



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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Stocked Shelves and Clean Water

Dear Friends,

As summer winds down and kids go back to school, the energy in our communities begins to change. I love seeing the yellow school buses back on our roads; it's a new year filled with promise and learning. This image reminds me of the important role our schools play in feeding children across MetroWest.



While we start to worry about what to pack in our kids' lunchboxes, over 300,000 children statewide rely on free or reduced-price lunches at school. During the summer those families must figure out how to provide a third meal. Summer is an appropriate and vital time to support local food pantries.

Summer is also a time of beach, lake and water play. What better time to support organizations that maintain safe drinking water and healthy waterways?

With this month's newsletter, I am pleased to share what the Foundation for MetroWest is doing to make a transformative impact around the issues of hunger relief and water quality.

Thanks to your support we distributed \$192,000 to hunger relief agencies and environmental organizations. As you peruse the list of organizations below, I encourage you to think about your own impact and how together, we are making a difference. Together, we can build a brighter future for our community.

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Enjoy summer in MetroWest,

Judith G. Salerno
Executive Director

Fighting Hunger in MetroWest Everyday

Every year, the Foundation grants to hunger relief organizations fighting hunger throughout MetroWest. This year the Foundation awarded additional funding to support small capital improvement projects at 14 hunger relief organizations.

Capital projects include improvements such as new shelving or commercial freezers that will help the organizations upgrade their storage and increase their food-preservation capacity.

2017 MetroWest Hunger Relief Grantees

A Place to Turn, Natick
Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, Acton
Ashland Emergency Fund, Inc., Ashland
Ashland Youth and Family Services, Ashland
Boston Area Gleaners, Waltham
Celebration International Church, Wayland
Community Day Center of Waltham, Waltham
Cooperative Elder Services, Inc., Lexington
Daily Bread Food Pantry, Inc., Milford
Daniel's Table, Framingham
Dedham Food Pantry, Dedham
Food Link, Inc., Arlington
Gaining Ground, Concord
Gluten Free Food Bank, Newton
Grandma's Pantry, Waltham
Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston
HOPE worldwide Food Bank, Framingham
Hudson Community Food Pantry, Hudson
Jewish Family & Children's Service, Waltham
Jewish Family Service of MW, Framingham
Land's Sake, Weston
Lexington Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry, Inc., Lexington
Lucy & Joe's Pantry, Framingham
Marlborough Community Cupboard, Marlborough
Maynard Food Pantry, Inc, Maynard
Medfield Food Cupboard, Medfield
Medway Food Pantry, Medway
Medway Village Church Food Pantry, Medway
Middlesex Human Service Agency, Inc., Waltham
Millis Ecumenical Food Pantry, Millis
Minuteman Senior Services, Bedford
Mt Calvary Community Supper, Acton
Natick Service Council, Inc., Natick
Needham Community Council, Needham
Needham Community Farm, Inc., Needham
Open Table, Concord
Parmenter VNA & Community Care, Inc., Wayland
Project Just Because, Inc., Hopkinton
Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Waltham
Southborough Community Food Pantry, Southborough
Springwell, Waltham
St. Bridget's Food Pantry, Framingham

Stearns Farm CSA, Framingham
Stow Food Pantry, Stow
SVdP St. Joseph Conference, Lincoln
The Salvation Army, Waltham
The Salvation Army, Framingham
The Salvation Army, Milford
The Sudbury Community Food Pantry, Sudbury
Walpole Community Food Pantry, Walpole
Waltham Fields Community Farm, Waltham
Wellesley Food Pantry, Wellesley
Westborough Food Pantry, Westborough
Westwood Council on Aging, Westwood
Westwood Food Pantry Inc., Westwood

2017 MetroWest Hunger Relief Capital Project Grantees

A Place to Turn, Natick, for repaving and ramp construction
Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, Inc., Acton, for a commercial refrigerator
Gaining Ground, Inc., Concord, for a hoop house
Gluten-Free Food Bank, Newton, for a chest freezer and shelving racks
Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston, for a commercial freezer
HOPE *worldwide*, Framingham Food Bank, Framingham, for a commercial freezer
Medway Village Church Food Pantry, Medway, for dry goods shelving
Minuteman Senior Services, Bedford, for two freezers and meal warmers
Natick Service Council, Natick, to install rear entry door/access ramp
Needham Community Council, Needham, for shelving
Open Table, Concord, for work tables, sink, and prep area
Parmenter VNA & Community Care, Inc., Wayland, for raised garden beds
The Salvation Army, Framingham, for a commercial refrigerator
The Salvation Army, Milford, for a commercial freezer

A Hoop House for Gaining Ground in Concord

"Gaining Ground is focused sharply on growing as much high quality organic produce as possible for hunger relief. Over the past 5 years, we have increased our production from 25,000 to over 60,000 pounds on the same land.

The moveable hoop house supported by the Foundation for MetroWest is another innovation that will enable us to grow even more produce.

The hoop house significantly extends the growing season, allowing for early planting in the spring and for growing greens late into the year." - Joe Rigali, President of the Board



A Freezer for Hope *worldwide* in Framingham



"The commercial freezer purchased with Foundation for MetroWest funding is an incredible gift to the Framingham Food Pantry. It enables the Pantry to stretch its limited food budget through the purchase and storage of frozen meat, chicken, and fish when they are on sale at an attractive price, through the Greater Boston Food Bank." - Robert Herrman, Executive Director

Working Towards Clean Water

"I was so pleased to be part of the review process for the Environmental grants. It was inspiring to learn about the important water-related work being done by all the applicants, and to work with such a great team at the Foundation for MetroWest." - Grace Fauver, Concord

The environmental grant program supports organizations working to protect and enhance the waterways in our region. Home to approximately 639,000 residents, protecting MetroWest's water sources are essential to public health, to our natural ecosystems, and to sustaining a strong regional economy. The Foundation awarded a total of \$29,000 to 5 organizations that play an important role in water management and protection.



Charles River Watershed Association - \$6,000 to support the Conservation and Drought Preparedness project, including analysis of 2016 outdoor watering restrictions in the Charles River Watershed; advocacy for adoption of an improved drought management plan; and dissemination of information

Massachusetts Audubon Society - \$6,000 to support the work of Shaping the Future of Your Community program in partnership with Hudson and other MetroWest communities to conduct education programs and technical assistance

Massachusetts Rivers Alliance - \$6,000 to support efforts to reform state policies and practices that will preserve our streams and water supplies during times of water scarcity

OARS - \$6,000 to build public support for investment in green infrastructure that will create a more resilient local landscape

Commonwealth Green Low-Income Housing Coalition/OHCDC - \$5,000 to support the Gray Water Initiative which seeks to demonstrate and highlight gray water systems as a component of drought management in Massachusetts

Honoring Civic Leadership

This year, we're pleased to honor Paul Joseph and Greg Reibman for their work connecting businesses with each other and with the local MetroWest community. They will be honored at the Community Leadership Breakfast on October 27.

Paul R. Joseph
President & CEO of MetroWest Chamber of
Commerce

Greg Reibman
President of Newton-Needham Regional Chamber

Place [a congratulatory ad](#) honoring Paul and Greg in
the event program book!

Join us! Tickets go on sale September 15.



High School and College Internships

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MetroWest!**

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[Fundraising and Research Assistant for Fall 2017](#)

Internship opportunities for Youth in Philanthropy alumni
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[Office Internship for Fall 2017](#)

Apply by Tuesday, September 5.

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