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Clair Windsor, Vice Chair of Circle of Hope, Honored at Annual Spring Inspiration Breakfast
Foundation for MetroWest celebrates youth and philanthropy

May 4, 2016 (Natick, MA) —Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Circle of Hope and Needham resident, Clair Windsor was honored at the Wellesley Country Club on Thursday, April 28, 2016 with the 2016 Young Philanthropist Award at the Foundation for MetroWest’s third annual Spring Inspiration Breakfast—a celebration of youth and philanthropy. Clair has strong ties to MetroWest having been raised in Newton and now as a mother raising her family in Needham. Clair shared the inspiring story of her family’s tradition of philanthropy and reflected on her passion for helping area homeless.

“The immediate awareness of a need so desperate, as well as my parents’ lifelong dedication to volunteerism and philanthropy, planted seeds within me to not only recognize need, but to want to help,” said Clair Windsor. “I spent time during childhood and much more as I evolved into adulthood giving of my time to various organizations, most of which work tirelessly to tackle the seemingly insurmountable obstacle of homelessness. It has been personally fulfilling as well as playing a huge role in shaping who I am.”

Established in 2014, the Foundation for MetroWest’s Young Philanthropist Award annually recognizes a MetroWest resident who is passionate about creating lasting change in the community through philanthropy, inspires others to give generously of their time and resources, and embraces the notion of giving back within their community. “Clair’s involvement as Vice Chair of the Board of Circle of Hope in Needham as well as at a variety of other local organizations demonstrates compassion through volunteerism,” said Judith Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest. “When we talk about what makes our community so special, we often cite open space, great schools, nonprofits that serve us, but what really makes our community so special are our neighbors. Selfless and generous neighbors like Clair are what make this community great.”

The Spring Inspiration Breakfast supports Youth in Philanthropy programming at the Foundation for MetroWest and featured a keynote address by Carrie Morgridge, Chief Disruptor of the Morgridge Family Foundation. Additionally, Sudbury teen Jacob Goorno of Middlesex School was recognized for his involvement in the Youth in Philanthropy at both The Fenn School and Middlesex School.

For nearly 20 years, the Foundation has worked closely with local youth, educating them about the importance of giving back to their community through its Youth in Philanthropy program. Since inception, over 1,100 students have participated awarding more than \$1 million to local youth-serving nonprofits—making its Youth in Philanthropy program one of the largest in the country.

The Foundation will be offering its Summer Institute for Youth Leadership in June and July, and semester-long programs in the fall and spring. To learn more about the Foundation for MetroWest Youth in Philanthropy program and to apply, visit www.foundationformetrowest.org/YIP or call the Foundation at 508.647.2260.

About the 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 \$11.6 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$16 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.