

# ANNUAL REPORT

Community  
Foundation  
*of North Central Massachusetts*



# HELPING DONORS DO GOOD WORK...FOREVER



## Dear Friends of Community Foundation,

It is difficult to believe we are approaching our 15th anniversary of helping the community achieve their charitable giving goals.

What is amazing, is that this past year we awarded over \$500,000 in grants from our unrestricted and designated funds. In addition, our fundholders distributed nearly \$3 million to local organizations.

In a decade and a half, because of the generosity of so many we were able to make a meaningful impact in the 33 communities we serve.

Numbers don't tell the whole story—it is the impact of these grants on individuals, families and the entire community that drives the work of the foundation. For fundholders, donors and the nonprofits that do the work, it is about improving the quality of life for the entire region.

As many of you know, we have funds dedicated to important causes:

- **CFNCM General Endowment Fund** is designed to provide a permanent source of funds that are available to respond to a wide range of community needs throughout the 33 communities served.
- **CFNCM Endowed Fund for Critical Needs** supports critical needs programs such as food, utility and emergency housing assistance.
- **CFNCM Organizational Fund for Non-Profits** helps nonprofit organizations build their capacity.
- **CFNCM Educational Access Fund** helps students attend college.

In addition, over 170 funds have been established by caring individuals to further their charitable work—benefitting education, environmental causes, arts and cultural, and health and human services.

Most importantly, we extend a very special thank you to all our donors, fundholders and nonprofit partners for making the work of the foundation possible.



Sincerely,

*Jim*

**James Garrison**, Chairman  
Community Foundation  
of North Central Massachusetts



## North County Land Trust: to preserve, protect, and promote

The conservationist spirit of Johnny Appleseed is close to what guides the North County Land Trust. Its goal is simple: to preserve, protect, and promote the natural resources of north central Massachusetts.

John Chapman did it with apple seeds. NCLT is doing it with seed funds.

When you think of the North County Land Trust, think Gateway Park in Fitchburg or Sumner Farm's Scripture Hill. Think Quabbin Reservoir to Wachusett Mountain Forest Legacy Project, a 3,400-acre land/water conservation project funded by the Federal Forest Legacy Program to conserve land in the watershed that supplies drinking water for the greater Boston metropolitan area. Think again, of Fitchburg's northern and southern water supply watersheds, where the Trust has facilitated the protection of nearly 500 acres of land. Think of 122 acres of conservation land on the Otter River in Gardner. All of this land has been conserved because of NCLT's work.

The Community Foundation has awarded two CFNCM Organizational Fund for Non-Profits grants, to help increase the Trust's organizational capacity. These grants funded the development of a fundraising plan and the hiring of a part-time development director. Recently, an NCLT Endowment Fund was

established at the Community Foundation, to help secure the future of the NCLT organization. This non-profit land conservation organization was founded in 1992 by Bigelow Crocker Jr., Carolyn Winslow and Rosemary Kemp, all members of the Crocker family, who also donated the 150-acre Crocker Conservation Area in Fitchburg. NCLT, based in Leominster, owns and manages six public access conservation areas—in Ashburnham, Gardner, Fitchburg, Templeton, Hubbardston and Princeton—and holds 7 conservation restrictions (which protect land by eliminating development rights) in four communities. For an extensive look at its activities, see its website ([www.northcountylandtrust.org](http://www.northcountylandtrust.org)). "We work with landowners and municipal boards within our 14-community focus area to identify and prioritize open space for conservation. We obtain funding from state and federal grant programs to pay landowners to conserve their land. We also accept donations of conservation land," said Janet Morrison, executive director since 2001. It's a huge

undertaking, with many land conservation projects requiring several years to complete. NCLT frequently works in partnership with other land conservation organizations, municipalities and state agencies to complete landscape-scale projects involving thousands of acres in several communities.

"NCLT conserves farms and farmland, which is so important to the viability of local agriculture," she said. "NCLT also helped to establish a new buy local initiative, Central Mass. Grown, which connects local farmers to local markets, and allows consumers to choose local products at participating retailers and restaurants. As chair of the Fitchburg Greenway Committee, NCLT is working with the City to develop trails connecting its riverfront parks. Through its membership in the Twin Cities Rail Trail Association, NCLT is also working to create a rail trail between the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster.

"Much of our work in conserving land and creating parks is facilitating projects for communities. This work allows

communities to benefit from projects they would otherwise lack the capacity to undertake. Our work on these projects includes everything from A to Z—grant writing to mapping to the due diligence required before closing," said Morrison, who is also a lawyer. "We offer greatly needed professional land conservation services to landowners and communities in North Central Mass."

NCLT relies on memberships and contributions to fund the

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organization, paying for staff, overhead, equipment, supplies and the like; state and federal grant programs provide funding for land conservation,

and the Community Foundation grants have helped NCLT increase its capacity to conserve land in the region. "Working with the Community Foundation has been very productive. They have shown confidence in our organization and in our work," she said. "And they have made it easy to create our new NCLT Endowment Fund. They're very accessible and very helpful. They have made a real effort to understand what we do and what we need."



## FOUNDATION MAKES 30 GRANTS

**T**hese grants were made possible by: Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts General Endowment Fund; Community Foundation Organizational Fund for Non-Profits; Community Foundation Endowed Fund for Critical Needs; Community Foundation Educational Access Fund; Doyle General Endowment Fund; Anderson, Bagley & Mayo General Endowment Fund; W.E. Aubuchon, Jr. General Endowment Fund; Brown Petersen Family General Endowment Fund; IC Federal Credit Union Founders Society General Endowment Fund; K.R.C. Family General Endowment Fund; Allen and Barbara Rome General Endowment Fund; and the Nashoba Regional General Endowment Fund.

The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts made 30 grants from its general endowment funds and field of interest funds.

**City of Leominster's Fire Department** received an \$11,550 grant for a fire prevention program that will allow for the purchase of 150 stove top fire suppression units. This program will benefit Leominster residents who are the most at risk for cooking fires.

A \$5,000 grant was made to **Community Legal Aid** of Worcester for its North Worcester County Emergency Shelter Advocacy Project.

Field trips for **Leominster Public School** students to Fitchburg Art Museum were made possible through a \$6,000 grant.

