FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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Family is Everything

Dear Friends,

Following our annual **Spring Inspiration Breakfast** I always reflect on the impact and meaning of family. Each year I leave the event inspired by the families who do so much to make our communities so great.

And what better time to celebrate and focus on family than now? With Mother's Day, Father's Day, and plenty of high school and college graduations all within weeks of one another, it's hard not to think about the impact of family.

The Foundation for MetroWest is *always* striving to strengthen *all* families in our community.

Our MetroWest Fund for Families is focused on access to opportunities and resources that are central to a strong and healthy region and addresses a board range of current and emerging community issues. In this newsletter you'll read about a 2017 grantee who is offering an education program for local Hispanic families dealing with mental illness.

And for those who want to nurture their family's philanthropy, establishing a Donor Advised Fund with the Foundation is an easy way to invest in the MetroWest community, while also investing in your family. Working collaboratively around a family fund is an excellent way to instill the spirit of generosity that becomes part of your family's story. Not sure what type of fund is best for you? **We're here to help**.

Whatever it is you're doing to celebrate and strengthen your family or those in your community this time of year, we encourage you to include philanthropy in the conversation.

Sincerely,

Judith G. Salerno

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Executive Director

Quick Reads Inspiration in 5 Minutes or Less

Do Well By Doing Good – Family Businesses and Philanthropy
Family business legacy planning involves many considerations, such as training, timing, and transferring of interests. Another component of this planning should entail the long-term vision of philanthropic goals for future generations.

Greater MetroWest Economic Profile 2018
High Stakes Housing: How Today's Decision's are Shaping Tomorrow's Greater MetroWest

SPECIAL OFFER Just for You

Your Voice. Your Story. Your Legacy.

If you joined us for our annual Spring Inspiration Breakfast, you might remember hearing about Story Trust. Based in Newton, Story Trust helps families, businesses, and organizations tell their remarkable stories in ways that create a lasting legacy. They firmly believe that from seemingly ordinary lives, extraordinary stories emerge. Stories are our most valuable gift to the next generation.

Book a service with Story Trust now through August 31 and tell them the Foundation for MetroWest sent you! For every referral Story Trust receives this summer from the Foundation, a $50 donation will be made in your family's name. It's the perfect time to do good for your family *and* our community.

Click here to learn more or contact David O'Neil at (617) 755-3283.

Time, Talent, and Treasure Make a Difference

All in This Together

"The understanding of the multiple aspects of philanthropy that our daughters have learned and will continue to learn through YIP is invaluable and will set them on a course of giving back throughout their lives."

Click here to read how one family's YIP experience inspired more than just their kids.

Your Impact Stories from Foundation Grantees

Mental Health Education Program for Hispanic Families in Framingham

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) MetroWest has been collaborating with area Hispanic organizations and NAMI Latino to conduct a family education program for local Hispanic families dealing with mental illness.

Click here to learn more.

CPE Corner Stay in the Know

Foundation for MetroWest Graduates Inaugural Cohort of Emerging Leaders Academy

On May 22 the Foundation for MetroWest graduated 16 MetroWest nonprofit leaders from its selective inaugural Emerging Leaders Academy. These 16 individuals represent a talented group of nonprofit and social sector professionals who are committed to strengthening the MetroWest region.

Click here to read the full release and list of participants.