

A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a yellow bucket hat with blue and white stripes, a pink short-sleeved top with a ruffled neckline, and blue jeans, is smiling and looking through binoculars. She has a colorful braided bracelet on her right wrist. The background is a bright, out-of-focus field of yellow flowers and green grass. To the right, a hand is visible holding an open map. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, suggesting an outdoor excursion.

**Making a
world of
difference
at home in**

**metro
west**

the place we call

home

You want
a community where...

every person feels safe & connected

no one goes without basic necessities

the arts thrive

parks, wetlands & waterways flourish

neighbors help neighbors

children learn, explore & achieve

We do too.

By matching local donors with local needs, the Foundation for MetroWest makes all of this happen... and more. We partner with nonprofits, community leaders, local businesses, and neighbors like you to improve the quality of life for all who live and work in the 33 towns and cities of MetroWest.



**passion.
perspective.
partnership.**

MetroWest is a vibrant region, notable for its rich history, rapid innovation, and abundant resources. It's a place many are proud to call home. But the region's many positive attributes often mask significant unmet needs.

That's where we come in. The Foundation for MetroWest brings passion and perspective to local giving. We partner with our neighbors to address community-specific needs as well as challenges that face the region as a whole.

With a board and staff who are deeply invested in the towns and cities we serve, we have a unique understanding of our region and the many ways donors can make a lasting impact, now and into the future.

**the difference
we make**

As the region's only community foundation, the Foundation for MetroWest is a leader, partner, innovator, and vital resource for those who seek to make an impact in their community.

we...

INSPIRE local philanthropy

EDUCATE emerging leaders

CONNECT donors with nonprofits

BUILD civic capacity

COORDINATE people, ideas, and resources

AMPLIFY one another's impact

Since 1995, the Foundation has distributed over \$10 million in grants to organizations that are making MetroWest a better home for all.



giving where it counts

Each year, the Foundation for MetroWest makes competitive grants in four areas identified as priorities for our region. In each grant-giving cycle, the Foundation assesses the landscape of current need, evaluates proposed solutions, and awards grants to organizations that are positioned to make the greatest impact.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Everyone deserves a full, healthy life. By addressing the needs of the region's most vulnerable citizens—those affected by hunger, homelessness, mental illness, cultural isolation, domestic violence, and underemployment—the MetroWest Fund for Families improves the lives of thousands each year, contributing to stronger communities for all.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Fund for Youth Development is operated by local youth for local youth. Through our Youth in Philanthropy program, teens become civic experts and leaders, studying the philanthropic process and awarding grants to initiatives that enrich the lives and improve outcomes of underserved peers throughout the region.

ARTS & CULTURE

When we invest in arts and ideas, we add color and vibrancy to our civic life. The MetroWest Fund for Arts & Culture provides grants to arts outreach organizations, performance venues, music schools, and others whose work enhances the cultural fabric of our region.

ENVIRONMENT

The MetroWest Fund for the Environment underwrites efforts to preserve and protect our region's parks, wetlands, wildlife, and other natural resources. Grants help local groups maintain trails and other shared spaces, guard and restore vulnerable ecosystems, and educate the community about our common environment.

help us

You don't have to go far to make a difference, and you don't have to solve every challenge on your own. When you team up with the Foundation for MetroWest, you pool your resources with your neighbors' to make an impact where it counts—right here, in the communities where you live and work. We partner with businesses, individuals, and financial advisors, offering a one-stop source of information about community needs and promising solutions, as well as the investment options and giving strategies that best match each partner's philanthropic goals. Our highly personalized approach helps donors make a difference with the causes closest to their hearts.

To learn more about ways you can make a difference in MetroWest, contact us at 508.647.2260.



MAKE an unrestricted gift and rely on the Foundation's expertise to address critical unmet needs in MetroWest.

SET UP a donor-advised fund and let us help you manage your personal giving.

GIVE where you live with a donation to one of our town-specific funds.

TARGET your gift to a specific cause, like homelessness or animal welfare.

ESTABLISH an endowed fund to provide perpetual support to the organization(s) of your choosing.

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