



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

December 2017

Working Together to Strengthen Our Communities

Dear Friends,

We believe that in MetroWest, no one should go hungry, everyone who needs help should have a place to turn, and that clean waterways and access to cultural programs enrich our lives.

This is why we are here- to strengthen our community by ensuring vital projects and programs are brought to life to benefit MetroWest residents- all with community support.

We can't do it without you.

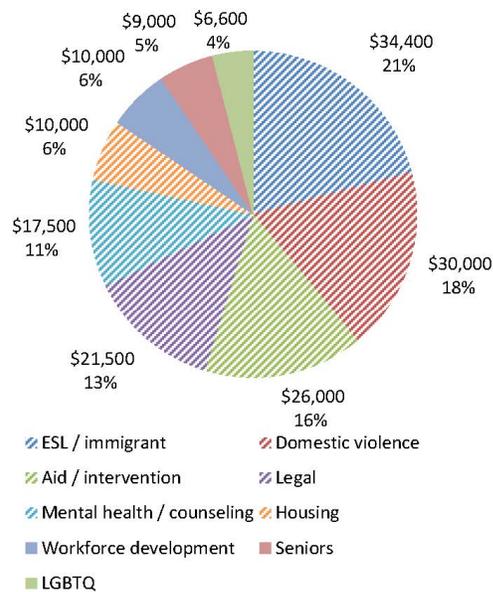
I am honored to share the 2017 Regional Grant Program recipients with you. Every year I am excited by the passion and commitment shown by nonprofit organizations throughout the region.

This year, the Foundation awarded \$269,000 to 40 nonprofit organizations in the categories of Arts & Culture, Family Support, and the Environment.

However, there is still work to be done. We were only able to fulfill 29% of requests for funding. According to data from the 2010 U.S. census, more than 34,000 of our neighbors in MetroWest live below the poverty line, revealing stark disparities in income levels within communities.

As the new year approaches, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on everything that MetroWest has to offer, what can be improved, and how you can make an impact.

2017 Family Support by Program Area



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My best wishes to you and yours this holiday season,

Judith G. Salerno
Executive Director

Announcing Our Newest Grantees!



The Foundation awarded grants totaling \$269,000 to 40 nonprofits serving MetroWest communities on December 11 at the Weston Community Center.

Nonprofit recipients will use the funding for a wide-range of programs and projects, including: immigrant services, historic preservation projects, mental health counseling, workforce development, resources for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, language and literacy programs, visual and performing arts, and clean waterway initiatives. We are honored to support their work!

Family Support

Bethany Hill Place
 Children's Trust, Inc.
 English at Large
 Family ACCESS of Newton
 Family Promise Metrowest
 Fresh Start Furniture Bank
 Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.
 Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester
 Hope and Comfort
 Jewish Family Service of MW
 Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
 MetroWest Legal Services
 MetroWest Mediation Services, Inc.
 Minuteman Senior Services
 Natick Service Council, Inc.
 National Alliance On Mental Illness Of MetroWest
 One Family, Inc.
 Project Citizenship
 REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
 SMOC/Voices Against Violence
 The Second Step
 Thrive Support & Advocacy
 WATCH, Inc.

Arts & Culture

51 Walden, Inc.
 Amazing Things Arts Center
 Chhandika
 deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum
 Exsultet, Inc.
 Hopkinton Center for the Arts
 Mother Brook Arts and Community Center
 Needham Historical Society, Inc.
 New Repertory Theatre
 Open Door Theater
 Sudbury Historical Society, Inc.
 The Discovery Museums

Environment

Charles River Watershed Association
 Massachusetts Audubon Society
 Massachusetts Rivers Alliance
 OARS
 Commonwealth Green Low-Income Housing Coalition/OHCDC

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High School Students: Apply Today!



The Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program is a great way to get involved with the MetroWest community! A free, semester-long program, YIP students learn about the needs in their communities, and eventually grant \$10,000 to nonprofits of their choice, making a real impact.



A recent YIP Wellesley student said, "This program really made me understand how nonprofits work. It's important to see how much work goes into running a nonprofit, specifically the ones in your own community, benefiting your very own neighbors."

Programs currently accepting applications:

SUDBURY

For high school students who live or learn in MetroWest

Deadline: January 5, 2018

WELLESLEY

For high school students who live or learn in Wellesley

Deadline: December 18, 2017

WESTON

For high school students who live or learn in Weston or surrounding communities

Deadline: January 5, 2018

FAMILY GIVING CIRCLE

For any MetroWest parent/guardian & child in grades 6-8

Deadline: December 18, 2017

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What's Your Year-end Giving Strategy?

Give Appreciated Securities

You may want to consider donating appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, or mutual funds) to take advantage of the market gains in 2017. Transferring securities that have appreciated in value (and have been held for over a year) is one way to increase itemized tax deductions and avoid paying capital gains tax.



Open a Donor Advised Fund

You may have heard about Donor Advised Funds in the news, but you may not know that you can open one at the Foundation!

A Donor Advised Fund is our most flexible fund. You can open a fund now with a gift of cash and/or appreciated securities, then you can use it to recommend donations to the charities to which you already give, and/or we will provide information on organizations to assist you in choosing your grant recipients.

Talk to your financial advisor for more information!

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Now Hiring: Development Associate

The Development Associate will play an integral role in supporting the growth of the organization and our mission by providing operational administrative support to all aspects of the Foundation's fundraising activities.

If you think you're right for this position, we want to hear from you!



APPLY

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