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Foundation for MetroWest Awards more than $300,000 to Local Nonprofits through Regional Competitive Grant Program

December 13, 2016 (Natick, MA) – The Foundation for MetroWest awarded grants totaling more than $300,000 to 38 nonprofits serving MetroWest communities on Monday night at the Weston Community Center. This latest round of grantmaking brings the Foundation’s 2016 grant distribution to over $1.4 million. The funds distributed through the Regional Competitive Grant Program focus on family support and arts and culture initiatives.

Nonprofit recipients will use the funding to strengthen the MetroWest region by supporting 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.

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered more than ninety grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest over the past several months.

“MetroWest should be thankful for the many hard-working nonprofit organizations that call this region home,” said Judith Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest to a capacity crowd. “Every day they work tirelessly to ensure that our community provides services and programs to improve the quality of life for all residents. We are proud to support their work through our grant program.”

The Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns of MetroWest. By awarding annual grants, the Foundation retains charitable dollars in the region to create strong, vibrant communities, now and in the future.

2016 Grant Recipients:

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:
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

About Foundation for MetroWest
Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofits and enhance the quality of life for all our residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than $13 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than $17 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.

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