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Foundation Grants Over \$85K to MetroWest Food Pantries

Natick, MA – Foundation for MetroWest announced today that it has distributed \$85,500 in grants from their MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund to 39 food pantries throughout the region.

The MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund was recently established to provide more resources to local food pantries and food support organizations.

“Twenty percent of all grants requested through our discretionary grant program this year were for food support,” said Judy Salerno, executive director of Foundation for MetroWest. “This was a significant increase from previous years, and it showcases just how prevalent the issue of hunger is in our MetroWest region.”

The Foundation’s English Family Fund has continually provided community leadership on this issue. This year, their efforts were joined by other Foundation donors and fundholders in helping local families by giving to the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund.

The Foundation recently awarded \$173,500 to 26 MetroWest nonprofit organizations as part of their 2012 Discretionary Grant Program. This year, the Foundation distributed approximately one million throughout the region and more than \$7.5 M since its inception in 1995.

Foundation for MetroWest 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, please visit, www.FoundationforMetroWest.org.

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Below are the 26 towns whose food pantries received money from the Foundation for MetroWest grant.

Acton Community Supper
Ashland Emergency Fund
Open Table, Inc., Concord

Dedham Food Pantry
Jewish Family Services, Framingham
United Way of Tri-Co Curtis Family Supper, Framingham
United Way of Tri-Co Pearl Street Café, Framingham
St. Bridget's Food Pantry, Framingham
Lucy & Joe's Food Pantry, Framingham
Hope Worldwide, Framingham
Holliston Pantry Shelf
Project Just Because, Hopkinton
Hudson Community Food Pantry
Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry
City of Marlborough Heat & Eat
Open Table, Inc., Maynard
Maynard Food Pantry
Medfield Food Cupboard
Medway Food Pantry
Medway Village Food Pantry
Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford
Salvation Army, Milford
Millis Ecumenical Food Pantry
Natick Service Council
A Place to Turn, Natick
Needham Community Council
United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry
Stow Food Pantry
Sudbury Community Food Pantry
Walpole Community Food Pantry
Salvation Army, Waltham
Middlesex Human Services Bristol Lodge, Waltham
Grandma's Pantry, Waltham
J.F. & C.S. Family Table, Waltham
Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry, Waltham
Celebration International Food Pantry, Wayland
Wellesley Food Pantry
Westborough Food Pantry
Westwood Council on Aging