

*Our mission is to mobilize philanthropy by matching donors and resources with community needs for the benefit of our region.*



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Southeastern Massachusetts

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### Message from the President

At the Community Foundation, we have an unwavering commitment to grow philanthropy in our region to benefit the people and causes that help our community.

Through our [ANNUAL FUND](#), you help us put that promise into action by supporting our ability to respond to existing and emerging community needs throughout the region.

As an independent charitable organization and protector of the region's philanthropic assets, your Community Foundation is uniquely positioned as a stakeholder, convener, and collaborative partner across the nonprofit and business sectors.

In this role, we provide Community Leadership to help find and support innovative solutions and advance new opportunities in the region.

A prominent example of this work is our exciting Creative Commonwealth Initiative and we are pleased to share its evolution with you in this issue.

As you consider your end-of-year giving priorities, please support the Community Foundation [ANNUAL FUND](#) and help us *DO MORE GOOD!*

I hope you enjoy our latest [Impact Update](#). Let us know what you think.

Regards,

## Creative Commonwealth Initiative Soars



Public Art grant recipients join Community Foundation staff and volunteers at a press conference announcing \$187,500 in awards for nine local projects.

Earlier this year, the Community Foundation launched the Creative Commonwealth Initiative, a partnership with the Barr Foundation to deepen and grow support for artists and cultural organizations in Fall River and New Bedford.

Specifically, the Community Foundation announced its intention to increase access and artistic expression in each city for youth, culturally diverse, and immigrant populations.

Working with its volunteer-led Arts Advisory Committee, the Community Foundation set out to use public art projects as a vehicle to advance its areas of focus. Over the summer the Foundation unveiled its Public Art Grants opportunity for nonprofit organizations serving Fall River and New Bedford with a commitment to fund at least \$150,000 in public art projects.



"Hard in the Paint" in Dorchester is an example of a project that the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! plans to complete in Fall River through a Public Art grant.

Applicants were invited to apply for up to \$30,000 for their public art project and the Community Foundation soon found itself with a dynamic pool of innovative and creative projects with requests for funding far outpacing the \$150,000 pot.

Within just a few weeks, the Community Foundation was able to partner with local philanthropists to leverage another \$40,000 in private support for public art grant applicants, announcing the grants in September.

In total, nine nonprofit organizations received \$190,000 in funding for their projects which run the gamut from delivering pop-up concerts in city neighborhoods to transforming a pocket park with tiled benches and a mural that celebrate the North End of New Bedford's proud Cape Verdean, Azorean, and Puerto Rican culture; and from a new Azorean contemporary arts festival in Fall River to an ambitious public art exhibit that celebrates New Bedford's relationship to the sea and wind. [Read the full list of Public Art Grant awardees.](#)

The energy surrounding Creative Commonwealth in each city's arts and culture community is palpable and will continue to grow in 2019 as the Public Art Grant awardees ramp up their projects. Similarly, the Community Foundation's co-investment approach has taken root as a successful model to increase philanthropic support for arts and culture in the region as all of our donor-partners were first time supporters of the arts through the Community Foundation. And we are just getting started.

### **Creative Commonwealth in 2019**

The collaborative, community-driven work of the Creative Commonwealth Initiative began in the summer of 2017 with our Community Conversation process. This robust strategy informed the priorities and design of our initiative and 2019 will see its full implementation, including:

**More Grants!** Following on the heels of our dynamic Public Art grants, we will launch a new round of grants that support youth engagement in the arts with a focus on experimentation and innovation through pilot projects.

**Capacity Building!** Beginning on January, the Creative Commonwealth Initiative will engage small arts and culture nonprofit organizations from Fall River and New Bedford in a comprehensive six month capacity building cohort program designed to improve their effectiveness and sustainability.

**Creative Funds for Each City!** The establishment of semi-permanent or "mixed-use" city-specific funds at the Community Foundation to advance the priority areas of Creative Commonwealth offers an innovative and flexible way seed new ideas and new voices.

The CREATIVE\_FALL RIVER Fund and CREATIVE\_NEW BEDFORD Fund are designed to be partially endowed. That means that a percentage of their assets will be dedicated solely to the long-term growth of the fund so that its annual investment proceeds may be used to make grants in perpetuity, while the remaining amount of the fund may be accessed at any time to add to available grant funding or invest in a compelling project or initiative. It's the best of both worlds—real impact today, and a new, permanent source of arts and culture investment capital for Fall River and New Bedford.

Amplify the impact of a gift to support arts and culture in Fall River or New Bedford by investing in the CREATIVE Funds. [GIVE NOW!](#)



"Through our Eyes: Celebrating Cultural Diversity" is a project from SER-Jobs that will help new immigrants express themselves through large format photography.

