants Over \$67K to Local Nonprofit Organizations

**Natick, MA** – Foundation for MetroWest announced today that 116 middle and high school students in the MetroWest region awarded \$67,400 to local nonprofit youth-serving organizations as part of the Foundation for MetroWest Youth in Philanthropy program.

The Youth in Philanthropy program helps MetroWest students develop the knowledge and skills to become community leaders. Throughout the program, these students learn the importance of the nonprofit sector and giving back to their own community. The students form their own Board of Trustees and have the opportunity to run for leadership positions, fundraise for the program, visit local organizations, and distribute grants to deserving nonprofits that are working to improve the quality of life for all MetroWest citizens.

“Youth in Philanthropy empowers youth to make a direct philanthropic impact in their community,” said Judith Salerno, executive director of Foundation for MetroWest. “Through our Youth in Philanthropy program, the students learn valuable skills that will lay the groundwork for sustaining our communities in the future.”

This program is offered to all MetroWest students with classes in Natick, Sudbury, and Concord. Funding for this program is provided by generous donors to the Foundation for MetroWest and The Sudbury Foundation.

Below is a breakdown of the grant recipients chosen by the Youth in Philanthropy students:

Boys & Girls Club of Assabet Valley - \$2,000  
Buddy Dog - \$3,500  
Chesterbrook Community Foundation - \$5,000  
Children’s Island - \$1,000  
Decibels Foundation - \$1,800  
Everybody Wins MetroBoston - \$4,500  
Eye of the Storm Equine Rescue - \$1,875  
Heading Home - \$3,500  
Home for Little Wanderers - \$2,640  
Jeff’s Place - \$3,360  
John Andrew Mazzie Memorial Foundation - \$4,600  
Land’s Sake - \$2,500  
Massachusetts Horticultural Society - \$2,000  
Med and Food for Kids - \$1,500  
Minute Man Arc for Human Services - \$2,000  
More than Words - \$3,000  
Needham Community Farm - \$3,000

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation - \$1,250

Rediscovery - \$2,500

Resiliency for Life - \$2,000

The Discovery Museums - \$2,500

The Food Project - \$1,875

Waypoint Adventure - \$5,000

West Suburban Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Youth (WAGLY) - \$4,500

Foundation for MetroWest connects philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need in MetroWest. The Foundation 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 of our citizens. For more information, visit [www.foundationformetrowest.org](http://www.foundationformetrowest.org)

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