

President John Vasconcellos to Retire

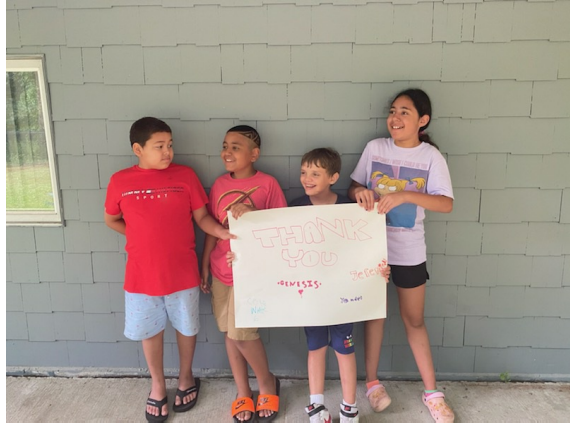
When you have an anniversary at the Foundation, we celebrate with flowers. **John Vasconcellos**, our president, just celebrated five years, and what a five years it has been! We also just announced that he is retiring at the end of the year. We are so happy and excited for him as he embarks on his next chapter, but of course, **we are going to miss him!** We have accomplished so much during his leadership thanks to his vision and guidance. Our Board Chair, **Linda Bodenmann** put it well, “Thanks to his dedication and dynamic leadership style, we have a Community Foundation that our region deserves, that attracts philanthropy, and elevates the needs and opportunities within our community.”



More will be shared soon about the search for his successor. In the meantime, you can read more about the announcement [here](#).

Get Out and Art!

This was the third summer of our **GET OUT AND ART** program, partnering with the **New Bedford Housing Authority** as part of our [Creative SouthCoast Initiative](#) to bring community arts programs into residential neighborhoods. Three programs, run by the **New Bedford Art Museum**, **Dream Out Loud**, and **NB Creative** with **Rhonda Fazio** made a lot of art with a lot of young people this summer. Here are some fun images capturing the art in the making!



Summer's Last Blast

Thank you, Sponsors!

Our annual celebration is **sold out!** Thank you to everyone for your support. For those joining us, we wanted to let you know that over the past weeks, we have reviewed our protocols and the logistics of the evening with various local health experts. Based on their counsel, we are confident in our ability to provide you with a **safe and fun** environment. We trust that people will make the right decision for themselves and thus, will respect our mandate that you must be vaccinated to attend the event. We are looking forward to seeing many of you Friday, September 10th, and for those that can't join us --- we will catch you next year! A big **thank you** to all our sponsors.



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Jacobs Family Pledges \$2 Million for Global Learning Charter Public School Expansion

Last week the **Global Learning Charter Public School** broke ground on its new location in New Bedford's North End. **President John Vasconcellos** was on hand to help with what will become the location for the **Joan and Irwin Jacobs STEAM Education Center** next year. The Foundation was happy to facilitate the generous \$2 million donation from the Jacobs family for this project.

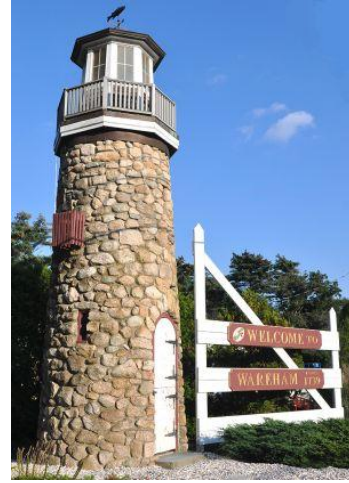


Jordan Pouliot Latham, John Vasconcellos, and State Representative Tony Cabral. Future location of the *Joan and Irwin Jacobs STEAM Education Center*. Photo: Global Learning Charter Public School.

George C. Decas Scholarship Fund Established

William C. Decas has established a new scholarship fund in memory of his late brother, Attorney **George C.**

Decas. The *George C. Decas Scholarship Fund* will provide awards to graduating high school seniors residing in Wareham, Massachusetts. Awards of approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be made annually starting in 2022 during the Community Foundation scholarship season and can support recipients over four years. [Read on](#) about the fund.



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