



## FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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### WE'RE GROWING!

The Foundation is currently looking for a **Manager, Annual Fund** to join our team in Natick.

### WHAT WE'RE READING

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The beginning of a new year is the time to reflect and make plans for the coming year. As the Foundation enters its 22nd year, we too are looking ahead as an organization. The Trustees will be entering a strategic planning process, and we are optimistic about what the future holds for our work in the community.



As we reflect on fulfilling our mission in new and creative ways, we remain committed to building a source of permanent philanthropy for the region and to strengthening our community for future generations.

Happy New Year,

Judith G. Salerno  
Executive Director, Foundation for MetroWest

*Our Mission: We aim to connect philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.*

### CREATIVE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

This year, are you looking for ways to become a more involved and active citizen in your community? The MetroWest region is home to over 650 nonprofit organizations- find one that sparks your interest and donate some of your most precious resources- time, energy, and talent- to a cause you are passionate about.



[10 Ways to Work Smarter in 2017](#)

[The Future Of Progressive Business Is Companies That Are Good. Not Just Doing Good](#)

[13 Children's Books That Encourage Kindness Towards Others](#)

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Read on for some creative ideas to help you take the first step to getting involved.

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## HOW TO GIVE THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Based on a piece by columnist Ron Lieber in last month's *The New York Times*, the following list shares ideas on how to talk with your children about your personal philanthropy:

1. Family history: When were you helped by someone else's philanthropy?
2. Charitable pie: How do you split up your charitable dollars?
3. Finding a cause: Are you passionate about an organization? Why?
4. Join a school-based fund or a giving circle.
5. Share your time, talent, or treasure to model the many facets of philanthropic giving.

[Read the full article at nytimes.com](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS METROWEST

[January 23- Community Health Film Series: A Reason to Live](#)

[January 28- Fantastical Creatures! with the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston at the Southborough Public Library \(family event\)](#)

[February 3-4- Hovey Players 5th Annual Play in a Day Festival](#)

[February 4- Winterlude! at Rocky Narrows](#)

[February 11- Free Second Saturday Mornings at DeCordova](#)

[February 18- Angel Dance Company presents Dance of Love, a benefit performance](#)

**LEADING WITH EASE: Secrets of Sustainable Leadership with Fredia Woolf**



**Leading with Ease Participants**

The Foundation for MetroWest was delighted to partner with Fredia Woolf of Woolf Consulting to offer *Leading with Ease: Secrets of Sustainable Leadership*. This was a special workshop series for local executive directors to come together and learn strategies for effective leadership. Are you an executive director or know someone who may be interested in this course? We will be offering it again this fall, so check our website in June for the application!

## YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY SITE VISITS

During each Youth in Philanthropy course, participants visit multiple nonprofit organizations before deciding how to distribute \$10,000 in grants to area youth-serving organizations. Check out a couple of the organizations they visited below.



**YIP-Natick students visit More Than Words in Waltham**



**YIP-Sudbury students visit Community Rowing in Brighton**

## TOWN FUNDS NEWS

The Community Endowment of Lexington and The Fund for Wellesley will be hosting info sessions for nonprofits and town agencies that are interested in applying to their grant programs. Grant applications will be available Friday, February 3.



### **Community Endowment of Lexington Info Session**

Thursday, January 26 at 9:00 am  
Lexington Community Center, Room 237  
RSVP to [Megan Bransfield](#)



### **The Fund for Wellesley Info Session**

Thursday, February 9 at 9:00 am or  
Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm  
Wellesley Free Library, Arnold Room  
RSVP to [Megan Bransfield](#)

## SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

### **Lexington Symphony**

The love of music. This powerful force brought together a group of musicians in February 1995, who formed the Lexington Sinfonietta. (A 'sinfonietta' is a musical group larger than a chamber ensemble but smaller than a full-size orchestra). Their organizer and conductor, Hisao Watanabe, a New England Conservatory-trained conductor, was confident that the small, mostly-volunteer group would succeed. Over the past 22 years, the organization has grown, with the support of the Lexington community. This support was not only financial, but has been built through the time and dedication of the musicians, conductors, board, and staff who work

together to share music with all ages and abilities throughout Lexington.

Now led by Music Director Jonathan McPhee, the Lexington Symphony not only performs but also demonstrates their commitment to youth education through their Orchestrating Kids Through Classics program.

[Learn More about the Lexington Symphony](#)



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

[Learn more and register](#)

**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

**SOLD OUT**

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

[Learn more and register](#)

**February 15- Webinar: Grantwriting 101** with Sunny Stich, Sunny Stich Consulting

[Learn more and register](#)

**March 8- Special Events 101: Rethink and Refresh your Annual Fundraiser** with Joanna Rothman, Director of Development, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company

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