

Impact Update: Holiday 2020



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

While I, as always, am looking forward to Christmas - albeit a very different one this year - I am really looking forward to New Year's Eve as I am happy to get 2020 behind us! It has been a tumultuous year. But there is one lesson I am taking from this past year: people want to help. I have been truly humbled by the generosity that folks – rich and poor, near and far – demonstrated by supporting our Emergency Response Fund, by the collaboration I have seen amongst nonprofit organizations, and by the frankness, clarity, and power being brought to the many conversations about racism in our region. All with a desire to be a part of

something bigger than any one of us and create a life for all of us in Southeastern Massachusetts that is more compassionate, empathetic, creative, and attentive to the needs of others. While it has been a time of social distancing, it has also been a time to understand how we are all, in fact, deeply connected. The Community Foundation is humbled to play whatever role we can in making our region the very best it can be for all and we are honored to have you as a partner.

Best of the season to you and your family. And here's to a healthy and prosperous new year.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John Vasconcellos".

John Vasconcellos
President

Did you know this year you can take up to a \$300 deduction for cash donations? [Read on](#) about this change to the tax code and how giving to a community foundation can be a wise decision when wanting to make an impact locally.

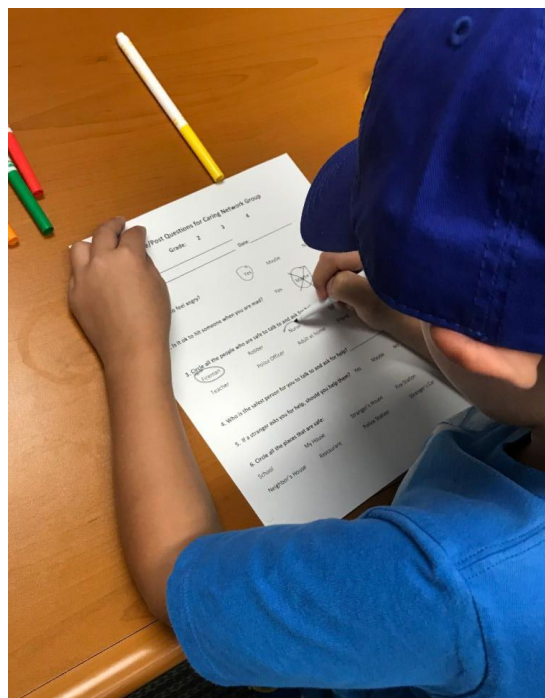


Making an impact - Marion Institute's *Cooks for Community* Emergency Food Initiative

Grant Update

This week we awarded more than \$600K in Stabilization grants from our SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund as part of our ongoing response to COVID-19. Recipients were nonprofits that clearly demonstrated financial need and alignment with our area's strategic focus. By year-end, we will have awarded over \$5 million in emergency relief.

These grants join the over \$210K of additional support from our advised funds to educational, economic and arts & culture focused programs awarded this past quarter. Including, the recent [Hawthorn Medical Associates Charitable Fund recipients](#).



Fund recipient *Caring Network*, a Child & Family Services Program.



Scholarship Season is Fast Approaching

Mark your calendars! On January 1st, we begin the two-month cycle of accepting scholarship applications. It will be an exciting time for all of us at the Foundation because we will be awarding over \$500K from more than 60 scholarship funds! Help us get the word out about this great opportunity to all the Southeastern Massachusetts high school seniors and college students who could use this critical support.

To learn more about our scholarship process and resources available like our uApsire Financial Aid Help Desk, click [here](#).

The Latest News

Partnership & New Nonprofit Resources

SouthCoast Community Foundation has joined more than a dozen other Massachusetts community foundations to form a partnership, *The Massachusetts Community Foundations Partnership*. This collaboration will provide a breadth of support and resources for nonprofits. [Read on](#) about the partnership and upcoming training.



On Air and On the Net

In case you missed it, Foundation President John Vasconcellos was recently [interviewed](#) about the Foundation's work by Jim Phillips of WBSM.

John was also on the other side of the mic interviewing teacher and writer, Onésimo Teotónio de Almeida about Portuguese and American culture as part of Fabric Festival's online program. The engaging exchange can be found [here](#).

Last, but most certainly not least, John



and Board member Gail Fortes were invited to the virtual Massachusetts Philanthropy 51st Annual Meeting as one of four organizations providing inspirational philanthropy stories. John and Gail discussed our [Meet Me for Coffee](#) Zoom series which has been bringing nonprofit leaders together during this challenging year.



Congratulations!

Hats off to our own Holly Weeden who recently became part of the graduating 2020 class of Leadership SouthCoast. We are so lucky to have Holly as part of our team bringing her passion for the region and newly attained leadership skills to our grant-making work.



Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming to the Foundation, Sarah Rose, as our new Director of Engagement, Charles Holley as Director of Finance & Administration, and Kim Goddard as Manager of Marketing & Communications. We recently announced their hires as part of our five-year strategy to build and sustain capacity. You can read more about their experience and the work they will be doing [here](#).



Sarah Rose



Charles Holley



Kim Goddard

From all of us at the Community Foundation



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