A \$5,000 grant to the **Gardner Public Schools** will be used for GLEAM—Gardner Learning & Enrichment Absolutely Matters—which will offer afterschool activities to students in grades 5-7 from Gardner Middle School.

**Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area**, Fitchburg, received \$4,178 for its literacy program.

A \$12,000 grant to **LUK, Inc.**, Fitchburg, will be used for its program, North County Runaway & Homeless Youth Training/Technical Assistance, which provides training, technical assistance and a public awareness campaign, so that young people who are vulnerable to homelessness or are homeless in Northern Worcester County experience fewer barriers and

more efficient referrals for services.

**Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network**, Leominster, will use a \$15,000 grant for its Community Connection Project, which builds community partnerships to support its homeless clients by identifying and fostering the skills needed to become self-sufficient.

**Siblings Connections**, Somerville, received a \$5,000 grant for camper recruitment in North Central Massachusetts. This will allow for siblings within the foster system to spend quality time together, in an entertaining, educational venue.

A \$15,000 grant will be used for child court advocacy by **The CASA Project**, which is based in Worcester.

**Veteran Homestead Inc.**, Fitchburg, will use a \$5,000 grant for its elder care program.

### Environmental and Animal Welfare Fund

**ACE Central Massachusetts**, Fitchburg, received a \$9,884 grant to neuter and microchip pets for low-income families.

A \$3,954 grant to **Ashburnham Conservation Trust** will be used for improving Broadhurst Point, a public space located on Lake Watatic. This parcel allows the only public access to the lake.

**Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust** received a \$10,000 grant to acquire a rail trail

in Clinton, which will be used to access nearby open space. This acquisition is hoped to act as a catalyst for other neighboring organizations embarking on similar rail trail projects.

A \$15,000 grant to **Growing Place Garden Project** will be used to create teaching gardens, which will help people of all ages to learn how to grow, harvest and use their own fresh, healthy produce.

**Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.**, Princeton, received a \$4,000 grant for a science education program designed for third- and fourth-grade students and teachers.

A \$15,000 grant to **Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust**, Athol, will be used for community conservation.

The **Nashua River Watershed**, Groton, received a \$10,000 grant to help middle school teachers meet the new state science and technology engineering standards.

### Organizational Development Fund

**Beacon of Hope**, Leominster, received a \$10,000 grant for a capacity building initiative, which will fund a thorough organizational assessment leading to the creation of a strategic plan that will set priorities of the organization.

A \$10,000 grant to **Devens' Loaves & Fishes** will be used for a training program to help the organization's staff and volunteers enhance effectiveness and efficiency.

**North County Land Trust**, Leominster, received a \$12,500 grant for a capacity building project.

A \$7,500 grant to **North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy**, Orange, will be used for succession and transition of the organization's founding director.

**United Neighbors of Fitchburg** will use a \$15,000 grant toward strategic capacity building for sustainability.

### Critical Needs Fund

**Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz, Inc.** of Leominster received a \$10,000 grant to provide food assistance to students attending Leominster Public Schools.

An additional \$127,141 in grants were made for food cards to local food pantries, fuel assistance and assisting the **Spanish American Center** with a temporary office location, due to a flood.

### Educational Access Fund

**Fitchburg State University** received \$50,000, **Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School**, \$25,000 and **Mount Wachusett Community College**, \$67,700.





Stratton Players, one of the earliest community theaters in the country, is one of Fitchburg's gems. Now in its 91st season, the Players have continued through war and economic depression. John Williams, treasurer of the Stratton Players' board of directors—and often an actor on stage—said, "We've put on shows every year since 1925."

A solid core of 90 to 100 people supports Stratton Players, not counting season subscribers. Three shows are scheduled this season: "All Play and No Work," a comedy performed on two weekends in October; several short plays, "Stocking Stuffers," Dec. 4-6, and "Dracula," in April.

In the wake of successive swats of very bad luck, the theater company has initiated a Community Foundation fund—the Stratton Players Rebuilding Fund—for its future, with a matching funds deadline coming up soon.

High school English teacher Helen Stratton directed the theater's first presentation, A.A. Milne's comic "Mr. Pim Passes By" in 1925. At her death, in 1929, Fay Crocker stepped in to lead the group; she donated a playhouse at 60 Wallace Ave. to the Players. Owning its own place was a huge factor in Stratton Players' continuance; it remained there for

many decades, until a 2011 fire destroyed the building and the group could not afford to rebuild. The group then moved temporarily into quarters at the Unitarian Universalist church overlooking Fitchburg's Upper Common. That, too, came to an end when ice dams formed during the heavy winter of 2014-15, causing major flooding in the church. The group had to cancel its Spring season and seek a new location.

Having done so, its board of directors is working to secure its future in a newly chosen location. "Our long-term goal is to move

into a new building we purchased from the Fay Club—a carriage house behind the club that you can see from both Main and Boulder streets. It's

affectionately known as Lucy's Barn," Williams said. The group bought the building and has begun major renovations to make it safe and transform it into a 120-seat theater. "This is going to be our new home, where we'll put it all together—rehearsals and performances, he said. "It has a rustic feel to it, similar to the old playhouse."

In the interim, Stratton Players

is performing in Applewild School's Alumni Center for the Performing Arts at 98 Prospect St.. "What a wonderful, wonderful facility," says Rachel D'onfro, SP chairman. Both credit the late Janet Craigin's efforts, and her teaching connection to Applewild, for the changed venue. "They have a brand new headmaster, Christie Stover, who just loved the idea and it all happened," D'Onfro said. The group is excited to be there while work moves forward behind the Fay Club. "The people at Applewild are so amazing. It's a state-of-the-art facility and stage," she said.

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But they look forward to their own home. "Lucy's Barn is just so perfect," Williams said; "it's really our home and we really want to get in there."

There is no timetable, however: rebuilding is dependent on the pace of donations. June is the deadline for a large matching funds donation. "We would like to match the full \$200,000," D'Onfro said.

The new location was close to being torn down, Williams said; its heavy slate roof was collapsing, a north-facing wall was falling in because of the roof. Williams says architects' estimates call for

\$800,000 to \$1 million to fully renovate the location. "We have already put in \$200,000 from fire insurance and initial fundraising. We have to raise enough money to match a grant from Massachusetts Cultural Commission with another \$200,000, and then we'll need to raise another \$400,000 or so."

