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Annual Report 2007



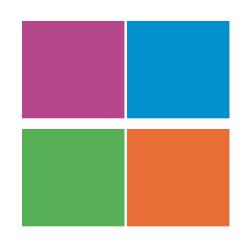
# It was just six years ago

that a handful of individuals joined together to establish our very own Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of greater North Central Massachusetts. We are here to help our donors make a positive impact on their community.

# More than \$5.1 million

in grants and distributions have been made into the community since our inception.





*Community.* The ubiquitous word gets a lot of use. Not only is it in our name, we utilize it regularly in our newsletter articles and other printed material. Politicians will frequently use the word in their stump speeches.

Like so many words, its origin is from Latin. *Community* is derived from communitas (meaning the same), which in turn derived from communis (common, public, shared by all or many).

For the Foundation, it is the cornerstone for everything we do. As you can see from our purpose statement on the opposite page, we were created by and for the people in our *community*.

We view the tenets for a vibrant *community* as building blocks. It includes a wide-range of opportunities and resources – from helping kids get ready for school to providing transportation for medical care.

This past year, we established a grant distribution committee, to help us better identify these important building blocks. As a result of their work, the Foundation distributed 11 new grants totaling \$120,000 from our general endowment.

We once again funded the very successful Summer-Up program, an initiative designed to decrease crime by creating youth recreational and academic opportunities. In addition, we funded 10 other important initiatives - from creating open space to preserving quality and affordable housing. You'll find more on these and other programs in this report.

Between our general endowment grants and donor advised distributions, the Foundation distributed over \$2 million last year. This wouldn't have been possible without the continued growth and confidence of our donors.

Through their work with the Foundation, we are fortunate to have a committed group of volunteers that invest considerable time, talent and treasure into the *community*. So thank you!

As we look forward to next year, we will continue to build upon the blocks that create opportunities for everyone in our *community*.

Thomas F. Bagley, III
Chairman

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts





# Investing in our children. For the past two years the Community Foundation has funded the very successful Summer Up program.





# The Summer Up 2007 program helped combat the growing crime rate in our cities while addressing the disparities in access to summer school among the most at-risk youth.

One hundred and fifty children from Fitchburg, Leominster and Gardner received academic, job readiness and recreational support through the program this past summer. The results included:

- 150 youth employed through Summer Up
- Daily attendance at the sites averaged 371 elementary students
- 110 students were provided with Summer Up summer school vouchers to help them get credits to advance to the next grade level
- 54% of the youth thought they contributed to their community because of the program (an increase of 3% over last year)
- 71% reported a reduction in risky behaviors compared to last summer





United Neighbors of Cleghorn will use their \$19,810 Community Foundation grant to identify and help prioritize unsafe housing in Fitchburg. The goal is to work with property owners to preserve quality and affordable housing for the city's low-income population.

In 2007, the Community Foundation awarded grants from its general endowment touching lives throughout North Central Massachusetts.

The Community Health Center of Franklin County received \$19,000 from the Community Foundation, which will provide transportation for hospital and doctor visits to 300 residents in the North Quabbin region. The program goal is to reduce rehospitalization rates by half.



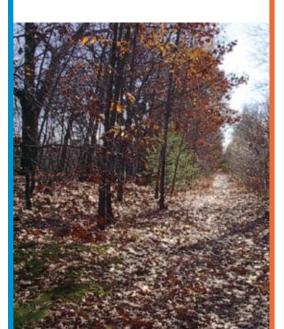


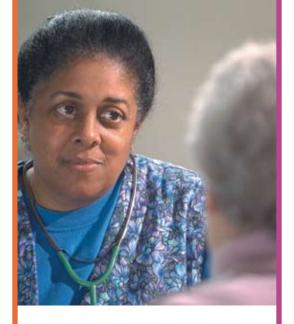
## Promoting volunteersim

North Quabbin Time Bank, a program in the greater Athol region, will encourage people to volunteer. In return, they will earn volunteer credits, which can be used to secure services that they otherwise might not be able to afford or have the ability to perform themselves. The Foundation's \$2500 grant will fund the program.

# Creating public access to open space

A \$7,750 grant to the Leominster Land Trust will create comprehensive trail maps for all the natural space in Leominster. The map in both English and Spanish will improve the health of the watershed areas by encouraging proper use and reducing illegal activities. In addition, it will detail public access to a vast network of hiking trails, encouraging greater and safer use of the trail system





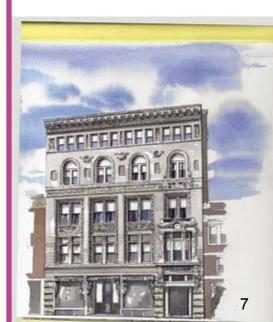
### End of life care for the most venerable

Matson Community Services was awarded \$5,000 to develop an End of Life Care training program for staff and families of people with developmental disabilities.

