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Applications now available for Youth in Philanthropy programs this fall in Natick and Sudbury

June 24, 2015 (Natick, MA) — Do you know of a high school student who is interested in making an impact in their community and becoming a civic leader? The Foundation for MetroWest is currently accepting applications for their Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) programs to take place this fall in Natick and Sudbury. Applications are currently being accepted online at <http://bit.ly/RegionalYIPapp> through July 31st with programs beginning in mid-September. YIP-Natick will be held at the Foundation for MetroWest’s office in Natick, MA on Thursday evenings and YIP-Sudbury will be held at The Sudbury Foundation’s office in Sudbury, MA on Tuesday evenings. Students living in MetroWest in 9th – 12th grade are eligible to apply for either program.

Through a unique educational experience, YIP provides participants the knowledge to become engaged and informed civic leaders in our community by learning the importance of philanthropy and the needs that exist in our backyard. YIP also helps local youth develop valuable 21st century skills, including critical thinking, understanding budgets, public speaking, reaching consensus, and case-making. Ultimately, the group of 15 high school students work together to evaluate grant applications and distribute funds to worthy nonprofits working to serve youth in our communities.

A recent YIP participant said, “YIP is a truly amazing program that has taught me an array of useful skills and has given me a new perspective. This program has allowed me to have a new and improved outlook on my community and how I can help.”

Since launching in 1997, the Foundation for MetroWest’s Youth in Philanthropy program has educated over 1,000 students who have granted nearly \$850,000 to 140 MetroWest youth development organizations. The Foundation for MetroWest is proud to be running one of the largest youth philanthropy education programs in the country. For more information about the Youth in Philanthropy program, visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or email Jennifer Ubaldino at jubaldino@foundationformetrowest.org.

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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