



## FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

December 2016 Newsletter

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### WE'RE GROWING!

The Foundation is currently looking for a [Manager of Annual Fund and Communications](#) and a [Development Officer, Youth in Philanthropy](#) to join our team in Natick.

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As 2016 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm for the Foundation and our work. We couldn't have done it without you-- and this year was a perfect example of what we can accomplish together.



With over \$1.4 million in grants distributed, 22 free seminars offered through the Center for Philanthropy Education, and nearly 200 local students completing our Youth in Philanthropy program, 2016 has been a year of growth and increased impact for us and our community.

I look forward to working with you to build on our successes in 2017!

Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season,

Judith G. Salerno  
Executive Director, Foundation for MetroWest

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 GRANTEES

The Foundation is excited to announce the 2016 Arts & Culture and Family Support grantees! At the award ceremony December 12 at the Weston Community Center, 38 nonprofits received grants totaling over \$300,000 to support their work in MetroWest communities.

The nonprofit recipients will use the funding to strengthen the region through a variety of activities, including: job creation and workforce development, low-cost mediation assistance, support and resources for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, language and literacy programs, visual and performing arts, and historical and cultural organizations.

## WHAT WE'RE READING

[The Nonprofit  
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*Arts and Culture Grantees*

### Arts & Culture

**Amazing Things Arts Center**, Framingham  
**Danforth Art Museum/School**, Framingham  
**deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum**, Lincoln  
**Dedham Community Association**, Dedham  
**Hopkinton Center for the Arts**, Hopkinton  
**Golden Tones Chorus**, Wayland  
**Gore Place Society**, Waltham  
**Museum of World War II**, Natick  
**The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN)**, Natick  
**The Discovery Museums**, Acton  
**The Robbins House**, Concord  
**Waltham Boys & Girls Club**



*Family Support Grantees*

### Family Support

**Advocates, Inc.**, Framingham  
**Asperger/Autism Network**, Watertown  
**Bethany Hill Place**, Framingham  
**Center for Parents and Teachers**, Concord  
**Doc Wayne Youth Services**, Framingham  
**Employment Options, Inc.**, Marlborough  
**English At Large**, Woburn  
**Family ACCESS of Newton**  
**Friends of Resiliency for Life**, Framingham  
**Friends of the Waltham Family School**  
**Hope and Comfort**, Waltham  
**Jeff's Place Children's Bereavement Center**, Framingham  
**Jewish Family and Children Services**, Waltham  
**Jewish Family Service of MetroWest**, Framingham  
**Massachusetts Audubon Society**, Lincoln  
**MetroWest ESL Fund/Framingham Adult ESL Plus**  
**MetroWest Legal Services**, Framingham  
**MetroWest Mediation Services**, Framingham  
**Natick Service Council**  
**One Can Help**, Waban

**OUT MetroWest**, Framingham  
**Project Citizenship**, Framingham  
**REACH Beyond Domestic Violence**, Waltham  
**Rise Above Foundation**, Northbridge  
**Voices Against Violence, South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)**, Framingham  
**Watch Inc.**, Waltham

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## THIS YEAR GIVE A GIFT TO METROWEST

We are open through the end of December to help with your charitable giving needs



We will be open and ready to assist with your charitable giving questions and inquiries through the end of 2016, and into the New Year. We will be closed December 26, 2016, and January 2, 2017.

If you need some giving guidance as 2016 concludes, review our charitable checklist to see how and what you can give.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS METROWEST

**December 28: Donate blood with the Red Cross in Natick**

Happy New Year!

**January 13: Brew Moon Hike with Exhibit A Brewing**

**January 21: TEDxNATICK**

**January 23: Community Health Film Series - Healing Voices**

## HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are accepting applications for our Spring 2017 Youth in Philanthropy high school programs! Programs are running in Hopkinton, Wellesley, and Sudbury, with start dates in January.

[Learn more and apply now](#)



*Youth in Philanthropy alumni attended the Youth Philanthropy Connect Regional Conference in November at Brandeis University*

## TOWN FUNDS NEWS

### The Fund for Wellesley

Founders and friends of The Fund for Wellesley gathered at Lower Falls Wine Co. on November 17th to celebrate the work and impact of The Fund and to learn about new opportunities to support and sustain that work.

As part of a new campaign to raise \$100,000 by July 1, 2017, The Fund announced matching opportunities and launched a new "Stewards" program.



The Stewards program invites gifts or pledges of \$5,000 or more to continue increasing the impact possible in the Wellesley community into the future.

[Learn more about the campaign, matching opportunities, and the Stewards program](#)

## SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

### Massachusetts Audubon Society

On a January afternoon in Boston in 1896, Harriet Hemenway decided to take a stand. She was appalled after reading a story about the slaughter of birds across the nation for use as decoration on fashionable women's hats. By today's estimates, about five million American birds of about fifty species were being killed annually in the late nineteenth century for the feather trade.



*Harriet Lawrence Hemenway*

Although Harriet had little experience organizing grass roots movements, she recruited her cousin Minna Hall and began her campaign. She started local, inviting her female friends and neighbors to tea at her Back Bay home and asking them to never wear bird feathers in their hats again, explaining the cruel ways the birds were killed for their plumage.

Soon, this local movement turned national. Harriet and others founded the Mass Audubon Society in 1896, other states followed, and the National Audubon Society was formed a year later, the



same year that Massachusetts outlawed the feather trade. Today, the mission of the Massachusetts Audubon Society is "to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and for wildlife."

[Learn more about the Mass Audubon Society](#)

## CENTER FOR PHILANTHROPY EDUCATION

Our relationship with nonprofit organizations does not begin or end with a grant decision. We offer *free* services and resources through our Center for Philanthropy Education to help MetroWest nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers think strategically, govern effectively, and operate efficiently - through seminars, executive leadership development, and capacity-building programs.

### Upcoming Nonprofit Seminars

**January 11- Leader of the Pack! What does it take to be an effective Board Chair?** with Amy Cahners and Susan Donahue, Cahners and Donahue Associates, LLC

[Learn more and register](#)

**January 19- The Holy Grail of Fundraising....Donor Loyalty** with Simone Joyaux, Joyaux Associates

[Learn more and register](#)

**January 25- HR Building Blocks for Start-Up and Growing Nonprofits** with Saleha Walsh, Vice President, InSource Services, Inc.

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**January 31- Grantwriting 201** with Sunny Stich, Sunny Stich Consulting

[Learn more and register](#)

**February 8- Ten Steps to a Successful Nonprofit Social Media Strategy** with Julia C. Campbell, Digital Marketing Strategist, Founder of J Campbell Social Marketing

[Learn more and register](#)

**February 9- Elements of a Successful Strategic Plan** with Amy Cahners and Susan Donahue, Cahners and Donahue Associates, LLC

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