



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Southeastern Massachusetts

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The Community Foundation Awards Third Round of Grants from the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund

NEW BEDFORD — The Community Foundation today announced \$360,000 in grants for nonprofits providing food and healthcare to vulnerable populations throughout Southeastern, Massachusetts.

These grants contribute to the more than \$1.2 Million that the Community Foundation has allocated over the past month through its SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund. The fund supports nonprofits that are on the frontlines serving those in our region most severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This third round of grants is for nonprofits operating within the Taunton, Attleboro and Plymouth region working in the areas of food insecurity and support for immigrants, essential frontline workers, families and individuals with disabilities. The organizations include the Arc of Greater Plymouth and Upper Cape Cod, Inc., which empowers and supports people with disabilities and their families.

“People with disabilities are often marginalized, and for many, the pandemic has expanded the need for advocacy and support. Our organization developed and deployed a remote support model and is now providing virtual classes focused on skill acquisition, socialization with peers, and showcasing the talents of the people we serve.” Said Kathy Baldwin, the Arc director.

“Funds awarded by the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund will be put to use ensuring that our staff and people we support are protected by the appropriate gear, and that we can continue offering remote support classes to our community.”

This third round of grants from the Fund was made possible through the Community Foundation’s partnership with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund supports those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focusing on essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities and those facing food insecurity. The Fund works in concert with regional community foundations and non-profit leaders who partner with local leaders to understand the response and relief landscape, strategically filling in where gaps are pronounced. For more information, visit MACovid19ReliefFund.org.

“Our partnership with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund takes advantage of the Community Foundation’s local expertise and their significant resources making for a great

opportunity to have a positive impact in Southeastern Massachusetts.”, said John Vasconcellos, President of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

To date, the Fund has raised more than \$2.1 million from a wide range of corporate donors, foundations, and individuals, in response to the Community Foundation’s call to come together on behalf of our community. Major donors of the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund include:

Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund, BankFive Fund, Barr Foundation, BayCoast Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston Foundation, Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, Carney Family Charitable Foundation, Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, Eversource Foundation, Greater Fall River Development Corporation, HarborOne Bank, Island Foundation, Karina Foundation, Manton Foundation, Montigny Children’s Equity & Empowerment Fund, Plimoth Investment Advisors, Prime Buchholz, Rockland Trust Bank, Schrafft Charitable Trust, Tufts Health Plan Foundation, Van Sloun Foundation, Wagner Foundation, many generous donors with donor advised funds held with the Community Foundation, and local residents.

Details of each grantee's work can be found listed below. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 were distributed to the following organizations:

Grantees:

- [Amego, Inc.](#)
- [Arc of Bristol County](#)
- [Arc of Greater Plymouth and Upper Cape Cod, Inc.](#)
- [Associates for Human Services, Inc.](#)
- Attleboro Interfaith Area Collaborative
- [Attleboro YMCA](#)
- [Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro South](#)
- [Cardinal Cushing Centers](#)
- [Community VNA](#)
- Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton Inc
- Hebron Food Pantry
- [Hockomock Area YMCA](#)
- [House of Possibilities \(HOPe\)](#)
- [My Brother's Keeper](#)
- [New Hope, Inc.](#)
- [Our Daily Bread - Mansfield's Food Pantry](#)
- [Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness](#)
- [School on Wheels of Massachusetts Inc](#)
- [Society of Saint Vincent De Paul in the Archdiocese of Boston](#)
- [South Shore Community Action Council, Inc](#)
- [The Literacy Center](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- [Triumph, Inc.](#)
- West Side Benevolent Circle

How to give

You can help those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting our region's nonprofits on the front lines. Donations to the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund may be made online at <https://cfsema.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay>.

For general questions and inquiries about the Fund, please direct your inquiry to emergencyfund@cfsema.org. For any questions regarding making a donation, please contact the Community Foundation's Development Manager, Tricia Grime at pgrime@cfsema.org. Lastly, for media inquiries and interview requests, please contact Jasmyn Baird at jbaird@cfsema.org.

About the Community Foundation

Our Community. Your Foundation. Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. The Community Foundation is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$25 million from over 175 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. More information about the Foundation can be found at www.cfsema.org.

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