



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

April 2018

Everyday is Earth Day

Dear Friends,

In April the MetroWest region comes to life in vivid shades of green. Here at the Foundation we are reminded of the beauty of our natural landscape, and our responsibility as stewards of the Earth.

We believe that **every** day is Earth Day, and we are proud to support those who are working to protect and enhance our region's natural resources. Our [MetroWest Fund for the Environment](#) focuses on water-related issues, as we recognize that water is essential to public health, to our natural ecosystems, and to sustaining our economy.



We encourage you to make your own act of green, and engage your families and neighbors alike. Some great local options include:

Saturday, April 28

[Charles River Cleanup](#)

[Framingham Earth Day Festival](#)

[Mass Audubon's Statewide Volunteer Day](#)

[6th Annual CLEAN SWEEP in Medway](#)

Sunday, April 29

[Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race](#)

Saturday, May 5

[Ashland Annual Town-Wide Cleanup](#)

[Holliston Town-Wide Clean Up Day](#)

As the American novelist Wendell Berry once said, "The Earth is what we all have in common."

Sincerely,

Judith G. Salerno
Executive Director

Quick Reads Inspiration in 5 Minutes or Less

[25 Different Ways to Celebrate Earth Day](#)

Earth Day is more than just a single day. It's bigger than attending a rally and taking a stand. Here are 25 different ways you can celebrate Earth Day, all year long.

[Eating as if the Planet Mattered](#)

Here is a quick read with actionable takeaways on what you can do to help save the planet, one meal at a time!



Upcoming Events Join Us



Wayland Resident Pamela Lesser to be Honored with 2018 Community Philanthropist Award

Thursday, May 3 | 9 AM - 11 AM | Wellesley Country Club

The Foundation for MetroWest is excited to announce Pam Lesser as this year's Spring Inspiration Breakfast Community Philanthropist Award winner. After a successful career in sales and sales management at IBM, Pam has been an active community volunteer and philanthropist, playing a lead role in numerous community initiatives.

[Click here](#) to learn more on why we're thrilled to honor Pam at this year's breakfast and don't forget to [purchase your tickets](#) to the region's most inspiring event of the year!

Time, Talent, and Treasure Make a Difference

The Value of Your Volunteer Time Has Increased

A new study finds that volunteers in the United States are 63 million strong and hold up the foundation of civil society. They help their neighbors, serve their communities, and provide their expertise.

No matter what kind of volunteer work you set out to do, you are contributing in invaluable ways. [Click here](#) to learn why your volunteer hours are worth more than ever before.

Donor Portal Coming Fall 2018

We hear you and it's coming! We are excited to announce that we will be launching an online donor portal this fall for all Foundation for MetroWest fund holders.

- Online access to your account
- Review fund statements
- Customize giving reports
- Recommend grants with a touch of a button



Establishing a charitable fund at the Foundation for MetroWest has always been fast and easy, but starting this fall you'll now be able to manage your giving online.

To be one of the first to know when our system goes live, or to learn more on what charitable fund option might be right for you, please contact Jay Kim, Chief Operating Officer, at jkim@foundationformetrowest.org or 508-647-2260.

Youth in Philanthropy Corner Stay in the Know

Wellesley Launches Fund to Endow YIP



On Thursday, April 12 the Foundation for MetroWest, in partnership with the Fund for Wellesley, held a celebration for the launch of the Wellesley Youth in Philanthropy Fund.

The endowed fund began with a \$100,000 investment from Brian and Susan Kavogian of Wellesley. The Foundation for MetroWest and the Fund for Wellesley aims to reach a \$500,000 campaign goal by December 2018. The fund will support the Wellesley Youth in Philanthropy program in perpetuity.

"We're thrilled to embark on this initiative to endow the Wellesley Youth in Philanthropy program with this Fund," said Judy Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest. "The importance of preparing our youth for lives of civic and community leadership has never been greater. Thanks to the partnership with

the Fund for Wellesley, and the lead gift of \$100,000 from Brian and Susan Kavogian, we're on our way to ensuring that this program is a permanent resource for Wellesley teens and local nonprofits forever."

[Click here](#) to read the full release. To make a gift to support this fund, or learn more on how you can get involved, please contact Renee Quinn, Senior Philanthropy Officer, at rquinn@foundationformetrowest.org or 508-647-2260.

Registration Open for YIP Summer Institute

Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29 | 9 AM - 4 PM Daily | Framingham State University

Are you a middle or high school student who wants to participate in Youth in Philanthropy but your fall, winter, and spring schedule is simply too busy to fit it in during or after school? Then the Youth in Philanthropy Summer Institute is calling your name!

This fun, impactful five-day summer program empowers students to be active community members and helps develop critical leadership skills. Participants – led by trained instructors – learn how to evaluate local nonprofit organizations, conduct site visits to area nonprofits, and work as a team to award a grant to the nonprofit of their choice.



[Click here](#) to learn more.

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