



## FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

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Want to get involved at the Foundation? We are currently looking for a **Data Entry Volunteer!**

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### WHAT WE'RE READING

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As we come to the close of an unprecedented election season many in our community feel uncertainty. In these times, we must remind ourselves of our commitment to a collective responsibility. Basic human values of caring for each other and working together continue, we are dependent on one another. This is our opportunity to strengthen our resolve and determination.



At the Foundation for MetroWest, our mission has always been to strengthen our communities and create a brighter future for all. Our focus has never wavered and it will not do so now.

In partnership with our community we support nonprofit organizations that serve all residents. We are a resource, a collaborator, and a catalyst for everyone who calls MetroWest home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have ideas, suggestions, or questions about how we can all- community members, nonprofits, and businesses- work together to create a strong, vibrant community now and for the future.

Sincerely,

Judy Salerno  
Executive Director, Foundation for MetroWest

### SOUTHBOROUGH COMMUNITY FUND GRANT AWARDS

We are proud to announce that the Southborough Community Fund awarded \$60,000 to twelve organizations and town agencies that serve Southborough residents this week. The Southborough Community Fund is a town fund of the Foundation for MetroWest. It was established in 2014 to support projects that bring innovative

[Student Debt Is Hurting the Nonprofit Workforce-and You Can Do Something about It](#)

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thinking to big issues and small ones for the benefit of Southborough. Congratulations to the 2016 grantees!

- [Assabet Valley Mastersingers](#)
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Tracy Baldelli (left) from the Southborough Youth Commission and Susan Butka from the Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission (center right) accept a grant on behalf of the Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission from Southborough Community Fund board members Noreen Reilly Harrington and John Fodor

**GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT**

**HOPE AND COMFORT EXP ANDS STOCK THE SHELVES PROGRAM**

Hope and Comfort, a nonprofit based in Newton, is on a mission to provide essential hygiene products to support and



improve the health and self-esteem of adults and children in need within Greater Boston. In 2016, they were able to expand their partnerships with area food pantries thanks to a grant from the Foundation for MetroWest. Hope and Comfot delivers necessary personal hygiene products, including soap, toothpaste, and deodorant, to stock alongside the food available at pantries. Items collected by Hope and Comfort are distributed monthly to local food pantries. Sue Biasizzo of Needham Community Council shares, "Thank you so much for filling a void - personal care items.

Over and over again donors have said they never thought about donating things like toothpaste, deodorant, etc., but to them it makes sense because of the necessity and cost."

Expanded pantry partnerships include: Wellesley Food Pantry; Dedham Food Pantry; Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry; and Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry

[Learn more](#)

## 2015: A YEAR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

We are proud to share the publication of our new digital interactive Annual Report! Click below to see videos, read interviews, and find out how our programs and grantmaking fared in 2015!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS METROWEST

[November 18-20- Paradise City Juried Craft Fair](#)

[November 24: Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

[November 25: Green Friday- Opt Outside at Rocky Woods Reservation with a free ranger-led hike](#)

[December 4: Medfield Foundation Angel Run](#)

[December 14: Applications due for iBme Northeast New Year's Teen Retreat](#)

## SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

[Mother Brook Arts and Community Center](#)

**MOTHERBROOK**  
ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTER • DEDHAM



Sometimes, the power of place inspires a community into action. Mother Brook Arts and Community Center is housed in a former school building on the banks of the 1639 Mother Brook Canal- the oldest hand-dug canal in the United States. When the school using the 90 year old building moved in 2012, the Dedham community came together to decide what to do with the historic property. A Selectmen-appointed committee held public meetings that garnered support

for a new community and arts center After raising funds and gaining momentum, residents at the Spring 2012 Town Meeting voted to support the new organization. The Mother Brook Arts and Community Center aims to "be a creative driving force, educational resource and economic engine for the Dedham community"

[Learn more](#)



Ribbon Cutting in June 2013

## 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

**December 1- Building Your Resources: The Board's Role in Fundraising** with Amy Cahners and Susan Donahue, Cahners and Donahue Associates, LLC

[Learn more and register](#)

**December 6- How Small Organizations Successfully Structure & Manage Their IT** with Russell Greenwald, VP & Director, IT Practice, InSource Service Inc.

[Learn more and register](#)

**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** with Saleha Walsh, Vice President, InSource Services Inc.

**Registration coming soon**

**January 31- Grantwriting 101** with Sunny Stich, Sunny Stich Consulting

[Learn more and register](#)

**February 8- 10 Steps to a Successful Nonprofit Social Media Strategy** with Julia C. Campbell, Digital Marketing Strategist, Founder of J Campbell Social Marketing

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