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# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Southeastern Massachusetts

## Impact Update: Summer 2019

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## Message from the President

"Catalytic philanthropy" is a phrase that Jim Canales, President of the Barr Foundation used in his inspiring and thoughtful comments at our 24th Annual Meeting earlier this month. A full transcript of Jim's comments is [here](#). Jim used that phrase as it is an essential quality of the work of the Barr Foundation as well as of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts. Often foundation work is reduced to a simplistic frame of giving away money - but too much is lost in that. Yes, we are very happy and can be effective when we give away money, but to truly fulfill our mission *to mobilize philanthropy by matching donors and resources with community needs for the benefit of our region*, we must be catalytic, we must inspire, we must excite philanthropy in a way that is much more than a simple transaction.

We certainly see that in our Creative Commonwealth work with the Barr Foundation - wherein we are seeking to elevate our local arts non-profits through consistent and long-term capacity building, and we see it in our scholarship work which gets bolder with each passing year (see below) and our work with donors who are making thoughtful, strategic, and visionary investments in our community. This is further emphasized by the caliber and quality of those in our community who are becoming more engaged in the work of the Community Foundation. We are particularly excited to welcome **Trish Arnold** and **Priscilla Ditchfield** to our Board of Directors. Read more about Trish and Priscilla and our Annual Meeting [here](#).

Our *Re-Commitment: 2019-2023 Strategic Plan*, which we introduced at the Annual Meeting captures this spirit and more. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it [here](#) and let me know your thoughts. There is much to do to fulfill its vision, but we are very excited to have this guiding document as we move into our Community Foundation's next five years.

Please enjoy this newsletter and let me know what you think at [jvasconcellos@cfsema.org](mailto:jvasconcellos@cfsema.org).



John Vasconcellos,  
President

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## Scholarship Awards



### Jacobs Scholars

Two New Bedford High graduates, Talia Brooks and John Owens, received \$37,500 single-payment scholarships. You can read more about John Owens' story [here](#).

Dr. Irwin & Joan Jacobs presented their prestigious \$35,000 multi-year **Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarships** to five deserving students. Read more about the Jacobs awards [here](#).

Inaugural awards were made from the **David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund**, supporting students in the maritime field, and the **William Tucker Keene Memorial Scholarship Fund**, providing financial assistance to students "who understand that an education is one of the only things in life that can never be stolen or taxed, and will only appreciate in value."

With consideration of the skyrocketing cost of higher education, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee made larger awards to fewer recipients. With some students receiving more than one scholarship, the average award per recipient was just over **\$7,000, an increase of 59% from 2018.**



Neyheyme Mondierre & family

*"I can still remember hearing my name called at the scholarship ceremony and walking up to receive my certificate then hearing that I was being awarded \$20,000,"* said Neyheyme Mondierre, 2019 Scholarship Recipient. *"At that moment I knew my life just changed."*

A donation [here](#) to our Spring Appeal will help us to support this work!

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## Recent Grant Awards



Art Museum's "Artistic Traditions" Program

### GET OUT AND ART! SUMMER PILOT PROGRAM

The Creative Commonwealth Initiative recently awarded two grants to organizations in New Bedford totaling nearly \$30,000. The [Get Out and Art! Summer Program](#) is a pilot project in partnership with the New Bedford Housing Authority. The New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! and the Dream Out Loud Center were awarded grants to lead youth programming at two sites, Dottin Place and Ben Rose, twice a week for six weeks this summer for children ages 7-11. The **Art Museum** will lead

a visual arts program that will take children around the world through art. **Dream Out Loud** will lead a performing arts program that includes music production, lyric writing, and recording. Cost, transportation, and a sense of welcoming are real hindrances that can often prevent people from participating in arts and culture offerings. The motivation for this program was to bring arts programs right on site for children to participate as a way to minimize those physical and perceived barriers. We are excited for a summer of creativity and fun with kids from across the city!

## \$90,000 IN CAPITAL GRANTS TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

The Foundation, together with an anonymous donor, awarded \$90,000 to 11 area nonprofit groups through its **Alleviate Hunger & Homelessness Fund**, supporting a range of capital investments made by organizations working to alleviate hunger and homelessness in the region. Among the grantees was YMCA Southcoast which received \$8,600 in support of their Sharing the Harvest Community Farm. *"Thanks to the support that we receive from the Community Foundation, we have been able to expand service to our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity",. said Maia Shwartz, Executive Director of Dartmouth YMCA.* This grant will be used to purchase low tunnels that will extend the harvest season, thereby increasing the amount of fresh produce donated to those in need.



YMCA Sharing the Harvest staff & youth sowing in the greenhouse

Bristol Elder Services also received support for the acquisition of coolers and chillers for transporting 8000 weekly meals in greater Fall River, Attleboro and Taunton. Debora Avila-Carreiro, Nutrition Program Director of Bristol Elder Services shared remarks, *"Bristol Elder Services Nutrition Program was extremely thankful, and amazed to receive the incredibly generous grant of \$10,000 to replace our overworked equipment. This is very important as more than 2,000 consumers depend on the meals that we deliver to them."*

*"There is nothing more essential to our mission to serve the needs of our residents than alleviating hunger and homelessness."* said Community Foundation President John Vasconcellos. *" Our Community Foundation, in partnership with a very generous and visionary donor, is excited to fill this key role of working with those who seek to feed and shelter our community's most vulnerable."*

[LEARN MORE :](#)

Are you making, exploring, and enjoying arts and culture this summer with your children, grandkids, or cousins? Be sure to share pictures on social media using our hashtag **#GetOutAndArt!** Visit our [website](#) for more info.

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## Upcoming Events

### Summer's Last Blast Friday, September 13, 2019



We will be celebrating our 15th Annual Summer's Last Blast, and while this may have the feel of tradition, this year will look and feel very different! We have new and exciting ideas for an enjoyable evening and we know you won't want to miss it! For more information on sponsorship opportunities click [here](#).

[AHA! Night Kids Rule- Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>](#)  
[Philanthropy MA's "Meet the donors" - register here](#)  
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