



## FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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## FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW MARKETING COORDINATOR



We are pleased to share that Ashley Bannon has joined the Foundation as our new Marketing Coordinator. Ashley comes to us from the Nichols House Museum in

## FEATURE

### Grantee Update: Lovin' Spoonfuls

In 2015, the MetroWest Health Foundation, The Sudbury Foundation, Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation, and the Foundation for MetroWest awarded a three-year grant of nearly \$275,000 to Lovin' Spoonfuls, a perishable food



rescue organization, for its expansion into MetroWest. After seven months, the expansion has proven to be a success, but there is still more work to be done. After doubling the number of expected food beneficiaries to twenty, including organizations like A Place to Turn, Holliston Pantry Shelf, and MetroWest Family Promise, Lovin' Spoonfuls proudly reports that over 66,063 pounds of healthy food has been delivered in the area, from vegetables and fruits to meat and dairy. All of this food (from area grocers Hannaford, Roche Brothers, Stop and Shop, Wegman's, and Whole Foods) would have been deposited into landfills as food waste. Instead, it is now enabling area organizations to serve fresh food to those struggling with food insecurity.

This collaborative grant enabled Lovin' Spoonfuls to not only pilot their new expansion model, but has also helped them to develop relationships with new organizations and the clients that they serve. The impact Lovin' Spoonfuls is making in MetroWest is keenly felt, as Eddie from Safe Haven says, "seeing the truck pull up is one of the best parts of the guys' week." While Malvina at Jewish Family Services says, "the families are all really excited about all of the fresh food they are able to get now because of our work." Another food beneficiary, Sage House, has started a cooking class to teach residents new ways of serving the vegetables delivered by Lovin' Spoonfuls- eggplant parmesan was a popular dish!

This grant was made possible through the Foundation for MetroWest's Hunger Relief Fund. If you would like to learn more or to make a [gift to this fund](#), please contact the Foundation at 508.647.2260 or visit us at [foundationformetrowest.org](http://foundationformetrowest.org). If you would like to learn more about Lovin' Spoonfuls, please visit [lovinspoonfulsinc.org](http://lovinspoonfulsinc.org).

## IMPACT

Boston, where she worked as the Head of Stewardship and Interpretation. Please join us in welcoming Ashley!



## WHAT WE'RE READING

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## Reflections from the Youth Philanthropy Connect International Conference

Written by Jennifer Ubaldino, Program Officer, Foundation for MetroWest



Presenting and participating at the Youth Philanthropy Connect International Conference in Anaheim this July was an enriching and fun experience for me, not only as a practitioner in youth philanthropy, but also as a parent. I was able to view the conference and the importance of youth philanthropy through a different lens because my ten-year-old daughter, Cara, joined me on this adventure.

Cara participated in the Early Explorers track of the program and learned about philanthropy while engaging with her peers from across the US. While we have discussed what I do for work around the dinner table, this experience gave her a whole new perspective about why it's important to help in your community. She was able to evaluate a grant proposal and, as part of a team, awarded funds to a local organization. She felt empowered, and I, through her enthusiasm, was excited in a new way about philanthropy.

[Read More](#)

## Video: Building a Stronger MetroWest

The Foundation for MetroWest exists to help strengthen this region we call home. But how is this accomplished? Through our grantmaking and programming, we help to ensure that the community's basic needs are met in order to help everyone not just survive, but thrive. Watch the short animated video below to see this mission in action!



## Grant Deadlines for MetroWest Nonprofits

The deadline to submit applications for the Foundation for MetroWest's 2016 [Regional Competitive Grant Program](#) in the categories of **Arts & Culture** and **Family Support** is fast approaching. **Application deadline is 5:00 PM on Monday, August 1, 2016.**

[Learn More](#)

The Foundation is also accepting proposals for the 2016 [Southborough Community Fund](#) Competitive Grant Program. **Application deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2016.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Upcoming Grants Available for MetroWest Nonprofits

The Foundation for MetroWest's **Youth Development Grant** Program will begin accepting applications on **Monday, August 1, 2016.**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Community Leadership Breakfast

Save the date for the fifth annual **Community Leadership Breakfast** on **October 21, 2016** at the Boston Marriott Newton! Sponsorship opportunities are now available.

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## CENTER FOR PHILANTHROPY EDUCATION

### Upcoming Nonprofit Seminars

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

#### **The Nonprofit Guide to PR in 2016**

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: The Walker Center, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA

***Seats are still available- reserve yours today!***

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW**

#### **Leading with Ease: Secrets to Sustainable Leadership**

Begins September 20, 2016

Tuesdays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Location: Foundation for MetroWest, 3 Eliot Street, Natick, MA

***Open to Executive Directors serving MetroWest nonprofits. We cannot accommodate leaders of town agencies or "Friends of" organizations at this time.***

Deadline to apply has been extended to Monday, August 1st

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