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Community Foundation Fund Creates 25 Summer Jobs for Youth

Jobs for 25 Greater New Bedford youth are available at 11 local nonprofit organizations, thanks to more than \$30,000 in funding from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts' Youth Entitled to Success (YES) Fund.

The organizations are currently hiring young people ages 16-21 for entry level or higher, part or full-time employment from now until the end of August. Greater New Bedford, as defined by the YES Fund, includes Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester and Marion.

“The YES Fund supports programs and strategies that prevent substance use by youth in the Greater New Bedford area,” said CFSEMA President Craig J. Dutra. “Studies show that engaged and connected youth are far less likely to adopt risky behavior or use drugs. Young people can stay engaged through summer employment, and also develop job skills that will help them in their adult careers.”

The non-profit organizations funded by YES for summer youth jobs include:

- **3rd Eye**, \$3, 000 for an Outreach Coordinator
- **ArtWorks**, \$2,880 for a Studio and Gallery Aide
- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford**, \$3,000 for a Senior Camp Counselor Coordinator
- **CEDC**, \$1.630 for multiple organization support functions
- **Community Boating Center**, \$3,000 for 1st and 2nd year Junior Instructors
- **Dennison Memorial Community Center**, \$3,000 for General Staff Assistants
- **NorthStar Learning/YouthServices**, \$3,000 for an Early Childhood Education Center helper
- **PACE/YouthBuild**, \$2,994 for Entry Level skills – job readiness
- **PAACA**, \$3,000 for a general Office Aide in summer camps
- **Trustees of Reservations**, \$2,992 for a Youth Corps position
- **YMCA Southcoast**, \$3,000 for Counselors and Co-counselors

The YES Fund was established as NewBAD (New Bedford Against Drugs) in 1997 by an anonymous \$1 million donation to the Community Foundation. Also established was the Project YES initiative as an effort to focus specifically on educating our youth to the dangers of drugs. Over the years, YES has provided funding for youth empowerment and leadership programs, prevention programs targeting “at-risk” youth, community and/or faith-based programs that focus on safe neighborhoods and strengthening families, and anti-drug education and marketing campaigns in schools and community settings.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation’s primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Southern Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community Foundation has assets of more than \$18.5 million and has distributed nearly \$6 million from 108 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.