

Local organizations receive \$20,000 from Foundation for MetroWest

The Assabet Valley Collaborative and Employment Options in Marlborough recently received grants totaling \$20,000 as part of the Foundation for MetroWest's 2011 grant cycle.

The foundation distributed a total of \$162,000 to organizations throughout the region.

Assabet Valley Collaborative was awarded a \$10,000 grant to expand its community-based Family Support Partnership program to include services for families with concomitant mental and physical health conditions. Employment Options received a \$10,000 grant to fund a part-time program director for the Furnishing Options program, which distributes free household items to low-income families while providing retail customer service training opportunities for disabled youth and adults.

"The MetroWest is defined by the strength of organizations, such as Assabet Valley Collaborative and Employment Options, working tirelessly to improve the quality of life in communities throughout the region," said Judith Salerno, executive director of the Foundation for MetroWest. "Each year we are incredibly moved by the aspiration of these organizations to serve their communities and we are proud

to be able to support them in a small, but meaningful way."

In 2011 the Foundation for MetroWest distributed about \$600,000 throughout the region and has given more than \$6.5 million since its inception in 1995. For more information, visit foundationformetrowest.org.

