

Fall Impact Update 2020



Message From the President

Dear Friends,

While we all find our ways during these very challenging times, the Community Foundation continues to mark our calendar with key events: the last three months started with our [25th Annual Meeting](#), the introduction of our [new name and brand](#), and a very exciting class of [new Board members](#) to lead our Community Foundation and it ended with a very fun, albeit virtual, Summer's Last Blast.

In between there, **our Emergency Response Fund continued apace, raising a current total of \$5.6M for our region and the impact has been significant.** I hope you will take some time to look at our [COVID Impact Report](#). We all knew that while there was an urgency to this need, we have certainly come to appreciate that the road to recovery or normalcy or whatever we want to call it, will be long and unpredictable. Thus, we remain committed to raising funds and garnering resources that our region will need and continuing to support our essential local nonprofits.

This is the beginning of that time when our nonprofits accelerate their fundraising to take advantage of year-end philanthropy. While every year feels urgent, we know that 2020 has been in a league of its own so we hope that those of us with the resources to do more for others will step up and continue to demonstrate the amazing generosity that we saw at the start of this pandemic.

Be assured that your generosity to the Community Foundation – or to any of our nonprofits - will be used to create a region that is healthy, vibrant, creative, inclusive, equitable, caring, and successful.

For our part, the Community Foundation will soon announce a round of year-end grants from our Emergency Response Fund that will serve to do just that.

Regards,



Children working with the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!

Get Out and Art!

Our Creative Commonwealth Initiative is dedicated to increasing youth engagement to the arts. Last year, after hearing dozens of organizations explain that lack of transportation prevents their programs from reaching their full capacity, we partnered with the New Bedford Housing Authority to offer free summer programming on site at their community centers, addressing one of the major barriers that kept students from participating in different arts and cultural offerings. [Read More...](#)



Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.

Summer Grants Highlights

In August, we awarded \$55,000 to 25 local nonprofit organizations for summer programs serving youth in the region. We observed a great need for support as families struggled to afford the cost of campership - a direct result of the pandemic. One such recipient, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) worked to nurture the social-emotional health of New Bedford youth, which have been so deeply impacted by COVID-19, through their Explore Your Environment(EYE) summer program. Y.O.U. is committed to offering every child that applies the opportunity to participate in the EYE program regardless of their ability to pay. They offered a "COVID-response" version of the annual program, with smaller groups and public health guidelines to ensure the safety of all participants. [Read on for a list of grantees...](#)

Summer's Last Blast was a Virtual Blast!

While 2020 has been an extremely challenging year, it is also the 25th anniversary of the founding of our community foundation, which has been a strong voice and reliable source of resources to improve the lives of all our residents. **Check out the video below of our milestones throughout the years!**

We are so grateful to the many sponsors and supporters who made this anniversary celebration so successful. Thank you to the more than 3,000 viewers taking part in our virtual celebration of our new name and longstanding commitment to social justice and philanthropy during our Summer's Last Blast celebration.

We were inspired by the efforts and talent of our SouthCoast artists and musicians, that we have decided to share the musical performances for you all to enjoy!

Every Friday we will showcase a highlight of [Summer's Last Blast Spotlights](#).



Grant Opportunities

[Hawthorn Medical Associates Charitable Fund](#)

Approximately \$20,000.00 will be awarded to local organizations in support of programming pertaining to one or more of the following areas:

- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment - Eligible activities include prevention and education programs, treatment services and advocacy.
- Economic Self Sufficiency - Eligible activities include employment and training, financial management and career planning services.
- Victims of Domestic Violence - Eligible activities include education and prevention programs, hotlines, shelters and legal advocacy.

Applications may be submitted by **October 26th** through the Foundation's grant portal.

[The Marion Community Fund](#)

The Marion Community Fund was established by an individual donor to the SouthCoast Community Foundation for the sole purpose of providing qualified Marion, MA residents with property tax relief. Since 2002, the fund has paid more than \$108k to the Town of Marion to offset the property tax bills of residents in need. Applications for the 2020 cycle are being collected through Friday, **October 9th**.

SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund

This Fund will provide flexible resources to organizations that are working with communities at the intersection of being most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus and most impacted by inequity. We will announce on our website when applications will be available in the coming weeks.



The SouthCoast Community Foundation is looking for a

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. No phone calls please.