That's where the Community Foundation comes in. "We recognized that putting our money into a bank at low interest wouldn't cut it," Williams said. "Linda Mack approached us and explained to us what we could do. We could get on their radar—meet people, network, get our name out there, be listed in promotional materials."

"From that, we've already received another grant, from the Montachusett Society for the Preservation of Historic Buildings, that's directly related to our relationship with the Community Foundation."

Setting up the fund, he said, was "very easy. We got an application for an account, filled it out, got signatures—that's really all there was to it."



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## Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund Awards a New Round of Grants

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The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation awarded 14 grants, from the Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund, to help improve the health of residents in 13 communities in the region.

"What is so gratifying about these grants is the immediate and positive health impact they have on the residents of the greater Nashoba Valley region," said Phil Grzewinski, president of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts. "It is the work of our volunteer grant committee that ensures the nearly \$150,000 in grants are invested in high-quality programs that will make a difference," said Susan Winship, executive director of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation.

**Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg** received a \$7,500 grant for a program that introduces fitness concepts to the club's members through traditional exercise and team sports.

**Community Assistance Collaboration (CAC)**, Shirley, was awarded \$5,000 for centralizing on its website their referral information and services.

**Cooperative Elder Services, Inc.**, Lexington, received a \$5,000 grant for its scholarship program for elders, which provides outreach, placement, case management and

preventive caregiving stress management.

A therapeutic equine program at the **Doctor Franklin Perkins School**, Lancaster, will be expanded through a \$5,500 grant it received for special riding equipment designed for individuals with disabilities.

A \$8,500 grant to **Indian Hill Music**, Littleton, will support music therapy for students on the autism spectrum.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.**, Devens, will use its \$10,000 grant to purchase meat products for its food pantry.

A \$15,730 grant to the **Lowell House, Inc.**, Lowell, will fund a productive alternative to substance experimentation through focused peer support.

**MAB Community Services**, Brookline, received a \$5,000 grant to support Nashoba Valley elders with vision services that include vision rehabilitation and support groups.

A \$20,000 grant will fund Alzheimer or related dementia in-home nursing support from a certified dementia specialist through **Nashoba Nursing Services and Hospice**, Shirley.

**Nashua River Watershed Association**, Groton, through a \$10,000 grant will provide "Tick Talks" on how to avoid the disease.

**14 grants totaling nearly \$150,000 awarded**

A \$16,000 grant to **Our Father's House**, Fitchburg, will be used for health wellness in homeless children by addressing access to health care and the prevention of health problems.

**Seven Hills Pediatric Center**, Groton, will purchase two pieces of medical equipment for bladder scans with its \$17,578 grant.

The **Townsend Council on Aging** received a \$10,000 grant that will be used to increase participation in active activities by providing financial assistance or transportation.

The **Townsend Fire-EMS** will purchase a Lucus CPR machine with its \$13,923 grant.

Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund provides annual distributions to nonprofit organizations, municipalities and other agencies, to advance the health of residents in 13 communities originally served by the hospital, including Ashby, Ayer, Bolton, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford.

Recipients of the grants were selected by the Fund Advisory Committee, comprised of local leaders in business, health care and education.





## A Place for Homeless Families With Children to Call Home

**"There are not enough programs like ours out there. Hundreds and hundreds of families are being housed at hotels in the Leominster area."**

**N**ine area churches have linked arms and resources to help provide a place for homeless families with children to call home—at least until they find something permanent. The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network started in 2002, when the churches' representatives created a plan to address regional homelessness.

The house they've established is not enough, says the network's Executive Director Dr. Jon Hogue, but it's a good start. "There's a need for additional state funding to replicate our model over and over again," he said. "There are not enough programs like ours out there. Hundreds and hundreds of families are being housed at hotels in the Leominster area." Hundreds, he reiterates.

"When the country went through the recession, it hit people really hard. There weren't jobs—or what jobs were there were fairly minimum wage, and you can't raise a family on that anymore," said Dr. Hogue, director since

January and an adjunct professor at Fitchburg State University. "They have rent, utilities, insurance if they even have a car, food. People can't afford all that on minimum wage."

Originally, the network operated a facility in a rented apartment building in Fitchburg, maintaining separate offices in the basement of Faith United Church. That was before a fund holder with the Community Foundation of North



Central Massachusetts made it possible for them to buy and retrofit a building at 758 Main St., Leominster. Both offices and living quarters for five families are being moved there. An Open House, held Oct. 18, preceded occupancy by a few weeks.

The fund's key supporter approached Phil Grzewinski, president of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, after Dr. Hogue made a contribution request. The

donor gave \$350,000 to the network, enabling it to buy the building (previously a single-family home). The network has since established a permanent endowment fund to keep it going, as the initial donor requested. That fund's goal is \$300,000.

"We've set up a new fund for capital needs, to make sure the building is kept up correctly, to ensure it will be here into the future. When we need a new roof, a new driveway, other big-ticket items our budget normally couldn't handle, we'll have that," Dr. Hogue said. "We started raising the funds in April. People can donate through the Community Foundation or on our website ([www.mihnnetwork.com](http://www.mihnnetwork.com)), or call me directly."

"An endowment is a powerful tool that helps nonprofits with sustainability," Grzewinski said. "What impresses me is that it's the only nonprofit in the region providing transitional housing to families with children. In addition, they have a great track record of quickly helping families become self-sufficient. The cadre of volunteers and their networks, that make this program work, is also quite impressive."

MIHN, founded in 2002, is the result of area churches working together to address homelessness in the region.

"We are so grateful for this incredible support, which will allow us to transition up to 25 families annually into their own housing," said Dr. Hogue.





Andre Ravenelle announces the creation of Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund at the Fitchburg's School Committee meeting as the Community Foundation's Linda Mack looks on.

## Fitchburg Funds Destined to Provide Resources, Scholarships

**H**ope and good spirits bloomed this year when an anonymous donor sent a check for \$110,000 to the Community Foundation, earmarked for the establishment of a scholarship fund for graduates of Fitchburg High School and Goodrich Academy.

The Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships for post-secondary study. Fund holders expect to generate \$4,000 to \$7,000 a year from the fund and award its first scholarships during the current school year.

This fund joins a predecessor at the Community Foundation, the Fitchburg Education Foundation—a group working to build a pool of grant money for educators to use in providing supplies and enrichment activities to students. Eventually, Fitchburg Public School teachers and staff members will tap into the grants for classroom enrichment purchases and activities.

The school system developed this fund five years ago, when Sally Craigin, a School Committee member, suggested one. "She was really the power behind it," said Andre Ravenelle, Fitchburg Schools superintendent. "She thought there should be an education foundation like other school districts have. We were really looking to raise money for extra-curricular programs, after-school programs, and the like." Craigin says she pursued funding because she saw a long-term problem.

"My thought in 2008, learning some of the complexities of school budget and state funding inequities, was the following: Why, oh why, did someone not take the time back in 1981 and the passage of Prop 2 ½ to say, 'We are going to be deficient in school funding from now to eternity. Let's start an endowment fund to make up that difference?'"

She suggested a gala (held in May 2015)—which became its first substantial fundraiser.

"It raised about \$18,000," Ravenelle said. "We've already scheduled a second gala for April 30, 2016." They expect that one to raise even more for the foundation, since there will be more time to prepare and spread the word. Lots of people, from the superintendent's office to the School Committee, combined to make the first gala a success. "The first time, we didn't know if we'd even get 50, but over 200 came," he said. The next event will coincide with Fitchburg High's 150th graduating class.

The foundation is also pursuing contributions from private and public sources, in partnership with the North Central Massachusetts Community Foundation.

The \$110,000 scholarship fund is a restricted fund under the wing of the overall Fitchburg Education Foundation, bringing total funds invested to \$181,634.61 as of June 30, 2015.

Supporters hope to raise \$1

million or more, ultimately. Robert Jokela, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, oversees the growing fund with Ravenelle. He says the effort has resulted in better consolidation of funding efforts.

"There were more accounts before than there are now," Jokela said. "We met with Linda (Linda Mack, vice president of Development and Donor Relations for the Foundation) and consolidated a lot of accounts."

While there is always a call for assistance, they have not yet decided whether to let any of the funds out, or continue accruing funds toward the higher goal, he said. "The question is whether to let it build—and become something very substantial we can draw on in future years."

"I had experience in starting up a foundation like this, in another district, so I knew it was a good thing," Ravenelle said. "You don't have to reinvent the wheel, and start your own foundation; you can piggyback on the Community Foundation. It automatically gives you some credibility. Additionally, working with the Community Foundation has been fairly seamless," he said. "From my point of view, it's pretty efficient to do." Jokela concurs.

They hope to keep the fund going, and growing, "to infinite and beyond," Ravenelle said. "I think a fund like this depends on two things: the enthusiasm and stamina of the people who organize it, and the charity and dedication of the community. If you have both of those things, you have a good formula—and Fitchburg has a good formula. I tell people this all the time ... People here provide more, in terms of charity, than in many other places."

## Library Seek to Increase Programming

**G**ood programming gets more people involved in using the library; changing technologies attract young readers who may remain committed to library use all their lives, once introduced. In this case, more is better.

With that in mind, Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library have established a \$10,000 Community Foundation fund, dedicated to increasing the amount of programming and materials available at the library—an effort redoubled since the library's 2009 severe funding losses.

Friends Treasurer Mary Willoughby says the group designated \$10,000 after concurring that a CD it had banked since the 1990s was not going anywhere at such a low interest rate. "It was basically down to nothing, so we thought we could put the money somewhere else, and make a better investment," she said.

In March, the group set up a fund and is weighing its progress compared to other options. "We're hoping to get a better return on our investment, trying to make more money than you can get from the bank," she said. While Wall Street fluctuations impact the fund, she said, "that's the risk you take when you're doing something like this; you're in the stock market."

## Library Establishes a Fund to Provide a Permanent Source of Income

Friends earns its funds through monthly book sales in the bookmobile garage site at the library and by running various attention-getting programs geared at raising consciousness among the public. One successful program is the ongoing Nancy Project, named for Ms. Willoughby's mother, an avid reader and library user during her life. Members knit scarves, mittens or baby blankets for sale as Christmas presents. Others have begun contributing bird houses and hand-sewn tote bags. Proceeds all go to the Friends' projects.

"We give money to the director to buy books or run programs for the library," she said. "Magazine subscriptions were down after funds were cut, so we gave money for them to get a lot of those subscriptions back. We give the money for museum passes, so people can visit museums either free or at a discounted price."

People can contribute by joining the Friends, thereby adding to the funds as a member and, if desired, attending meetings. "Or, they can become involved in our fundraisers," she said.



# NEW FUNDS

**O**ver twenty-five new funds were established during our fiscal year. The purpose of the funds are as varied as the individuals and organizations that established them.

**Christopher Blair Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2014) - *For a graduating senior of WRHS with leadership skills, self reliance and team spirit.*

**Stanley J. Nasiatka Trust Fund** (2014) - *That the Community Foundation use all of the amount available for distribution semi-annually and to pay the semi-annual distribution amount as determined by its spending policy in effect from time to time to the Narragansett Regional School Committee to be used for the expansion, renovation and the purchase of equipment for the library at the Narragansett Regional High School, including without limitation, the purchases of books, chairs, tables, desks, a modern system of book inventory, and other library assets. To the extent practicable, in the discretion of the Narragansett Regional School Committee, it was the hope and desire of Stanley J. Nasiatka that said library shall serve not only the high school students, but also the public at such times when the same shall not interfere with the use by said students, any such use to be in the sole discretion of the School Committee.*

**Montachusett Home Care Corporation** (2014) - *To further the mission of the organization.*

**Eileen & Edward McCaffrey Memorial Fund** (2014) - *To benefit the Montachusett Home Care Corporation.*

**Harold F. & Elsie E. Root Scholarship Fund** (2014) - *To provide funds for scholarships for high school graduates from Fitchburg High School and St. Bernard's High School.*

