



## FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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### Busy and Growing

It is starting to feel a lot like fall here in MetroWest. The nights are cooler, apples have appeared at local farm stands, and our Youth in Philanthropy programs are back in session. Below, I invite you to read a YIP instructor's inspiring perspective and challenge yourself to our Community Needs Quiz.



Need statistics can be enlightening. Did you know that 33% of schools across Massachusetts do not offer arts education in their curriculum? Some students are able to supplement by taking classes after school, but many cannot.

After school enrichment programs are often prohibitive both logistically and financially for many families. We are fortunate in MetroWest to have organizations that provide safe, enriching places for families to turn to. Our Middlesex School YIP program recently supported one such organization, featured below.

As our community returns to the school-year routine, I'm pleased to say the Foundation is busy and growing.

I invite you to stay in touch and get involved!

[Give to Our Community](#)

Warm regards,

Judith G. Salerno  
Executive Director

### Take a Community Needs Quiz

Do you know the needs that exist in Massachusetts and MetroWest?

Learning more about your community and the needs that exist in your backyard is the first step to understanding how you can help!

How well do  
you know your  
community?



Test your knowledge

## Welcome, Jay Kim!



The Foundation is happy to welcome our first Chief Operating Officer, Jay Kim. As a nonprofit and philanthropy career veteran, Jay brings a wealth of expertise and perspective to the Foundation for MetroWest. With past leadership positions at Crossroads, BELL, The Boston Foundation, Target and Minnesota Philanthropy Partners, Jay's diverse mission-based experience compliments his warmth and genuine care for our Community.

"It is an honor and privilege to join the Foundation for MetroWest. I look forward to working with our donors, local nonprofit organizations and the entire community to improve the quality of life for all citizens in our region."

Jay is an avid Boston sports fan and lives with his wife and two children in Sherborn.



## Q&A with Tracey Rogers: YIP Instructor

### We spoke with Tracey before the first YIP class of the year

**FFMW:** *You've taught multiple YIP classes over the past few years- what do you enjoy about teaching these students?*

**Tracey:** I enjoy introducing students to the world of philanthropy. They often start off thinking of philanthropy as simply donating money. As we work through the program they develop a real understanding of philanthropy as a way to make a broader and more lasting impact in the areas they care deeply about.

Students come to YIP wanting to get involved and make a difference in their communities...

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## Grantee profile: Hoops and Homework

Organization: [Hoops and Homework](#)



**Where:** Framingham

**Serves:** Children living in the area of Waverly and Beaver streets, the lowest income area of town

**What:** Provides two safe, supervised environments with after school and summer educational and recreational activities for elementary and middle school students. All services (including a healthy snack) are provided to the children free of charge.

**Day to day:** Staff and volunteers help the children complete school assigned homework. The program promotes reading and math skills, while providing

opportunities for a variety of recreational, cultural, and enrichment activities including exercise and academics. Not just basketball!

**From Herb Chasan, Executive Director:** "There is no more worthwhile undertaking than to set out to make a real difference in the life of a child. We are focused on improving the quality of life for disadvantaged, underprivileged and under served youth and their parents, by providing high quality, professional, and impassioned after school and summer care for the children."

**Grant Project:** The **Youth in Philanthropy- Middlesex School** grant will fund 25 weeks of after school enrichment classes to nurture calmness and focus to help create balance physiologically, emotionally, and intellectually.

## Get the news and updates you want!

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## Join us!



**Community Leadership Breakfast**  
**October 27, 7:30-9:30 AM**  
**Boston Marriott Newton**

How do MetroWest companies give back to their communities? What is up and coming in corporate philanthropy? Join over 350 colleagues from across MetroWest at the sixth Community Leadership Breakfast to hear from inspiring voices in the sector, including keynote speaker Ann Klee from the GE Foundation.

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