

Impact Update: July 2021

Annual Meeting & Report

For a recap of our 2020 efforts, financials, and response to the pandemic, check out our **Annual Report.**







26TH ANNUAL MEETING

On June 8th, we held our Annual Meeting virtually providing an update on Board governance and 2020 accomplishments. We also discussed plans for the year ahead, including a special announcement from the Chair of the SouthCoast Community Foundation's Racial Equity Working Group and the incoming Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, Gail Fortes. Gail introduced our new Leadership Equity Fund. You can watch the meeting here. To learn more about the Leadership Equity Fund, see below.

Addressing Racial Disparities

During our 26th Annual Meeting, we announced the creation of the Leadership Equity Fund to address racial disparities and work towards a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive society. Grants from the Fund will support and serve two purposes; nonprofit organizations working to end racism and run by leaders who identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and the professional development and advancement of employees of nonprofit organizations who identify as BIPOC. Read on about the fund, how to donate or apply.



YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts DEI Training

Available Grants

There are three grants, in addition to the Leadership Equity Fund, that are available for applications. You can find details about how to apply <u>here</u>. Applications will be open from July 1st until July 30th.

Emergency Response Fund - Reimagine Grant: To provide support for nonprofit organizations who are addressing issues related to vaccine hesitancy and equity as well as those recovering from the COVID-19 health crisis and adapting to a new set of norms given the economic impact of lost revenue over the past year. Grants will be awarded to organizations that can clearly demonstrate financial need due to COVID-19 related to the four focus areas.

NEW The Martha G. Coggeshall Fund: To support the preservation and maintenance of buildings and artifacts with historical value in the Town of Fairhaven.

The Huidekoper Fund - To provide support to local non-profit organizations seeking funding for programs focused on athletic activity and fitness for youth.

Congratulations Jacobs' Scholarship Recipients

Addylene Darosa Semedo can now realize her dream of going to college and then

medical school without worrying about how to afford both. Jocelyn Kingman always wanted to help people. Now she can pursue nursing school. Moriah Merkman will now be the first in her family to go to college and pursue a career as a dermatologist. These high school graduates and graduates Annie Lin and Linh Dan Nguyen are each the 2021 recipients of a \$35,000 grant from the Jacobs Family New Bedford High Schools Scholarship. To learn more about the grant and the local New Bedford student recipients, click here.











From Left to Right, First Row: Addylene Darosa Semedo, Annie Lin from New Bedford High School and Jocelyn Kingman from Global Learning Charter Public School. Second Row: Moriah Merkman from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and Linh Dan Nguyen from New Bedford High School.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for the 17th Annual Summer's Last Blast on Friday, September 10th in the bucolic setting of Nonquitt, overlooking Buzzards Bay, for a lively evening of delectable food, cocktails, and dancing. Tickets will go on sale



July 12th. Check the website for details.









