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Southborough Community Fund Distributes \$30,000 to Local Nonprofits

First-time grants will aid Family Support, Arts & Culture and Environment

November 18, 2014: The Southborough Community Fund (SCF), a fund of Foundation for MetroWest, announced its first grant awards and distributed \$30,000 to ten local nonprofits in the areas of Family Support, Arts & Culture and Environment last night. The Southborough Community Fund was established in 2014, by local residents, to build resources to strengthen the community. Prior to the SCF, Southborough did not have a dedicated source of funding to make grants to the nonprofit organizations that are working so hard to maintain, and even improve, the well-being of its residents.

Grantees:

- **Assabet Valley Mastersingers** to support a new choral work, "Annelies" based on "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl"
- **The Friends of the Southborough Council on Aging** to support a new program pairing elders with volunteers who would visit them on a regular basis
- **Southborough Access Media** to support Veteran interview funding for the film project "Lessons in Life and Paying it Forward"
- **Southborough Friends of the COA and Fire Department Collaboration** to support the purchase of three Knox Boxes for frail seniors that need "well being" checks
- **Southborough Friends of Youth Commission** to support a Youth Campership Program so more children may participate in a camp experience
- **Southborough Library** to support a science and literature program for preschool through elementary school age children
- **Southborough Open Land Foundation** to support the expansion of Wildlife Survey, nature walks and programs for environmental advancement

- **Southborough Recreation Department** to support the purchase of two Freedom Concept Adaptive Bikes that will help students with severe developmental mobility challenges learn to use bikes and build confidence
- **Southborough Town Agency Collaborative** to support the Collaborative Emergency Need Funding
- **Southborough United Parishes Food Pantry** to support the Food Insecurity Program

"It is a privilege to be a part of a Fund whose mission is to serve the residents of Southborough. After receiving \$60,000 in grant requests, our board realized, more than ever, that there is great need in our town," said Tom Crotty, chairman of the SCF Community Board. "We look forward to increasing our distribution to our nonprofits dramatically over the next few years."

Established this past year, the Southborough Community Fund is a town fund of the Foundation for MetroWest. Foundation for MetroWest is the region's only community foundation serving 33 cities and towns, connecting the philanthropic interests of donors with demonstrated need in the areas of Family Support, Arts & Culture, Environment and Youth Development. Through a combination of donor advised funds and unrestricted dollars, the foundation has granted over \$9 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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