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Applications now available for Youth in Philanthropy program this spring in Sudbury

November 23, 2015 (Natick, MA) — Do you know of a MetroWest high school student who is interested in...

- Enhancing their **leadership** skills?
- Developing their **financial literacy** skills?
- Improving their ability to **speak in public**?
- Learning **presentation** skills?
- Understanding the needs in their **own backyard**?
- Making a **positive impact** on their community?
- **Granting \$10,000** to local nonprofit organizations of their choice?

If so, encourage them to apply for our spring [Youth in Philanthropy](#) program taking place in Sudbury. The YIP Sudbury program will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30PM at The Sudbury Foundation's office in Sudbury. Applications are now being accepted through Friday, December 18th and can be found at <http://bit.ly/YIPSpring2016>

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 it began more than 15 years ago, the Foundation for MetroWest Youth in Philanthropy program has graduated over 1,100 students and awarded nearly \$850,000 in grants to 140 organizations that serve youth throughout MetroWest. The Foundation for MetroWest is proud to be running one of the largest youth philanthropy programs in the country.

You can find more information about Youth in Philanthropy at www.foundationformetrowest.org/YIP or by emailing Caroline Murphy at cmurphy@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.