Matson Community Services in collaboration with its sister agency ARC Community Services and the Gardner VNA will develop a training program for staff and families dealing with end of life care. Although geared to people with developmental disabilities, the core foundation of this training could be used by any agency in the community dealing with end of life care.

# Bringing Fitchburg's history to life

The Fitchburg Historical Society also received \$7,750 to expand its program that is providing public school students the opportunity to see, touch and hear about the city's history, which is not available through the school's curriculum.



**Agati, Inc. - \$41,870** American Heart Association - \$1,000 Applewild School - \$15,000

Arc of North Central Inc. - \$2,000 Ashburnham Little League - \$500

Battered Women's Resources Inc. - \$690

Bentley College - \$1,000

**Boys & Girls Club of North Central MA** - \$379,680

Camp Lowe Scholarship Fund - \$570 Children's Community Fund - \$250

Cleghorn Neighborhood Center - \$284,842

Clinton First Partnership and Foundation LTD - \$500

Clinton YMCA - \$350

Colby College Annual Fund - \$5,000

Community Foundation of North Central MA - \$148.097

Fitchburg Historical Society -\$34,516

Fitchburg State College Foundation - \$3,000

Friends of Groton Elders - \$250

Friends of the Ashby Free Public Library

Friends of Townsend Library - \$2,000

Friends of Townsend Seniors - \$800

Fruitlands Museums Inc. - \$750

Gaylord Bros. Inc. - \$926

**Greater Worcester Community Foundation** - Paul J. Gramling - \$500

Groton Community Foundation Fund - \$1,000

Groton Conservation Trust - \$1,250

Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth - \$250 Groton Dunstable Athletic Booster Club

- \$250

**Groton Dunstable Education Foundation** 

Loaves and Fishes - \$2,250

Marcoux Upholstery, Inc. - \$3,075

Michael Letarte - \$2,000

Morgan Memorial Goodwill - \$6.000

Mr Thomas F. DeCarolis - \$1,000

Mr. Christopher J. Goody - \$500

Ms. Chelsey Cormier - \$1,000

Ms. Deb Spratt - \$33

Ms. Mary Chapin Durling - \$6,000

Ms. Vicky Smith - \$4.162

Mt. Wachusett Community College - \$57,000

Multi-Service Center - \$1.000

Nashua River Watershed Association Inc. - \$155,296

Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of **America** - \$55,928

National Fire Safety Council, Inc. - \$340

Saint Rosa's Home - \$247

Salvation Army - \$4,000

School Specialty, Inc. - \$1,950

South End Community Health Center - \$16,274

Spanish American Center Inc. - \$71,390

St Leo's Parish Building Fund - \$2,000

St. Anna's Church Restoration Fund - \$500

St. Bernard's Central Catholic H.S. Athletic

T.A.P. Youth Basketball - \$250

Teddy Bear Land, Inc. - \$4,000

Thayer Symphony Orchestra Inc.- \$96,934

The Doyle Field Foundation - \$2,600

Townsend Cooperative Playschool - \$250

**Townsend Ecumenical Outreach - \$5,000** 

Townsend Little League - \$200

Donor Advised Funds are established by individuals who want to play an active role in the distribution process. Donors have the flexibility to target their funds to a specific cause or a range of agencies or programs that they care about. This year over \$2.7 million in distributions were made from Foundation funds to a variety of wide ranging community needs.