**John R. Conant III Fund** (2014) - *To benefit the First Congregational Church of Gardner, Massachusetts.*

**John R. Conant Tennis Fund** (2014) - *To benefit the Gardner High School Tennis Program.*

**Ashburnham Westminster Foundation for Academic Excellence, Inc.** (2014) - *To support academic excellence at Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District.*

**Stratton Players Rebuilding Fund** (2014) - *To provide financial support to renovate and maintain "Lucy's Barn" as the new home of the Stratton Players.*

**Fitchburg Riverfront Parks & Trails Endowed** (2014) - *To further the mission of the organization.*

**Kevin R. Reichert Memorial Scholarship** (2014) - *To provide scholarships for a graduating NMRHS senior student that resides in Pepperell, Townsend, or Ashby who has been active in the community and shows leadership qualities amongst peers.*

**Elizabeth Lord Scholarship Fund** (2015) - *To award scholarships.*

**Squannacook Greenways Fund** (2015) - *To support the development of the Squannacook River Rail Trail.*

**Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library Endowment Fund** (2015) - *To support the Fitchburg Public Library.*

**MIHN Designated Fund** (2015) - *To further the mission of the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network.*

**James Edward Mulcahy Alpha Tau Gamma Fund** (2015) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.*

**Robert C. Langlois Golf Classic Fund** (2015) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.*

**Alan McCulloch Memorial Fund** (2015) - *To support the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster's Music Program, Leominster Education Foundation Music Scholarship Program and the Alan McCulloch String Quartet and the Smoking Dragons at the Southeast School, as well as the New England Graduate Accounting Studies.*

**Moran Fund** (2015) - *To support the charitable interests of the donors.*

**Fitchburg Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund** (2015) - *To provide funds for scholarships for applicants who are City of Fitchburg residents and graduates or students of Fitchburg High School or Goodrich Academy and who are worthy in character, industry, and ability but in need of financial assistance to enable them to pursue courses of study during the next school year in advanced educational institutions including colleges, community colleges, technical schools, governmentally accredited training programs, governmentally accredited licensing programs or other educational institutions of advance learning for studies that lead to degrees, certificates, or licenses.*

**Athol High School Scholarship Assoc. Fund** (2015) - *To grant scholarships to graduates of AHS for their college educations.*



# Charitable Funds

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**Donor Advised Funds.** You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift. You work with our professional staff to establish a fund to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted to our local community foundation for approval.

**Unrestricted Funds.** Your gift can address ever-changing community needs—including future needs that often can't be anticipated. Your gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

**Field of Interest Funds.** You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life. Arts, education, environment, health and human services. By making your gift; our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in our community.

**Scholarships.** You can invest your gift in our community's future and show students you care, all with the guidance of our staff. You establish the criteria students must meet to receive the Scholarship you establish. With your assistance, students achieve their academic goals.

**Designated Funds.** You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing support to a specific organization. Nonprofit organizations can use a Designated Fund through the community foundation to build their endowment.

**Supporting Organizations.** You can use your gift to establish an excellent alternative to a private foundation—with the same benefits of a private foundation, but with the support of the board members, maintain personal involvement, and support the causes and organizations you care about while eliminating the management, startup costs, grant administration, and reporting to your community foundation.





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## Establish a fund in your name

Any of these funds can be  
established in your name,  
or in the name of your  
family, your organization,  
or anyone you wish to  
honor. All grants distributed from  
the fund you establish—today and  
in the future—are then awarded to  
charities in the name of that fund.  
It's a great way to always be  
involved with, and remembered  
for, your community investment.

# FUNDS AT THE FOUNDATION

**Anonymous Funds (4)** - Donor-advised funds to support the charitable interests of the donors.

**ACE (Animal Care & Education Central Massachusetts) (2011)** - Dedicated to the care of animals in need and committed to educating the school children and families of North Central Massachusetts about pet care and responsibility.

**Christopher J. Alvarez Endowment Fund (2004)** - To support educational health programs at the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts.

**Amy's Angels Foundation Fund (2012)** - To help Lancaster area families in need of assistance due to illness or other unexpected tragedies.

**Anderson, Bagley & Mayo Fund (2005)** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

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

**The Arc of Opportunity in North Central Massachusetts Fund (2005)** - This is a 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.

**Aubuchon Foundation (2008)** - This is a corporate fund dedicated to supporting the charitable interests of the W.E. Aubuchon Company, Inc. and its employees.

**W.E. Aubuchon, Jr. Fund (2008)** - An endowed fund dedicated to the memory of W.E. Aubuchon, Jr. that benefits the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Beers for Good Fund (2010)** - A fund to support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Bellew-Jouzaitis Fund (2012)** - Established to support the charitable interest of the donor.

**Bemis Community Investment Fund (2011)** - Established to support the charitable interest of the donor.

**Gerald E. Bieler Memorial Fund (2011)** - To benefit the Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of America.

**Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg & Leominster Endowment Fund (2014)** - This fund was established to provide a permanent endowment to support operations of the Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg & Leominster.

**Boys & Girls Club of North Central Mass Endowment Fund (2003)** - To support after-school programs for children in North Central Massachusetts.

**Boys & Girls Club of NCM Endowment Fund (2009)** - Established to provide a permanent endowment to support operations of the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts.

**Carol & Norman Boudreau Fund (2008)** - This fund was created to honor the many years of charitable work of Carol and Norman Boudreau and supports the grants of the Foundation's General Endowment.

**Brown/Peterson Family Foundation Fund (2007)** - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Brown/Peterson Endowment Fund (2007)** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Brittany's Fund (2013)** - The Brittany Fund has been set up to serve Boston Marathon victims with long-term costs associated with their injuries and psychological effects from the events of April 15, 2013. The fund will also assist victims of other traumatic events.

**Care Packages for Soldiers Fund (2011)** - Established to raise money to send care packages to our deployed troops.

**Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement at Mount Wachusett Community College (2011)** - A fund that will support the work of the Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement.

**Matt Charette Memorial Fund (2011)** - Established to continue Matt's charitable legacy.

**Lance Corporal Geoffrey Cayer Fund (2006)** - To support programs that were of interest to Geoffrey in North Central Massachusetts.

