



Impact Update: October 2021

## Summer's Last Blast - That's a Wrap!

More than 400 guests joined us on September 10<sup>th</sup> for a delightful evening under a beautiful and starry South Coast night. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Click [here](#) for more information on our sponsors and fun images from the night, some of which were featured in **The Standard-Times** 'Out and About.'





## Grant Update

The 13<sup>th</sup> round of grants from the **SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund** was just issued, putting **\$479,495** with 39 nonprofits. The grant focuses on vaccine hesitancy and equity and operational needs for organizations in the arts & culture, economic opportunity, and education sectors. You can read more about the recipients and the Fund [here](#).



**The Huidekoper Fund**, which supports local non-profit organizations focused on youth athletic activity and fitness, made grants totaling \$4,300 to 4 organizations: [3rd Eye Youth Empowerment](#) (Photo: Colorful Yoga); [South Coast LGBTQ Network, Inc.](#); [Community Boating Center](#); and [YMCA Southcoast](#).



**The Martha G. Coggeshall Fund** made its first round of grants to three organizations totaling \$13,150 supporting historic preservation in Fairhaven. The recipients included [Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.](#) to furnish the interior of their Cultural Center on Cherry Street; [Spinner Publications](#) to document and archive 120 years of Fairhaven newspaper coverage; and

[Community Nurse Home Care, Inc.](#), whose building, the Bradford-Russell Home on Center Street (shown in photo), needed repair.



On September 17<sup>th</sup>, [Mayflower Wind](#) made a generous \$50,000 donation from the Mayflower Fund to the [South Coast LGBTQ+ Network](#) to support their new Community Center in downtown New Bedford. Mayflower Wind CEO Michael Brown and his team believe the new center will be “an embodiment of his company's commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion on the South Coast.” The Community Foundation was honored to have helped facilitate the grant process on Mayflower’s behalf and look forward to seeing the new Community Center later in 2022!



## Gateway Cities Caucus Tour Addresses Pandemic Impact

In September, the **Gateway Cities Legislative Caucus** toured Attleboro, Fall River, and New Bedford to learn firsthand the issues facing these communities due to the pandemic. The tour, hosted by co-chairs **House Representative Tony Cabral** and **Senator Neal Lesser**, brought civic leaders together in New Bedford on September 20<sup>th</sup> at The Whaling Museum.



Our Director of Engagement, **Sarah Rose**, representing the Community Foundation, shared important lessons learned from our [COVID Emergency Response](#) work and encouraged our state representatives to continue prioritizing the South Coast and the gateway cities of New Bedford, Fall River, Brockton, Taunton, and Attleboro.



## Staff Updates

We are happy to share that our programs officer, **Werlaine Badio** got married on September 5<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. Congratulations to the happy couple and their entire family!

(Photo: Werlaine and Jerry Badio on their wedding day)





**Sarah Rose** has been accepted to the [CFLeads Executive Leadership Institute \(ELI\)](#) for Vice Presidents as part of the Class of 2021-2022. Sarah will participate in this year-long learning opportunity that focuses exclusively on community leadership.



**Charles Holley** has been accepted to the [Institute for Nonprofit Practice Core Certificate Program](#). This ten-month program prepares nonprofit leaders to effect meaningful change in their organizations through strategic, mission-driven decisions that center on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB).



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