**Community Health Connections/Family** 

Health Center - \$17,100

Community Healthlink - \$54,012

**Creative Library Concepts - \$46,780** 

Creative Pavillion - \$33.624

Crocker Field Restoration Fund - \$2,500

**D & G Auto Body - \$525** 

**Dell Maketing, L.P. - \$19,419** 

**DS Graphics - \$6,233** 

Easter Seals Massachusetts - \$2,000

**Equipment Environments, Inc. - \$5,297** 

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy - \$100

First Parish Church - \$450

Fitchburg Art Museum - \$14,250

Fitchburg Cycling Club - \$10,000

**Groton Historical Society - \$1,000** 

**Groton Public Library Endowment Trust** 

**Groton Scholarship Committee - \$250** 

Hawthorne Brook Middle School Band

**Booster - \$100** 

HealthAlliance - \$2.500

Huston & Company - \$8.168

Indian Hill Music Center - \$38,700

JBM Silkscreen - \$410

Jimmy Fund Walk - \$100

**Laurens County Diabetes Center - \$300** 

Lawrence Academy - \$4.00

**Leominster Public Library - \$500** 

**Literacy Volunteers of Montachusett Area** - \$247

**NEADS - \$2,820** 

**New England Forestry Foundation - \$250** 

Newstamp Lighting Corp. - \$7,300

NM All Sports Athletic Boosters - \$100

NMRS Scholarship Fund - \$5,000

**North Central Charter Essential School** - \$30,000

North Middlesex Pop Warner - \$250

North Quabbin Community Coalition - \$21,000

Office Environments of N.E. - \$1.645

Our Father's House Inc. - \$3,000

**P.A.T. Youth Hockey - \$1,000** 

Pan Mass Challenge - \$100

Perrylocal School District - \$2,000

Pinepoint School - \$18,000

Trust for Public Lands (Surrenden Farm) - \$75,000

Tucker Library Interiors, LLC - \$17,734

**United Way of Central Central Alabama** 

**United Way of Greater Ennis - \$44,752** 

United Way of Greater Stark County - \$38,622

United Way of Lake Havasu - \$38,580

**United Way of Laurens County - \$47,002** 

**United Way of North Central Massachusetts** 

United Way of Tri-County - \$6,000

Unlimited Promotions - \$4.743

Village School - \$15,000

**-** \$569,198

Vintage Vending, Inc. - \$4,491



Donor Funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families, businesses, or groups that want to be personally involved in suggesting grant awards made possible by their gifts. This past year, 16 new funds were established with the Community Foundation.

**Brown/Peterson Family Foundation Fund** - To support the charitable interests of the donor and to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy Endowment Fund** - Established as an endowed fund to benefit the North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy.

**Community Health Legal Services Fund** - Supporting the work of the Community Health Legal Services.

**Crocker Field Restoration Fund** - An agency fund dedicated to the restoration of Crocker Field in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Fort Devens Museum Fund - As an agency fund it will benefit the Fort Devens Museum.

Fitchburg Access Television Fund - A fund that will support Fitchburg Access Television.

Friends of Townsend Seniors Fund - Dedicated to supporting the Friends of Townsend Seniors.

**K.R.C. Family Fund** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Kyle G. Flood Scholarship Fund** - To provide scholarships to graduating seniors at R.C. Mahar Regional High School.

**Lance Corporal Geofrey Cayer Fund** - To support programs that were of interest to Geofrey in North Central Massachusetts.

**Leominster Education Foundation Fund** - Established as an agency fund dedicated to supporting the Leominster Education Foundation.

William E. May Endowment Fund - An endowed fund to benefit the Friends of Townsend Seniors.

Nashua River Watershed Association Endowment Fund - Established as an endowed fund to benefit the Nashua River Watershed Association.

**Fitchburg Police Support Fund** - To support the work of the Fitchburg Police Department.

**The Village School New Building Fund** - *To provide funds to build a new home for The Village School.* 

**Pearl A. Russell – Howard Park/Townsend Historical Society Fund** - Established as an endowed fund to protect Howard Park and benefit the Townsend Historical Society.

**Anonymous Funds (3) (2004) -** *Donor advised funds to support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

#### Christopher J. Alvarez Endowment Fund (2004)

- To support educational health programs at the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts.

Anderson, Bagley & Mayo Fund (2005) - An endowed fund to benefit the communities of North Central Massachusetts.

**Ronald M. Ansin Fund** (2000) - *To support the charitable interests of the donor.* 

#### ARC Community Services Legacy Fund (2005)

- This is an agency fund dedicated to "Helping people with disabilities reach their full potential".

**Athol Area YMCA Fund** (2004) - Dedicated to supporting the YMCA programs in the Athol area.

Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts Fund (2002) - To benefit the Boys & Girls Club. **Doyle Field Foundation Endowment** (2006) - *To provide for the maintenance and future needs of Doyle Field in Leominster, Massachusetts.* 

The Dream Endowment (2004) - Created by Andrea and Sergio Paez to provide an opportunity for underprivileged immigrant students to go to college.

Fitchburg Historical Society Capital Campaign Fund (2004) - To provide funds to purchase and renovate a new home for the Fitchburg Historical Society.

Fitchburg Historical Society Endowment Fund (2006) - Created to provide funds to support the Fitchburg Historical Society.

