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MetroWest Students Give \$67K to Nonprofits Serving Youth

May 25, 2013 — Two dozen nonprofits in the MetroWest region that serve youth were granted \$67,000 in connection with a program that aims to help local students develop the knowledge and skills to become community leaders.

Foundation for MetroWest and **The Sudbury Foundation** helped fund The Youth in Philanthropy program, which is offered to all MetroWest students with classes in Natick, Sudbury, and Concord.

"Youth in Philanthropy empowers youth to make a direct philanthropic impact in their community," said Judith Salerno, executive director of Foundation for MetroWest. "Through our Youth in Philanthropy program, the students learn valuable skills that will lay the groundwork for sustaining our communities in the future."

Students participating in the students about the nonprofit sector, form their own board of trustees, and have the opportunity to run for leadership positions, fundraise for the program, visit local organizations, and distribute grants to nonprofits that are working to improve the quality of life for MetroWest citizens.

Funds were distributed as follows:

- Boys & Girls Club of Assabet Valley – \$2,000
- Buddy Dog – \$3,500
- Chesterbrook Community Foundation – \$5,000
- Children's Island – \$1,000
- Decibels Foundation – \$1,800
- Everybody Wins MetroBoston – \$4,500
- Eye of the Storm Equine Rescue – \$1,875
- Heading Home – \$3,500
- Home for Little Wanderers – \$2,640
- Jeff's Place – \$3,360
- John Andrew Mazzie Memorial Foundation – \$4,600
- Land's Sake – \$2,500
- Massachusetts Horticultural Society – \$2,000
- Med and Food for Kids – \$1,500
- Minute Man Arc for Human Services – \$2,000
- More than Words – \$3,000
- Needham Community Farm – \$3,000
- Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation – \$1,250
- Rediscovery – \$2,500
- Resiliency for Life – \$2,000
- The Discovery Museums – \$2,500
- The Food Project – \$1,875
- Waypoint Adventure – \$5,000
- West Suburban Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Youth (WAGLY) – \$4,500

Foundation for MetroWest was founded in 1995 and serves the MetroWest region, which is loosely bounded by Routes 128 on the east, Route 495 on the west, Route 2 on the north, and Route 109 on the south.