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Foundation for MetroWest's Center for Philanthropy Education Receives \$500,000 Endowment Gift from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation

November 3, 2015 (Natick, MA) — The Foundation for MetroWest is proud to announce a lead gift of \$500,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation to endow the Center for Philanthropy Education. The Center for Philanthropy Education provides free educational programming to more than 600 nonprofits throughout MetroWest in the areas of fundraising, board governance, communications, and Executive Director leadership training. These programs provide nonprofits with opportunities to increase their visibility, improve their connections and expertise necessary to advance their missions and successfully address the critical unmet needs throughout MetroWest.

The \$500,000 gift has a dual purpose. Half will seed the Center for Philanthropy Education endowment fund, and the remaining \$250,000 will leverage a matching gifts campaign engaging members of our community to provide support. The total cost to endow the Center is \$1,000,000. The full endowment of the Center for Philanthropy Education will ensure that our community continues to grow strong for years to come.

"Middlesex Savings Bank has been an invaluable supporter of the Foundation for MetroWest over the last ten years as we have grown to expand our impact beyond grantmaking with educational programming," says Garry Holmes, Chair of the Foundation for MetroWest Board of Trustees. "Creating an endowment for the Center for Philanthropy Education will guarantee continued growth and strengthening of the nonprofits throughout MetroWest in perpetuity."

Since its founding, the Foundation for MetroWest has regarded Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation as a key community partner, and together the two institutions have a long history of collaboration with the singular purpose of strengthening MetroWest communities. We have learned the most effective way for nonprofits to meet their daily challenges is to have high-functioning, skilled staff and boards who are able to effectively engage the community in their mission.

"Middlesex Savings Bank is committed to investing in its community. The impact of the workshops, seminars, and leadership series offered by the Foundation for MetroWest's Center for Philanthropy Education to the nonprofits operating in our region has an undeniable ripple effect," said Dana Neshe, President of Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation. "They are strengthening the nonprofits that in turn strengthen the communities that we call home."

[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 \$10 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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