**Michael Cavanna Memorial Fund (2010)** - To support the charitable interests of the donors.

**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.

**Committed to Canines and Felines Fund (2014)** - The purpose of the fund is to financially assist pet owners with medical expenses, and training of dogs at risk of being rehomed due to behavioral issues.

**Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts Educational Access Fund (2012)** - To provide financial aid to college students and/or to support existing scholarship aid funds in the region serviced by the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts Endowed Fund for Critical Needs (2012)** - Created to support critical needs programs.

**Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts General Endowment Fund (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. In addition, donors can target their gift to a specific region that can accept gifts of any size.

**Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts Organizational Fund for Non-Profits (2012)** - Created to support capacity building of nonprofit organizations.

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

**Community Health Connections - Homestretch Campaign (2011)** - This fund was established to make it possible for Community Health Connections' Fitchburg Community Health Center to move into a new building.

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

**Crocker Field Restoration Fund (2007)** - An agency fund dedicated to the restoration of Crocker Field in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

**David Oikemus Fund (2007)** - Established to benefit North Central Human Services, Inc.

**Doyle Field Foundation Endowment (2006)** - To provide for the maintenance and future needs of Doyle Field in Leominster, Massachusetts.

**Doyle Endowment for the Benefit of Doyle Field (2009)** - The fund will help provide for the maintenance and upkeep of Doyle Field in Leominster.

**Doyle General Endowment Fund (2009)** - This fund is part of the Foundation's General Endowment Fund. The Doyle fund provides a permanent source of funds to benefit environmental and animal issues.

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

**FATV Robert Wilson Memorial Fund (2008)** - It was created to honor the memory of Robert Wilson and benefit Fitchburg Access Television.

**Fitchburg Access Television Fund (2006)** - A fund that will support Fitchburg Access Television.

**Fitchburg Schools After School Program Fund (2008)** - A fund that will support after school programs for Fitchburg youth.

**Fitchburg Schools Art Enrichment Fund (2008)** - A fund that will support art enrichment programs for Fitchburg youth.

**Fitchburg Cultural Alliance Fund (2010)** - Established to support the work of the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance.

**Fitchburg Education Foundation Fund (2008)** - This fund was created to benefit and enhance the education provided in the Fitchburg Public Schools.

**Fitchburg Greenway Fund (2010)** - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

**Fitchburg Riverfront Park Stage Fund (2014)** - This fund was established for the Riverfront Park.



# FUNDS AT THE FOUNDATION

**Fitchburg Riverfront Parks and Trails Fund (2011)** - The Riverfront Parks and Trails Fund assists the City of Fitchburg in the establishment, operation, maintenance and programming conducted at riverfront parks and trails.

**Fort Devens Museum Fund (2007)** - As an agency fund it will benefit the Fort Devens Museum.

**Friends of Fitchburg Animal Shelter Fund (2014)** - The Friends of Fitchburg Animal Shelter's (FAS) mission is to provide items of necessity and comfort, medical care and emergency funds for animals waiting for their forever homes while being cared for at the Fitchburg Animal Shelter.

**Friends of Northborough Recreation Fund (2011)** - This fund was established to support the activities of the Friends of Northborough Recreation.

**Friends of Fitchburg Veterans Fund (2014)** - Established to support veterans of Fitchburg.

**GVNA Healthcare, Inc. Endowment Fund (2007)** - Created a fund to benefit its mission of providing high quality, affordable health and social services.

**Gateway Park Endowment Fund (2010)** - To help maintain the park.

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

**GAAAFSN (Greater Athol Area Advocates For Families With Specific Needs) Fund (2012)** - To assist parents in the greater Athol area afflicted with psychological issues in the rearing of their children. Family counseling, physician referrals and social service aid are offered through a dignified program.

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

**Groton-Dunstable Alliance for Youth Fund (G-DAY) (2011)** - G-DAY is a community coalition that brings informative and effective youth development programs to our community.

**HealthAlliance Guild Endowment Fund (2009)** - To support the charitable interests of the HealthAlliance Guild.

**Hubbardston Center School Playground Fund (2010)** - Established to raise funds to build a playground at the Hubbardston Center School.

**IC Federal Credit Union Founders Fund (2007)** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**K.R.C. Family Fund (2006)** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Marc and Michelle LaFrance Fund (2009)** - To support the charitable interests of the donors.

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

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

**Leominster Education Foundation Fund (2007)** - Established as an agency fund dedicated to supporting the Leominster Education Foundation.

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

**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.

**Friends of Lunenburg Library Endowment Fund (2003)** - To benefit the Lunenburg Public Library.

**Francis S. Marston Trust Fund (2014)** - This is a designated fund to benefit the community of Ashby.

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

**William E. May Endowment Fund (2007)** - An endowed fund to benefit the Friends of Townsend Seniors.

**Alan McCulloch Fund (2012)** - Established as a donor-advised fund in memory of Alan McCulloch.

**Marilyn & David McKeenan Family Fund (2009)** - Established to support the charitable interests of the donors.

**Bill Mehr Sport Parachuting Memorial Fund (2014)** - This fund has been established in memory of Bill Mehr, pioneer sport parachutist and pilot. The fund will provide ongoing support to maintain a memorial site located at the birthplace of sport parachuting in the United States, the Orange Municipal Airport.

**Michael's Run to Benefit The SHINE INITIATIVE Fund (2011)** - Established to support The SHINE INITIATIVE.

**Montachusett Home Care Corporation Fund (2008)** - Created to benefit the mission of organization.

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

**Monty Tech Foundation Fund (2012)** - Established to provide scholarships and other activities that support the mission of the school.

**Claire P. Moran Memorial Fund (2008)** - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Miles for Myles Fund (2007)** - Established to benefit the Lunenburg Track & Athletic Fields Association.

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

**Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare 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.

**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 River Watershed Association Endowment Fund (2007)** - Established as an endowed fund to benefit the Nashua River Watershed Association.

**Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of America Fund (2004)** - Created to support the scouting programs within the Nashua Valley Council.

**Yung Nguyen Foundation Fund (2007)** - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Helen Nobile Fund (2001)** - To support literacy and Rosary Hill 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.

**Grace Oliver Legacy Fund (2009)** - To benefit charities in North Central Massachusetts that utilize nature and animals to help people improve the quality of their lives.

