

It's about connecting with our community.

What is the Foundation for MetroWest?

The Foundation for MetroWest connects philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need in MetroWest. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and enhance the quality of life for all of our citizens. Since 1995, we have invested in the people and charitable causes of MetroWest and distributed over \$7.5 million in grants to the community. For more information, please visit us online at www.FoundationforMetroWest.org.



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It's about building a strong future.

MetroWest Fund for Families

It's about...

building strong families
creating better lives
strengthening our region



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It's about working together to make a difference in MetroWest.

What is happening around us?

It is often difficult to see beyond our region's natural beauty and thriving communities and recognize that there are serious issues and needs right here in our own backyards. But take another look.

Suburban poverty has grown over the last two decades. Some of your neighbors struggle to put food on the table, or to get the mental health and age-related services they require. Others are coping with unemployment and the possible loss of their homes. With an overall cost of living about 34% above the national average, economic difficulties are deeply felt in MetroWest.

At the same time, government funding for social services is low and declining. The dedicated organizations that serve our most vulnerable citizens tell us about the increasing demands they face. Many estimate that they are addressing less than 25% of the needs they see.



What is the role of the Foundation for MetroWest?

At the Foundation we believe that building strong families and supporting our most vulnerable citizens are crucial to the long-term health of our region. Every year we award grants to deserving family support nonprofits from our MetroWest Fund For Families.

These grants support a wide range of services including food, housing and legal assistance, mental health services and counseling for at-risk youth, domestic violence assistance and preventive education, and senior and caregiver services and nutrition. The organizations receiving our grants are committed to attacking and eradicating the causes of poverty, maximizing self-sufficiency and dignity, alleviating suffering, and overcoming obstacles to a safe, healthy, and fulfilled life.

But the gap between what is requested and what we are able to fund grows larger each grant cycle. In recent years we were only able to fund less than one quarter of the dollars requested.

What can you do?

By making a contribution to the MetroWest Fund for Families, you become part of our effort to ensure that all citizens, regardless of age, disability, or income, get the services they need. Your gift goes toward integrating our seniors, youth, and immigrants into the fabric of the community. Together we help strengthen families, and this strengthens our region.



It's about a tradition of caring.