

Our Community. Your Foundation.

Holiday Update



Happy Holidays from your friends at the Community Foundation!

We love this time of year! Along with the many festivities to share, it is also the season of philanthropy. We are excited to share with you in this issue the wide range of grants that we have made in the past few weeks. They truly represent the depth and breadth of the impact that our Community

Foundation has toward improving our communities. I hope you enjoy reading the list and that they may inspire your own philanthropy. On that note, here is a [link](#) to an essay we shared with the local press in November that shares the story of two very philanthropic – and quite different – members of our community, whose legacies of giving continue to resonate.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this work or you have any ideas as to how we can help you with your philanthropy.

Warmest regards,

John Vasconcellos,
President



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Year-End Philanthropy

As you consider your philanthropic priorities before the end of the year, why not invest in something you love - right in your own community. The [Annual Fund for the South Coast](#) is that investment, and your contribution today will help us to be the effective matchmaker that our communities need.

Our communities deserve to be more prosperous, more inclusive, more creative, better educated, safer, smarter and more loving. Our work – every day, all year long – strives toward that vision.

We have a pulse on what is happening in our communities, the expertise to find the perfect match, and the vision of what type of impact such a relationship can have.

We believe in our communities and we appreciate your partnership – **it's a match made with love!** Thank you!

Recent Grants

It is the season of giving and, for the Community Foundation, it truly is a season of granting. Amid this year's final quarter, we have awarded nearly \$222,000 to thirty-five local organizations



from a handful of advised funds including the Acushnet Foundation Fund, Henry H. Crapo Foundation Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Upstream Foundation, and the John H. and Jayne Rebello Korn Fund.

Here are some highlights of those grants:

o **Junior Achievement** received **\$6,000** from the Henry H. Crapo Foundation Fund to help plan, implement, and evaluate six elementary school JA classroom programs and six high

school JA Job Shadow programs.

o **NorthStar Learning Centers** was also awarded a Crapo grant this year, in the amount of **\$20,000**, toward the development and construction of a commercial kitchen at their early childhood education center.

o The Rainy Day Fund granted **\$4,000** to the **New Bedford Art Museum**, to be put toward their match for an ArtMOBILE van.

o The John F. Korn and Jayne Rebello Korn Fund granted **\$10,000** to the **Veteran’s Transition House** toward their Building Hope for Heroes Campaign.

This flurry of year-end granting is just the start of what is to come, as we estimate another \$500,000 to be granted out by the end of December. Keep an eye out for an announcement in January on these year-end grant totals.

Creative Commonwealth Update



Rayana recently presented at the Barr Foundation to an audience of other funders from throughout Massachusetts and other community foundations from New England. The presentation gave an overview about the Creative Commonwealth Initiative in the SouthCoast; highlighting major projects and programs, lessons learned, plans for the [next phase](#) of the Initiative. She also shared “ripple effects” including a

local funder making a large gift to the arts and culture sector for the first time and building trust between the Community Foundation and the nonprofit organizations we work with.

Our next round of granting for the Creative Commonwealth Initiative will open in February 2020. Please stay tuned for the announcement and criteria! To be added to our Arts and Culture email list, please contact Rayana: rgrace@cfsema.org.

Scholarships in View

2020 is just around the corner, and along with the new year comes a new scholarship cycle. We will begin accepting scholarship applications on January 1st via our online application, accessible on our [website](#). With More than \$400,000 available to award from our 60+ scholarship funds this coming year, we ask that you help us to empower the youth of our community, graduating high school seniors and current college students from Southeastern Massachusetts, by encouraging them to apply.