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## **Public Art Grant Spotlight: Creative Courts**

## BASKETBALL COURTS BY LEAD ARTIST MARIA MOLteni



Coming up with designs at Perkins Community Center in Dorchester neighborhood

Take a drive around some city neighborhoods in Fall River and New Bedford and you will notice once proud basketball courts at schools and parks that have fallen into disrepair. These courts were once magnets for smiling children and engaged teens, but today they are vacant or being used but need to be enlivened.

The New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, working with lead artist Maria Molteni will engage youth, teens, and adults from the surrounding neighborhood to transform a blighted court into a dynamic and inviting place for recreation and a point of neighborhood pride. The Creative Courts project will completely re-imagine sport and recreation through artistic expression, inclusion and access for our children and neighborhoods.

By placing the creative process in the hands of community members, Ms. Molteni has perfected an educational experience that cultivates the artistry of local residents while offering them a space to declare what is beautiful about their community and express it to world.



A young resident presents her court design for Maria Molteni's project in Dorchester

The Creative Courts proposal from New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! received \$35,000 in Public Art Grant funding through a co-investment by the Community Foundation and local philanthropists.

We invite you to learn more about co-investment opportunities through the Creative Commonwealth Initiative that directly support innovative and impactful projects like Creative Courts. For more information, contact Rayana Grace, Arts & Culture Program Manager at 508-996-8253 ext. 203 or [rgrace@cfsema.org](mailto:rgrace@cfsema.org).

[Support the CREATIVE FALL RIVER or CREATIVE NEW BEDFORD Funds](#)

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## **National Scholarship Month: David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund**

November is National Scholarship Month and the Community Foundation is proud to house the region's largest collection of scholarship funds with over 65 under management. Last year, these scholarship funds provided over \$400,000 in tuition

assistance to nearly 130 local students.



**David C. DuBois**

Many of our scholarship funds are started by donors and fund advisors who want to honor the life and legacy of someone close to them in a way that is personal, purposeful, and rewarding. That is exactly the case with one of our newest funds, the David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund.

Dave DuBois passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 8, 2017, while finishing a good round of golf with a close friend on a beautiful spring day.

Dave graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1969 and served as an Officer for 11 years until his discharge as Lieutenant Commander in 1980. He was the founder and principal owner of Marine Safety Consultants, Inc. in Fairhaven, MA, and was highly regarded as a knowledgeable, reliable, and trustworthy maritime professional who showed up to work every day with a fresh outlook and a new sense of purpose. Dave had

strong principles and lived each day guided by them; he was patriotic, hard-working, and never judgmental.

Deeply loving of his immediate and extended family, he appreciated everyone in his life for who they were, and many different people from various walks of life are included in his group of closest friends. Quietly proud of his professional achievements and of his celebrated athletic successes at the Academy, Dave was always humble. He was also endlessly generous, as it pleased him to be of service to others in whatever capacity he might be needed. Learning and growth, through education and experience, were of upmost importance to him and helped to mold his reputable character throughout his lifetime.

In that spirit, the David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund has been established to honor his memory and legacy, by awarding scholarships to deserving students enrolled in and pursuing a post-secondary school course of study in a maritime field, such as marine surveying, marine transportation, marine engineering, naval architecture, naval engineering, marine safety, or environmental protection. In his name, the fund's advisors are grateful for the opportunity to perpetuate his sense of service to others within the same maritime fields to which he gave so much support, and from which he received so much satisfaction.

The David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund will make its inaugural award in 2019, joining dozens of scholarship funds that invite aspiring scholars to apply through the Community Foundation's online portal beginning January 1. [Visit the Scholarship Portal.](#)

Donate to any Community Foundation fund, including the David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund [HERE](#). For information on establishing a Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation, contact Ethan Kehoe, Director of Development, at 508-996-8253 ext. 216 or [ekehoe@cfsema.org](mailto:ekehoe@cfsema.org).

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**Our Community.  
Your Foundation.**

# Annual Fund



The Community Foundation is the region's largest provider of college scholarships, awarding more than \$450,000 in tuition assistance to a diverse local student population including first generation college students and adults returning to school. Pictured above are recipients of a 2018 College Club of New Bedford Scholarship Fund award.

The Community Foundation is committed to be the most effective connector, convener, innovator, and funder of philanthropic solutions that improve the quality of life in our region.

We need your help to fulfill this promise. Every donation to our Annual Fund directly supports our effort to provide the greatest local impact for our donors and grantees.

Please consider a meaningful gift to our Annual Fund. Help us to magnify our local impact through your engagement and support. Together, let us make a difference for those people and causes from Our Community who need us most.

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