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Gary Hirshberg, Chairman of Stonyfield Farm and ‘Just Label It’ Speaks at Fourth Annual Community Leadership Breakfast

October 27, 2015 (Natick, MA) — Business leader and food advocate, Gary Hirshberg spoke last week at the Boston Marriott, Newton as keynote speaker for the Foundation for MetroWest’s fourth annual Community Leadership Breakfast titled, “Business Leaders and Community Philanthropy: An Essential Partnership.”

Hirshberg is the Co-Founder and Chairman of Stonyfield Farm, the world’s leading organic yogurt producer as well as Chairman and Founding Partner of ‘Just Label It, We Have the Right to Know,’ the national campaign to label genetically engineered foods. Gary shared his inspiring story of growing a small farm with seven cows into the nation’s largest organic yogurt supplier in large part due to philanthropy being at the core of Stonyfield’s mission. The Breakfast was chaired by David M. Shuman, Managing Partner of Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd and Foundation for MetroWest trustee.

At the Breakfast, Wellesley resident Ben Fischman was honored with the Young Philanthropist award for his spirit of volunteerism and philanthropic engagement in a wide-range of local charitable causes. Fischman is founder and chief executive officer of LAUNCH and serves on the Board of The Rivers School and Boston Children’s Hospital Trust.

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