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## The Spirit of Philanthropy is Strong in Medfield

*A new endowment is established to benefit the town and its residents*

**Medfield, MA** – Medfield residents looking to make a difference in their community long term now have a unique opportunity to help get a new project off the ground.

The Medfield Foundation, Inc. (MFi), has established the Medfield Foundation Legacy Fund as a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, and is working to build the endowment to award grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies providing services designed to sustain and enhance the quality of life in Medfield.

“As someone who has lived in Medfield for many years and raised a family here, I value the opportunity to establish a legacy in this community that means so much to me,” commented Evan Weisenfeld, *President* of the Medfield Foundation Board. “Establishing this endowment will help ensure we maintain the unique quality and character of Medfield for many years to come.”

Many people are familiar with the Medfield Foundation through its work with several initiatives in Medfield, the best-known being the *Angel Run* – a program that has for 10 years raised money to help support local residents in need. Over the past fifteen years, the Medfield Foundation has, through all its initiatives, raised \$1.8 million to respond to immediate needs identified in the Medfield community. Board members at the Medfield Foundation have long desired to extend their impact in Medfield by creating an endowment that would provide a permanent source of funding to address the needs into the future. The Foundation for MetroWest was able to provide the opportunity through its “Town Fund” program – an initiative that has had significant impact since 2007 in other area towns, thanks to strong support of town residents and businesses. Board members of the Medfield Foundation will volunteer their time fundraising to help build the Legacy Fund with the help of the Foundation for MetroWest. Once the initial fundraising goals have been met, the Medfield Foundation will continue its work with the Foundation for MetroWest to accept, review and distribute grants to deserving Medfield organizations.

“We’re very excited about this because we know there’s an opportunity to do something very special in Medfield, said Judy Salerno, executive director of the Foundation for MetroWest. “As the community foundation for the MetroWest region, we often see communities that have great resources but also many needs. The goal is to engage as many people as possible in Medfield in the process of giving back to the place they call home.”

To learn more about the Medfield Foundation Legacy Fund or to donate, contact Janet Kern at [jkern@foundationformetrowest.org](mailto:jkern@foundationformetrowest.org). You can also find more information at [www.medfieldfoundation.org](http://www.medfieldfoundation.org).

The Foundation for MetroWest connects philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need in the MetroWest region. 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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