



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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Thank you for your support

Dear Friends,

I want to start off the first newsletter of the new year with a resounding "Thank you!"

We met our year-end goal and received the matching gift challenge of \$50,000 from a generous MetroWest neighbor. This is all due to your support and fervent belief in investing in the future of our community, as a community.



#GiveLocal was not only our campaign theme, but a value that we share with our supporters. A community foundation's *raison d'etre* is to give back locally... it is what we preach, what we practice, and what keeps us motivated. And we couldn't have done it without you.

Last year, we granted over \$1.5 million dollars- we are committed to increasing this impact throughout 2018 and beyond.

Looking forward, the momentum from year-end will propel us to new heights in our [community grantmaking](#), [nonprofit workshops](#), and [youth philanthropy](#) programs.

I am excited to see what the year brings as we work towards an ever more vibrant region to call home.

Sincerely,

Judith G. Salerno
Executive Director

How Will You Get Involved in 2018?

Should you donate or crowdfund for a cause? Volunteer? Open a donor-advised fund? Make a food donation to the local pantry? The article [These 27 Strategies Will Make Philanthropy an Effective Pursuit from Bloomberg Businessweek](#) shows you how! Using their handy chart below, you can get involved in your community in a way that fits your resources and aspirations. (Click on the chart to expand.)

As you decide on your path, the Foundation staff is here to help. Consider volunteering close to home with us or one of our [grantees](#), open a local donor advised fund, or commit to joining a board. The Foundation is able to offer advice and guidance as you plan your philanthropic journey. Good luck!



Donor Tip: Monthly Giving

Monthly giving is a convenient, easy way to give to causes you care about. Here are a few reasons you should consider signing up:

- 1) **You're in charge.** The amount and frequency of your giving is completely in your control and can be changed at any time.
- 2) **It fits your budget.** For example, giving just \$5 a month adds up to \$60 per year!
- 3) **It saves paper.** Giving consistently means less mail and fewer reminders.
- 4) **Sustainability.** Organizations can rely on your gift as a monthly source of income, instead of waiting for the end of year appeal to meet funding goals.



Monthly giving is a great way to make a big impact with small gifts throughout the whole year!

To make a monthly gift to the Foundation, choose "Monthly" under "Donation Frequency" on the online giving form. Thank you!

MAKE A MONTHLY RECURRING GIFT

YIP Students Give Back



The Hopkinton Youth in Philanthropy students volunteered at the [The Michael Lisnow Respite Center](#) in Hopkinton! The Respite Center "is a place that provides emotional and physical support for individuals with disabilities and their families." After a snowstorm earlier this month, the students joined forces to shovel out the Center's driveway, paths, and access to amenities to allow residents and staff to enter and exit the building safely.

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

Save the Date: May 3, 2018



Save the Date for the Spring Inspiration Breakfast!

This year's event will take place at the Wellesley Country Club on Thursday, May 3 at 9:00 AM.

Guests will hear from local philanthropists of all ages as we celebrate youth, philanthropy, and family at this year's event.

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