

Impact Update: January 2022

Message from our Director of Engagement

In many places around the world, fireworks mark the transition from one year to the next. They celebrate the conclusion of a successful year and signal new beginnings for the year to come. A very apt metaphor for the Community Foundation.

This past December, thanks to our donors, fund advisors, volunteers, community partners, family, and friends our milestones for the <u>Annual Fund</u>, <u>John Vasconcellos Fund</u>, and <u>Leadership Equity Fund</u> were surpassed. Altogether, the Community Foundation made more than 470 grants totaling over \$6.5 million in 2021. Your generosity reflects the trust you place in us to help make a meaningful difference in our community. A meaningful difference that is measured by the tireless and successful work of our nonprofit partners throughout the region.



Additional good news is Mayflower Wind, on December 17th, was awarded a 400 MW contract, which allowed them to seed the <u>Mayflower Fund</u> at the Community Foundation with \$27 million over the next ten years. These resources will be deployed in an equitable fashion, so people from our region have the education and training to support the wind energy business and supplies are sourced locally. Join us Thursday, January 27th for a virtual <u>Open House with Mayflower Wind</u>. More details below.

2022 promises to be an equally exciting year full of new opportunities, many of which are well underway. With the aforementioned Mayflower Fund, we look forward to partnering with Mayflower Wind to place this money into our community effectively. Our <u>Creative SouthCoast Initiative</u> marks its fifth year collaborating with artists, arts organizations, and creative strategists in New Bedford and Fall River. We share more about what is planned in a new <u>blog</u> post this month. We are continuing to combat the effects of a relentless virus, with more than \$3 million already committed this year to <u>COVID-19 relief</u>. Our <u>scholarship program</u> is completely updated. And, our focus on <u>education</u> is broadening thanks to the new Nancy and Jack Braitmayer Fund for Innovative Educational Excellence which will provide college student support for career mentoring, tutoring, financial planning, and more. Also, stay tuned for an upcoming research publication we commissioned on early education and child care. All the while, our <u>Search Committee</u> is meeting with qualified candidates to find our next leader. Needless to say, we'll be busy in 2022. We look forward to keeping you informed about these and future initiatives as the year progresses.

Thank you again for your contributions to the Foundation and in turn, your community. We couldn't do it without you.

Sarah W Rose

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Grant Update

Enhancing the Quality of Life for Southeastern Massachusetts Residents



The SouthCoast Community Foundation finished up 2021 awarding a total of \$180,000 from the newly offered **Open Spaces for People** grant, **Hawthorn Medical Associates Charitable Fund**, and the **Jake Fabien Memorial Fund**. Grants were awarded to Brockton, Fall River, and New Bedford-based nonprofits that specialize in a breadth of services and programs that improve the lives of families and residents of Southeastern Massachusetts. <u>Read on</u> to learn about the recipients.

Photo courtesy of Fall River Deaconess Home.

Scholarship Season is Open!



The three-month cycle of accepting scholarship applications has begun! We hope you will help get the word out about this great opportunity for Southeastern Massachusetts high school seniors, college students, and adult learners who could use this critical support. To learn about the program and how simple it is to apply, check out this short <u>video</u> featuring some of our team.

Creative SouthCoast Blog



To kick off the new year, we are starting a blog series that will highlight the resources we are providing to advance arts and culture in the South Coast region. The Creative SouthCoast Initiative (CSI) is the umbrella name for these efforts and we look forward to updating you on our progress and how you can participate. <u>Read on</u> for our first installment!

Jagged Tears Mural by Rene Gagnon. Photo courtesy of Fall River Fabric Festival.

Events

Conversations on Capitalization and Community: Building a Stronger and Healthier Arts and Culture Ecosystem



Tuesday, January 25th

The SouthCoast Community Foundation invites donors and grantmakers to participate in a free, virtual workshop on Tuesday, January 25th. **Conversations on Capitalization and Community**, led by nationally recognized arts finance consultant **Rebecca Thomas**, will focus on building a stronger and healthier arts and culture ecosystem. Click <u>here</u> to sign up.

READY, AIM, FIRE: Building Your Development Plan



Wednesday, January 26th

We are excited to announce we will be working with the Massachusetts Community

Foundation Partnership again to deliver new programming in 2022. Join us for the first workshop of the year that focuses on building a multi-year development strategy and plan that positions you for revenue growth and sustainability. This workshop is ideal for executive directors and development leaders. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about this free workshop and register.



Thursday, January 27th

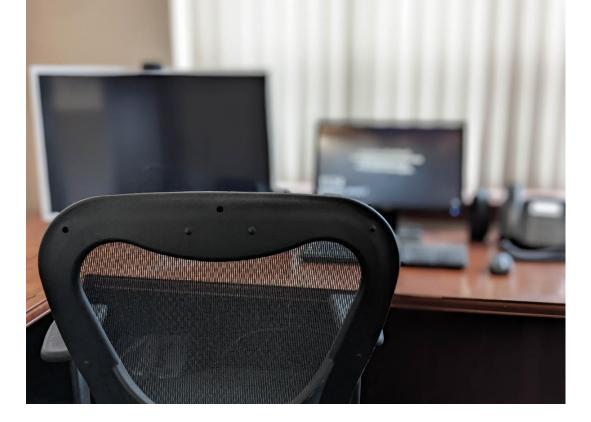
Mayflower Wind will be hosting a virtual Open House for the South Coast community on Thursday, January 27 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The event is focused on their economic development investments on the South Coast and their recent 400 MW award. We encourage community members to attend to learn about future opportunities that the new Mayflower Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation will provide.

Topics will include offshore wind education, training, and workforce development, supply chain opportunities, applied research and innovation investments, and the equitable and inclusive approach that will be taken throughout.

To register to attend, click <u>here</u>.

Staff News

Hiring



President & CEO

The Community Foundation is seeking a proven leader who demonstrates a strong ability to raise community awareness and clearly articulates the vision and direction for the SouthCoast Community Foundation. They must be a strategic and visionary leader who understands the potential of the organization to use its financial, social, and reputational capital to positively impact the community. An appreciation for the culture of the region and a willingness to understand the challenges and opportunities within the SouthCoast communities will be essential. To learn more about the position and apply, click <u>here.</u>

Senior Programs Officer

This position will work collaboratively with donor services, programs, and communications staff, ensuring grant programs are effectively communicated and administered, and investments have the desired outcomes intended. This position is an integral part of the SouthCoast Community Foundation team and essential in achieving its organizational goals. Click <u>here</u> to learn more and apply.

Promotion

Kim Goddard joined the Foundation part-time in October 2020 as Manager, Marketing & Communications. As of January 1st, Kim has joined full-time and has been promoted to Director, Marketing & Communications. Kim has been a resident of Southeastern Massachusetts for the last seven years and formerly worked for Bose Corporation and



consulted with several local nonprofits, such as DATMA, Coastal Neighbors Network, and Superflat NB.



