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Foundation for MetroWest Grants \$110,000 to Local Hunger Relief Agencies

August 25, 2015 (Natick, MA) — This summer, the Foundation for MetroWest launched a \$55,000 Summer Hunger Challenge to support its MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund. Thanks to the generosity of Foundation donors and fundholders, we are delighted to announce that we have achieved our goal of distributing \$110,000 to 51 hunger relief agencies in 30 cities and towns throughout the region.

“The MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund is an initiative of the Foundation that we are particularly proud of,” said Mary Crowley, Director of Operations & Programs. “As a community foundation, we have a unique opportunity to take a regional approach to supporting hunger relief in order to maximize impact. Our research shows individuals utilizing food pantries, community suppers, and other services often require more than what their hometown has the capacity to offer. By supporting organizations in 30 different cities and towns, our hope is that no matter where a MetroWest family looks for food support, they find what they need.”

To honor and celebrate the important work of our grantees, we invite all members of the MetroWest community to join us on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Executive Dining Room at Bentley University for a panel talk: "Hunger in MetroWest," followed by a celebration of our MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund grantees. This event, co-sponsored by the Bentley Service-Learning Center is open to all who are interested in learning more about the prevalence of hunger in our region and the work being done in our community to address this need. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Jonathan White, Director of the Bentley Service-Learning Center.

Panelists will include:

- Joanne Barry, A Place to Turn
- Jessica Caouette, Share Our Strength
- Ashley Stanley, Lovin' Spoonfuls
- Jonathan Tetrault, The Greater Boston Food Bank
- Matthew Tobia, Mt. Calvary Community Supper

You can learn more about the event, or register to attend at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-talk-hunger-in-metrowest-tickets-18231870014>

2015 MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund Grantees:

Acton Community Supper & Food Pantry, Acton
Mt. Calvary Community Supper, Acton
Ashland Emergency Food Pantry
Minuteman Senior Services, Bedford
Gaining Ground, Inc., Concord
Open Table, Inc., Concord
Dedham Food Pantry
St. Bridget's Food Pantry, Framingham
The Salvation Army, Framingham
HOPE Worldwide New England, Inc., Framingham

Jewish Family Services, Framingham
Lucy & Joe's Food Pantry for Frail Elders, Framingham
Jewish Family Service of Metrowest, Framingham
United Way of Tri-County, Framingham
Holliston Pantry Shelf
Project Just Because, Inc., Hopkinton
Hudson Community Food Pantry
Cooperative Elder Services, Inc., Lexington
Lexington Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry, Inc.
Marlborough Community Cupboard
Maynard Food Pantry
Medfield Food Cupboard
Medway Food Pantry/Medway Housing Authority
Medway Village Food Pantry
Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford
The Salvation Army, Milford
Millis Ecumenical Food Pantry
A Place to Turn, Natick
Natick Service Council, Inc.
Needham Community Council
Needham Community Farm, Inc.
Friend of FIT, Northborough
United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry
Stow Food Pantry
Sudbury Community Food Pantry
Walpole Community Food Pantry
Grandma's Pantry, Waltham
Jewish Family and Children's Service, Waltham
Middlesex Human Service Agency, Inc., Waltham
Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Waltham
Springwell, Inc., Waltham
The Salvation Army, Waltham
Waltham Fields Community Farm
Celebration International Church Food Pantry, Wayland
Parmenter VNA & Community Care, Inc., Wayland
Pierce's Pantry, Wayland
Wellesley Food Pantry
Westborough Food Pantry
Land's Sake, Weston
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Weston/Lincoln
Westwood Council on Aging Food Pantry

About Foundation for MetroWest

Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofits and enhance the quality of life for all our residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted \$10 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$15 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508-647-2260.

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