



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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Giving Starts at Home



Dear Friends,

There's no place like home. This line is known the world over, and for good reason. What does "home" mean to you? Maybe it means your family, your community, your country? Or home is represented by a special place, a person, or event? Home is where you should feel safe and comfortable.

We work everyday with individuals, as well as local businesses and corporations, to strengthen our mutual home region and support our neighbors.

The following articles demonstrate our efforts to support giving locally, to support organizations and families who call this place home.

Giving starts at home. Please consider a gift in support of our Fund for Families.

Sincerely,

Judith G. Salerno

Executive Director

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Empowered to Make a Difference at Home



"I never realized a group of students my age could have such an impact on the

community around us. The [Youth in Philanthropy](#) program taught me that there is philanthropic need everywhere, including my own backyard. I learned that no matter how young and powerless you think you are, with dedication and effort there will always be an opportunity to improve the community around you in so many different ways.”

- Ben Scire, 2017 Exceptional Young Philanthropist Honoree, Hopkinton High School

[View more pictures and video from the Spring Inspiration Breakfast!](#)

Pictured: Exceptional Young Philanthropists Sofia Garcia and Ben Scire with keynote speaker Dr. Richard Weissbourd, Senior Lecturer and Director of Human Development and Psychology Program and the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Helping People Keep Their Home

MetroWest Mediation Services



The Foundation granted [MetroWest Mediation Services](#) (MWMS) \$7,500 to help MetroWest residents being evicted avoid homelessness and assist local residents in resolving housing related disputes. MWMS offers mediation as an early intervention method for resolving disputes, reducing violence and improving the safety and well-being of the people of MetroWest.

Seth Izen, executive director of MetroWest Mediation Services, explains the importance of the organization's services:

“Our mediation in MetroWest courts helps families, who are in jeopardy of being evicted, create workable arrangements with the property owners to stay in their homes. Mediation is so important in these cases because many of the tenants have nowhere to go if they are evicted. MetroWest Mediation Services is grateful for the support of the Foundation for MetroWest which allows us to continue providing these vital services to the community. Thanks to the support of the Foundation for MetroWest, MetroWest Mediation Services has been able to conduct 370 Summary Process mediations, helping over 900 tenants and landlords reach voluntary agreements.”

[Learn More](#)

Support from MathWorks helps expand Center for Philanthropy Education's 2017 program offerings



The Foundation for MetroWest has received a generous gift from Natick-based MathWorks to increase the Center for Philanthropy Education's 2017 program offerings.

The Center for Philanthropy Education provides free educational programming to the more than 600 MetroWest nonprofit organizations in the areas of fundraising, board governance, communications, and Executive Director leadership training.

As noted by Jeanne O'Keefe, Chief Financial Officer, MathWorks, "For many nonprofit organizations, success is rooted in the support they receive from workshops and seminars like those offered by the Center for Philanthropy Education. As part of our investment in the community, we are pleased to help The Foundation for MetroWest extend access to education programs that help nonprofits learn how to raise their profile, gather funds, and build a strong leadership team."

[View Upcoming Nonprofit Workshops](#)

Spirit of Philanthropy Our Home at 3 Eliot Street



Many people remark on the historic character of the Foundation's office building, which used to be a family home.

The Georgian structure has quite a long history, as it was built in 1759 by David Morse. About 1800, the eastern section of the home was extended to make room for a dry goods store run by two sisters, Rebecca and Tabitha Dana. Their family owned the home for nearly 100 years, after which it changed hands and was renovated into offices in the early 2000's.

We are proud to be the recent inhabitants of this old home, as sustaining the region's sense of place and community is at the heart of what we do.

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