**Outreach to Teach Fund (2009)** - Established to support the well-being, education and development of the youth in the City of Fitchburg.

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

**North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy Endowment Fund (2007)** - Established as an endowed fund to benefit the North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy.

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

**Quabbin OCU Wilderness Fund (2008)** - Established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Red Raiders Lending Library Fund (2014)** - A literacy program supporting children in the Fitchburg Public Schools.

**Reingold School Leadership Academy Fund (2009)** - Established to support the well-being, education and development of the youth at Reingold School.

**Riverfront Children's Theatre Fund (2012)** - Established to provide a regional theatrical program in Fitchburg for children interested in pursuing a hobby in the performing arts.

**Allen and Barbara Rome Fund (2014)** - An endowed fund to benefit the General Endowment of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

**Sholan Farms Development Fund (2008)** - Established to support the work of Sholan Farms in Leominster, Mass.

**David W. & Barbara A. Somero Charitable Foundation Fund (2004)** - Established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Southborough Library Fund (2011)** - Established to benefit the Southborough Library in Southborough, Mass.

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**Sterilite Corporation Fund** (2006) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Friends of Sterling Greenery Community Park** (2007) - This fund will be used to improve the community's parks.

**St. Leo's School Endowment Fund** (2011) - Established to benefit Catholic education at St. Leo's.

**Steven & Jennifer Stone Fund** (2013) - To support the charitable interest of the donor.

**Pearl A. Russell – Howard Park/Townsend Historical Society Fund** (2008) - Established as an endowed fund to protect Howard Park and benefit the Townsend Historical Society.

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

**Thayer Symphony Orchestra Endowment** (2006) - Established to benefit the work of the Thayer Symphony Orchestra.

**Bert Tompkins Award Fund** (2013) - The purpose is to give an annual award to one or more staff members who exemplify the mission, vision and culture of LUK.

**Townsend Historical Restricted Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to preserve and grow the principal for the Townsend Historical Society.

**Townsend Historical Society Unrestricted Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide supplemental income for the Townsend Historical Society.

**Townsend Public Library Endowment Fund** (2009) - This agency endowment fund was established to benefit the Townsend Public Library in Townsend, Massachusetts.

**Friends of Townsend Seniors Fund** (2007) - Dedicated to supporting the Friends of Townsend Seniors.

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

**Upton Building Renovation Fund** (2011) - Established to support the capital campaign for the renovation of its building.

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

**The Village School New Building Fund** (2007) - To provide funds to build a new home for The Village School.

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

**William Wicks Memorial Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to support the charitable interest of the donor, which includes the American Heart Association.

**Westminster Historical Society Endowment Fund** (2011) - The earnings from this restricted fund are used to support building maintenance and operating expenses of the Westminster Historical Society.

**United Way of North Central Massachusetts Endowment Fund** (2014) - This fund was established by the United Way of North Central Massachusetts as a permanent endowment to create an additional source of income to help further United Way's mission of creating opportunities for a better life for all in North Central Massachusetts.

**Zach's Goal Fund** (2013) - Established in memory of Zachary D. Constant to fund the Fitchburg Twin City Youth Hockey Association's "No Player Left Behind Program". "Our wish is for Zach's spirit to live on through children learning to play ice hockey, people being kind and generous to one another, and that he is happy saving goals in Heaven."



The Smoking Dragons from Frances Drake Elementary School in Leominster perform at the Foundation's Annual Meeting.



# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**Anthony J. and Fannie M. Alario Scholarship Fund** (2012) - Established to provide scholarships for St. Anthony's in Fitchburg, Mass.

**Dick Barnaby Leominster Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to baseball players who plan on attending college.

**Judith Binnall Rose Nursing Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships that benefit students committed to pursuing or furthering a career in nursing.

**Janis Bresnahan Scholarship Fund** (2012) - Established in memory of Janis Bresnahan, who was a graduate of Ayer High School. This scholarship is for Ayer High School students who intend to pursue a degree in childhood development or education.

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

**Jakob Chesbrough Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2010) - To provide scholarships to students graduating from the Leominster Center for Technical Education. This scholarship is specifically for students graduating from the Machine Shop to help further their careers or education in the trade.

**Frances Daigneault Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to Leominster High School's graduating seniors.

**Dream Endowment** (2004) - To provide scholarships.

**Kyle G. Flood Scholarship Fund** (2007) - To provide scholarships to graduating seniors at R.C. Mahar Regional High School.

**Marilyn Fratturelli Legacy Fund** (2013) - Established to provide scholarships to Leominster High School students.

**The Chris Franzeim Foundation Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to junior or senior high school students who have experienced a significant life event that is adversely affecting their ability to excel in school.

**Makenzie Goode Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund** (2010) - To provide scholarships to students graduating from Pioneer Valley Regional High School.

**Janine Holston Memorial Music Scholarship Fund** (2009) - To provide scholarships to R.C. Mahar graduates who are majoring or minoring in music education, music theory, music performance or performing arts.

**Emile Johnson Jr. Fund** (2014) - To provide funds for scholarships for Leominster High School baseball players.

**Suade M. Kelley-Cooley Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for continued post-education for students from the LeominsterCTE classes.

**Chad F. LeBouf Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2013) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to nursing students entering a 2- 3- or 4-year school.

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

**North Middlesex Regional Scholarship Foundation Fund** (2012) - This fund offers financial assistance to NMRHS graduating students pursuing a degree or attending a technical college upon commencement.

**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.

**Nashoba Valley Professional Healthcare Education Fund** (2006) - Established to support professional education of employees of health care facilities, which includes nurses and technicians, in the Nashoba region.

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

**Carl W. Proctor Scholarship and Prize Fund** (2010) - Established to provide scholarships and prizes to graduating Seniors of Lunenburg High School.

**Gregory Reeves Endowment Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2010) - This fund supports annual scholarships awarded to North Middlesex Regional High School seniors.

**Lee Edward Roberts Christian Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to K-12 students attending private, Bible-based, born-again Christian school.

**Glenn A. Roberts Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for a North Middlesex Regional High School football player.

**Harold F. & Elsie E. Root Scholarship Fund** (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to Fitchburg High School and St. Bernard's High School seniors.

