

Impact Update: August 2021

2021 Scholarship Reception

Last Wednesday evening, we hosted our annual Scholarship Reception at the Buttonwood Park Zoo for 84 scholarship recipients and their families to enjoy the zoo and its many attractions, indulge in delicious tacos from On-The-Go in Mattapoisett, and receive certificates to acknowledge their outstanding accomplishments. The night was a great reminder of the impact these scholarships have on student's ability to achieve their educational goals and dreams. Click [here](#) to read more about the scholarship recipients.





Shining a Light on Racial Disparities

During our [Annual Meeting](#) on June 8th, we launched the [Leadership Equity Fund](#) to address racial disparities and work towards a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive society. On July 22nd, the new media outlet ***New Bedford Light*** published Vice Chair Gail Fortes' personal essay reflecting on her own experiences and the importance of the fund. [Read on](#) for her opinion piece in the Community Voices column.

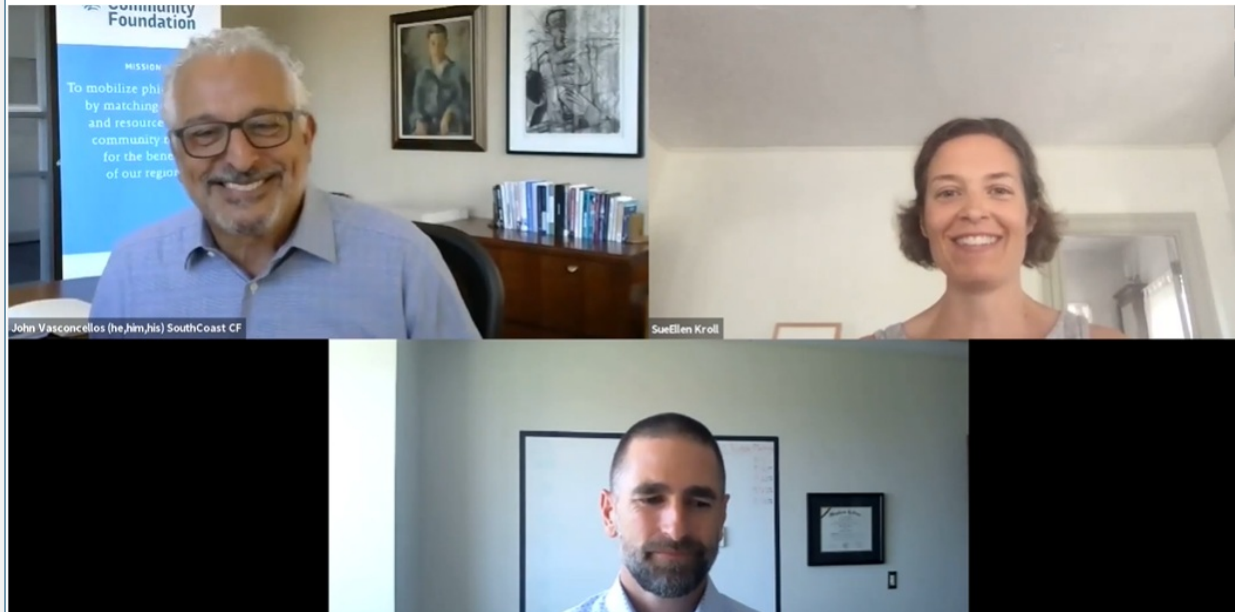


Connecting Donors and Community Needs

Our mission is to mobilize philanthropy by connecting donors with the needs of the community. One way we do this is through quarterly ***Funders' Tours***. Over this last year, we moved from in-person tours to webinars, and on June 30th, we held one focused on ***Building Blocks for a Sustainable Community***. To start things off, we were joined by the Director of Capacity Building at RVC and certified coach April Nishimura. President John Vasconcellos and April had an informative discussion based on her Stanford Social Innovation Review Article [Transformational Capacity Building](#) that explored how nonprofits of color continue to be under-resourced and often struggle to survive.

We then had leaders, SueEllen Kroll (Program Officer, Arts & Creativity, Barr Foundation) and Glenn Oliveira (Executive Director, Carney Family Charitable Fund) join us to give an update on their capacity building programs and concluded by having a few of the participants discuss the positive impact of these programs (including our own) – Chris Antao (Gnome Surf), Ashley Occhino (NBAM/Artworks!), Eric Paradis (Your Theater, Inc.) and Bernadette Souza (Youth Opportunities Unlimited).

This session provided a deeper understanding of how critical operational support is in keeping these organizations sustainable to continue their essential work. If you are an interested donor and would like to join our next tour. Please contact [Tricia Grime](#).



Top Row: Director of Capacity Building at RVC and certified coach April Nishimura.
From Left to Right/First Row: Community Foundation President John Vasconcellos, Program Officer, Arts & Creativity, SueEllen Kroll from the Barr Foundation. **Second Row:** Executive Director, Glenn Oliveira from the Carney Family Charitable Fund.



Joining John from Left to Right/First Row: Chris Antao (Gnome Surf) and Ashley Occhino (NBAM/Artworks!).
Second Row: Bernadette Souza (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) and Eric Paradis (Your Theater, Inc.).

Summer's Last Blast

It's that time of year when all we want to do is be outside and enjoy the weather and each other. Right? September 10th you can do just that AND dance the night away with delicious

food and drink! We hope you will join us 'under the stars' and under the tent for a night of celebratory fun. [Tickets](#) are still available. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe so please be sure to be vaccinated before attending. Here are a few [COVID-19 vaccination](#) resources.

A big thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, [BayCoast Bank](#), Lead Sponsor [Bristol County Savings Bank](#), Sparkling Sponsors [Claremont Companies](#), [Rua-Dumont-Audet Insurance Agency, Inc.](#), and [VIBRA Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts](#).



Upcoming Grant Opportunity

Opening August 10 - September 30

SouthCoast Community Foundation is accepting grant requests starting August 10 - Sept 30, 2021, for the **Henry H. Crapo Foundation Fund**.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to promote the well-being of the Greater New Bedford Area to support those 501(c)(3) local organizations that have the following characteristics relative to the core values of the Henry H. Crapo Foundation Fund:

- Demonstrable impact on the issue being addressed.
- A commitment to excellence in its work.
- Ability to be a catalyst for larger change.
- Addresses a clear community need.
- Strategically filling a funding gap that is otherwise difficult to fill.

Staff News

Congratulations!

Our Accounting Clerk, **Nhamaa Cortes**,

just graduated from Bridgewater State University with a major in Accounting and a minor in Management. Congratulations Nhamaa!



Welcome!

Alexa Desjourdy joined the team on June 28th as our Scholarship Program Intern and will be working on a special project to evaluate the effectiveness of our scholarship program. Alexa goes to school at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and will be with us through most of August.



Our Community.
Your Foundation.