**Charles & Janis Gelinas Fund** (2004) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

**Groton Community Foundation Fund** (2005) - *To provide funds to build and maintain a Community Center in the town of Groton, Massachusetts.* 

**Maranda-Gosselin Charitable Fund** (2004) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

Montachusett Society for the Preservation of Historic Buildings Fund (2005) - To provide funds to preserve historic buildings.

Nashoba Literacy Fund (2001) - To support literacy in the Nashoba region and North Central Massachusetts.

Nashoba Valley Community Health Care Fund

(2006) - Created to support the general purposes of community health care in the Nashoba Region with areas of focus in health education of the general public, hospice care, home health care and long term care services.

Nashoba Valley Professional Health Care Education Fund (2006) - The fund will support professional education for employees of health care facilities, which includes nurses and technicians, in the Nashoba region. **Orchard Hills Charitable Foundation Fund (2003)** 

- To improve the quality of life for disadvantaged and/or disabled people of all ages by way of nurturing a healthy lifestyle through exercise and proper nutrition.

Melinda L. Persons Domestic Violence Educational Endowment Fund (2005) - To provide domestic violence educational programming through Battered Women's Resources, Inc.

**Timothy W. Richards Fund** (2004) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

Ritter Memorial Library Fund (2003) - To benefit the Lunenburg Public Library.

**Serra Club Endowment Fund** (2005) - *To benefit the Serra Club of Worcester Northern.* 

**SHINE Initiative Fund** (2006) - Created as a Field of Interest Fund to benefit mental illness research, advocacy/awareness and direct service & support.

**Sterilite Corporation Fund** (2005) - Established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

# The Community Foundation provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals. In six short years, 81 funds have been established.

#### **Boys & Girls Club of NCM Endowment Fund**

(2003) - To support after school programs for children in North Central Massachusetts.

**CAVU Foundation Fund** (2004) - Created to fund unmet pediatric healthcare needs.

Choose To Be Part Of Your Miracle Foundation Fund (2005) - To support the charitable interests of the donors.

Cleghorn Neighborhood Center Community Initiative Fund (2004) - For the betterment of the Cleghorn Community Leadership Development / Task Forces.

Community Health Connections Family Health Center Fund (2004) - To benefit the Community Health Connections Family Health Center.

**Connors Family Fund** (2004) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

#### House of Peace and Education Fund (2004)

- To maintain funds to benefit the House of Peace and Education in Gardner.

**Ted & Connie Lapres Fund** (2006) - *To support the charitable interests of the donor.* 

**Michael & Debbie Lefebvre Fund** (2004) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

**Leominster Library Building Fund** (2003) - *To provide funds to expand and renovate the Leominster Library.* 

#### Loaves & Fishes Endowment Fund (2006)

- Established to benefit the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in North Central Massachusetts.

Longsjo Legacy of Champions Fund (2004) - To provide funds for the Fitchburg Longsjo Classic Cycling Race held each July and to promote the sport of cycling in North Central Massachusetts.

#### Nashua River Watershed Association Fund

(2005) - To enhance the capacity of the Nashua River Watershed Association to protect and manage natural resources in the Nashua River Watershed.

#### Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of America

**Fund** (2006) - Created to support the scouting programs within the Nashua Valley Council.

Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts Endowment Fund (2004) - To support the scouting programs within the Nashua Valley Council.

**Helen Nobile Fund** (2001) - To support literacy and St. Rosa's Home.

**Nobile Family Fund** (2003) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.* 

North Central Massachusetts Literacy Endowment Fund (2000) - To promote literacy in North Central Massachusetts.

North Quabbin Community Coalition Fund (2006) - Established to benefit the work of the North Quabbin Community Coalition.

#### Thayer Symphony Orchestra Endowment (2006)

- Established to benefit the work of the Thayer Symphony Orchestra.

**Twin City Trail Association Fund** (2003) - *To* provide funds to develop recreational trails in the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster.

**United Way Fund** (2001) - Established by the United Way of North Central Massachusetts to create an additional source of operating income for programs and services.

Valuing Our Children Fund (2004) - To maintain funds to benefit Valuing Our Children in Athol,
Massachusetts.

**David C. Wells Memorial Fund** (2003) - *To memorialize a community leader and further his charitable interests.* 



# Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts General Endowment (2001) - This and the regional endowment funds have been established to respond to a wide range of community needs. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

For donors that want to target their gift to a specific region, the Foundation created four unrestricted regional funds, the Greater Gardner Fund, Nashoba Valley Fund, North Quabbin Fund and Twin Cities Fund

#### **Scholarship Funds**

**Cheryl Ann Cetrino-Fish Scholarship Fund** (2004) - *To provide scholarships to graduating seniors at Lunenburg High School.* 

**Robert C. Langlois Scholarship Fund** (2002) - Created by family and friends to provide for graduating seniors of Gardner High School.

