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Join Us for Summer's Last Blast!



Summer's Last Blast returns to Nonquitt on **Friday, Sept. 8** for another great year of fun, fellowship, fine food and top shelf beverages - all to benefit the mission of the Community Foundation to mobilize philanthropy by matching donors and resources with community needs for the benefit of our region.

The celebration begins at 6 pm with a social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres, a raw bar by Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, open bar, and jazz music by the Nina Ott and Chris Lopes duo. A buffet dinner from Christian's Catering of Lafrance Hospitality Company will follow.

You can join the festivities by [signing on as a sponsor](#) or purchasing a ticket; to buy tickets online [click here](#) and select "Summer's Last Blast" from the donation fund drop-down menu. You can also contact [Nancy Harding](#).

Many thanks to our hosts, George & Suzanne Gebelein and the Huidekoper Family, and to the many sponsors who are helping to make this event a success:

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Grants, Scholarships Awarded

The Community Foundation is proud to announce that **grants totaling \$55,397** were awarded in July and August for Dartmouth and New Bedford public schools, SouthCoast Hospitals Group, and as incentives to the Women's Fund LifeWork participants. To date this year, the Community Foundation has awarded 232 grants totaling \$1.224 million.

Also, the first **Second Wind Award** was presented in July by the Women's Action Fund to Nieve San Pablo of New Bedford, who recently graduated from Bristol Community College and is heading to UMass Dartmouth. Nieve is a participant in the **Women's Fund LifeWork Project**, which launches low-income women on a path to a living wage.



The Second Wind Initiative was launched by friends and family of local resident Amy Edwards, whose life was a journey towards truth, justice, and love. Amy became the first female minister of the Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard, and served there until she died of cancer in May 2016. The initiative chose the Women's Fund to be a financial vehicle for their memorial because of its dedication to improving lives.

Their first fundraiser was held on July 16, and helped to kick-off their endowment by raising \$60,000. The endowment will provide financial grants to women who are on a path toward meaningful employment, financial self-sufficiency, and community service.

In July and August, the Community Foundation also encouraged another 12 graduating high school seniors and adults to pursue their educational goals by awarding **more than \$22,000 in scholarships** from the Christopher Jon Souza Memorial Fund; the Gosnold Community Scholarship Fund; the Lipsky-Whittaker GLBTQ Scholarship Fund; and the Luther Bowman Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Sam McFadden Scholarship Fund awarded two scholarships to YMCA SouthCoast employees for continuing education to advance in their profession.

To date this year, the Community Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$357,700 to more than 100 students.

Read the full list of [grants and scholarships awarded](#).

Upcoming



September 6 and 14: Leadership SouthCoast is holding two information sessions for anyone who is thinking about applying to be part of its Class of 2018. Join them on September 6 in New Bedford or on September 14 in Fall River and learn more. The deadline to [submit an application](#) for next year's class is Oct. 31. For [more information or to register](#)



Thursday, September 7: Join AHA! and the SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce for **Making Waves**, a sunset cruise aboard the Cuttyhunk Ferry. 5 to 7:30 pm; \$35 per person includes light appetizers and a cash bar. [To register](#)



Thursday, September 14: Celebrate the city's cultures when the **Festa Fiesta Fete AHA! Night** fills the streets of downtown New Bedford from 5 to 9 pm. The theme of the **October 12 AHA! night is Moveable Feast**. Visit the AHA!

website for a full [schedule of events](#).



Wednesday, October, 25: 12th Annual Women's Fund Leadership Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 am, hosted by UMass Dartmouth at Woodland Commons. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 am. [For more information](#)

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