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Foundation for MetroWest Awards more than \$250,000 through Regional Competitive Grant Program

December 10, 2015 (Natick, MA) – The Foundation for MetroWest distributed grants totaling more than \$250,000 to 36 nonprofits serving MetroWest on Monday night bringing their yearly grant distribution to \$1.6 million. The annual event, awarding grants from the Foundation’s regional competitive grant program, was hosted at the Weston Community Center. These grants focus on arts and culture, family support and environmental causes.

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, orchestra and theater performances, and environment preservation training.

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered more than seventy grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest.

“MetroWest is fortunate to have so many outstanding nonprofit organizations that keep our communities strong and vibrant,” said Judith Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest to a room of nearly 100. “The organizations ensure that our elders stay active, our rivers are clean, and our kids have access to the arts and cultural opportunities they love. For that we are thankful.”

The Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns of the region. By awarding these annual grants, the Foundation is doing its part to enhance the quality of life for all MetroWest residents, Salerno added.

2015 Grant Recipients:

Arts & Culture:

Clafin Hill Music Performance Foundation, Milford
deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum, Lincoln
Golden Tones Chorus, Wayland
MetroWest Symphony Orchestra, Framingham
Mother Brook Arts & Community Center, Dedham
Museum of World War II, Natick
Music Access Group, Dedham School of Music
New Repertory Theatre, Inc., Watertown
River’s Edge Arts Alliance, Hudson
The Discovery Museums, Acton

Waltham Boys & Girls Club

Environment:

Charles River Watershed Association, Weston
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Boston

Family Support:

Bethany Hill School, Framingham
Cooperative Elder Services, Lexington
Employment Options, Inc., Marlborough
English At Large, Woburn
Family ACCESS of Newton
Family Promise MetroWest, Natick
Friends of the Waltham Family School
Hope and Comfort, Waltham
Jeff's Place Children's Bereavement Center, Framingham
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, Framingham
LVM Literacy Unlimited, Framingham
MetroWest ESL Fund/Framingham Adult ESL Plus
MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham
MetroWest Mediation Services, Framingham
Minuteman Senior Services, Bedford
Natick Service Council
Neighbors Who Care, Waltham
Parents Helping Parents, Watertown
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Waltham
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 \$11.6 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$15 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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