Narragansett Regional High School Class of 1973 Scholarship Fund (2004) - The NRHS Class of 1973 provides scholarships for graduating seniors at Narragansett Regional High School.

Mark Osowski Memorial Scholarship Fund (2004) - For striving young athletes graduating from Leominster High School.

**Pearl A. Russell Mathematics Scholarship Fund** (2006) - For graduating North Middlesex Regional High School majoring in the field of Mathematics.

Rotary Club of Fitchburg Scholarship Fund (2005) - For graduating seniors in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.



### statement of financial position

June 30, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash Short-term Investments Contributions Receivable Other Receivable Inventory Prepaid Expenses Long-term Investments Plant & Equipments, Net	\$ 29,403 1,060,223 109,611 24,320 2,578 7,487 12,845,491 23,564	\$ 15,906 662,570 55,540 10,614 13,715 4,324 10,290,585 23,024
Total Assets	\$14,102,677	<u>\$11,076,278</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses Grants Payable Agency Funds & Endowments	\$ 55,378 139,810 4,822,888	\$ 12,318 4,548 <u>2,403,107</u>
Total Liabilities	5,018,076	2,419,973
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets Operating Board Designated For Charitable Purpose Fixed Assets	65,546 1,850,795 23,564	37,544 1,106,097 23,024
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	1,939,905	1,166,665
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets Permanently Restricted Net Assets	5,396,630 1,748,066	6,208,291 1,281,349
Total Net Assets	9,084,601	8,656,305
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$14,102,677	\$11,076,278

### statement of activities

For the years ending June 30, 2007 and 2006

REVENUES	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals 2007	Totals 2006
Contributions	\$ 1,057,127	\$ 131,742	\$ 466,717	\$ 1,655,586	\$ 5,620,341
Donated Space	3,600	0	0	3,600	3,600
Investment Income	38,318	421,122	0	459,440	240,581
Realized Gains (Losses) on Sale of Investments	21,729	55,876	0	77,605	25,093
Administrative Fee Revenue	39,660	0	0	39,660	16,437
Sponsorships	2,010	0	0	2,010	1,400
Operating Grant Contributions	138,583	10,000	0	148,583	161,451
Assets Released from Restrictions					
Expiration of Use Restrictions	1,684,564	(1,684,564)	0	0	0
Total Revenue	2,985,591	(1,065,824)	466,717_	2,386,484	6,068,903
EXPENSES					
Management & General	113,418	0	0	113,418	100,334
Fund-raising	158,070	0	0	158,070	128,403
Program (excluding grants and donor advised distributions)	15,336	0	0	15,336	12,990
Total Expenses	286,824	0	0	286,824	241,727
Grants and donor advised distributions	2,022,472	0	0	2,022,472	1,466,413
Total Expenses & Donor Advised Distributions	2,309,296	0	0	2,309,296	1,708,140
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	676,295	(1,065,824)	466,717	77,188	4,360,763
OTHER INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	96,945	254,163	0	351,108_	152,736
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	773,240	(811,661)	466,717	428,296	4,513,499
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,166,665	6,208,291	1,281,349	8,656,305	4,142,806
NET ASSETS - END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 1,939,905</u>	\$ 5,396,630	<u>\$ 1,748,066</u>	\$ 9,084,601	\$ 8,656,305

The complete audited financial statements by Regan & Company, LLP and IRS 990 are available by request by calling 978-345-8383. In addition, for the years the CFNCM is required to file IRS Form 990T it will be made available.

It is people who make an organization successful, we want to extend a warm thank you to all the volunteers and staff who make the work of the Foundation possible.

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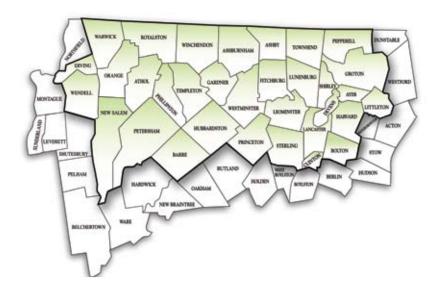
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### The Foundation's mission

is to provide a means for donors to permanently endow charitable gifts, to increase and stabilize available funding to meet community needs and improve the quality of life.



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