**Rotary Club of Fitchburg Scholarship Fund** (2006) - For graduating seniors in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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

**The Shepherd Family Scholarship Fund** (2013) - This fund was established to provide scholarship aid to North Middlesex Regional High School students interested in agriculture and emergency medical training.

**Sterilite Scholars Fund for Fitchburg State University** (2009) - Established as a permanent endowment to provide scholarships and/or support related services to selected undergraduate students of Fitchburg State University.

**Sterilite Scholarship and Student Success Fund for Mount Wachusett Community College** (2009) - Established to provide scholarships and/or support related services to selected students of Mount Wachusett Community College.

**St. Leo School Scholarship Endowment Fund** (2013) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to current and incoming students of St. Leo School, Leominster, Mass.

**Captain Christopher Sullivan Scholarship Fund** (2012) - To provide scholarship aid for graduating students living in Princeton, Mass. that attend either Wachusett Regional High School or Montachusett Technical High School.

**Westminster Historical Society Scholarship Fund** (2011) - Established to provide scholarships for graduating students from the town of Westminster, Mass.

# DONOR DISTRIBUTIONS

**Donor Advised Funds are established by individuals who want to play an active role in the distribution process. This year, over \$2.7 million in distributions were made to a variety of organizations.**

Devens Historical Museum - \$14,976  
 Doyle Field Commission - \$72,264  
 Fitchburg Art Museum - \$12,000  
 Fitchburg Historical Society - \$48,920  
 Fitchburg Schools - \$10,644  
 Fitchburg State University Foundation - \$8,021  
 Greater Ennis United Way - \$26,686  
 Groton Conservation Trust - \$10,000  
 Growing Places Garden Project - \$15,000  
 GVNA Food Pantry - \$10,000  
 HealthAlliance Hospital - \$5,500  
 Indian Hill Music Center - \$36,210  
 Kylee's Kare Kits for Kids - \$10,000  
 Leominster Ed Foundation - \$13,134  
 Loaves & Fishes - \$27,600  
 Lowell House - \$8,809  
 LUK Crisis - \$26,025  
 Lunenburg Track & Field - \$6,500  
 Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality - \$282,750  
 Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School - \$25,000  
 Montachusett Society for the Preservation of Historic Buildings - \$60,000  
 Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation - \$304,590  
 Mount Wachusett Community College - \$75,000  
 Nashoba Nursing Services & Hospice - \$16,200  
 Nashua River Watershed - \$249,890

New England Farm Workers' Council - \$25,000  
 NMRS Scholarship Foundation - \$12,000  
 North Quabbin Citizens Advocacy - \$7,500  
 North County Land Trust - \$12,500  
 Our Father's House - \$12,960  
 Our Father's Table - \$6,000  
 River Cities United Way - \$29,348  
 Salvation Army - \$50,000  
 Seven Hills Pediatric Center - \$9,844  
 Social Venture Partners - \$11,000  
 Spanish American Center - \$55,000  
 St. Leo's School - \$11,096  
 Teenage Anxiety & Depression - \$12,100  
 Third Monday Corporation - \$7,500  
 Townsend Ecumenical Outreach - \$18,000  
 Townsend Historical Society - \$24,154  
 Townsend Public Library Endowment - \$25,000  
 United Neighbors of Fitchburg - \$25,000  
 United Way of Central Alabama - \$52,192  
 United Way of Laurens County - \$43,652  
 Veteran Homestead, Inc. - \$16,714  
 Village School - \$90,000

*Represents distributions of \$5K or more.*



Nate Johnson and Beth Arseneau from the North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy talk with Ted Lapres from the Community Foundation.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2015	2014	2013
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$40,121,871</b>	\$37,712,372	\$33,716,967
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 384,752</b>	\$ 346,510	\$ 296,404
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 9,615,923</b>	\$ 6,658,621	\$ 7,367,645
<b>Grants &amp; Donor Advised Distributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,330,405</b>	\$ 3,298,825	\$ 6,886,623

## Funds of the Community Foundation

Fund Type	No. of Funds
Donor-Advised Funds	66
Designated Funds	25
Field of Interest Funds	12
Scholarships	33
Non Profit (Agency Funds)	34
General Endowment (CFNCM)	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>

## Grants Award Summary for 2014-2015

### Grant

### CFNCM General Endowment Fund

City of Leominster's Fire Department	\$11,550
Community Legal Aid	\$ 5,000
Leominster Public School	\$ 6,000
Gardner Public School	\$ 5,000
Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area	\$ 4,178
LUK, Inc.,	\$12,000
Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$15,000
Siblings Connections	\$ 5,000
The CASA Project	\$15,000
Veteran Homestead Inc.	\$ 5,000

### Doyle General Endowment Fund

ACE Central Massachusetts	\$ 9,884
Ashburnham Conservation Trust	\$ 3,954
Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust	\$10,000
Growing Place Garden Project	\$15,000
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust	\$15,000
Nashua River Watershed	\$10,000

### CFNCM Organizational Fund for Non-Profits

Beacon of Hope	\$10,000
Loaves & Fishes	\$10,000
North County Land Trust	\$12,500
North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy	\$ 7,500
United Neighbors	\$15,000

## Grantmaking for 2014-2015

Grants made from the Foundation's General Endowment Funds	\$ 597,815
Grants made from Donor-Advised, Designated, Scholarship & Other Funds	\$2,732,590
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$3,330,405</b>

### CFNCM Endowed Fund for Critical Needs

Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Additional food assistance grants	\$127,141

### CFNCM Educational Access Fund

Fitchburg State University	\$ 50,000
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School	\$ 25,000
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$ 67,700

### Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund

Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	\$ 7,500
Community Assistance Collaboration	\$ 5,000
Cooperative Elder Services, Inc	\$ 5,000
Doctor Franklin Perkins School	\$ 5,500
Indian Hill Music	\$ 8,500
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Lowell House, Inc.	\$ 15,730
MAB Community Services	\$ 5,000
Nashoba Nursing Services and Hospice	\$ 20,000
Nashua River Watershed Association	\$ 10,000
Our Father's House	\$ 16,000
Seven Hills Pediatric Center	\$ 17,578
Townsend Council on Aging	\$ 10,000
Townsend Fire-EMS	\$ 13,923

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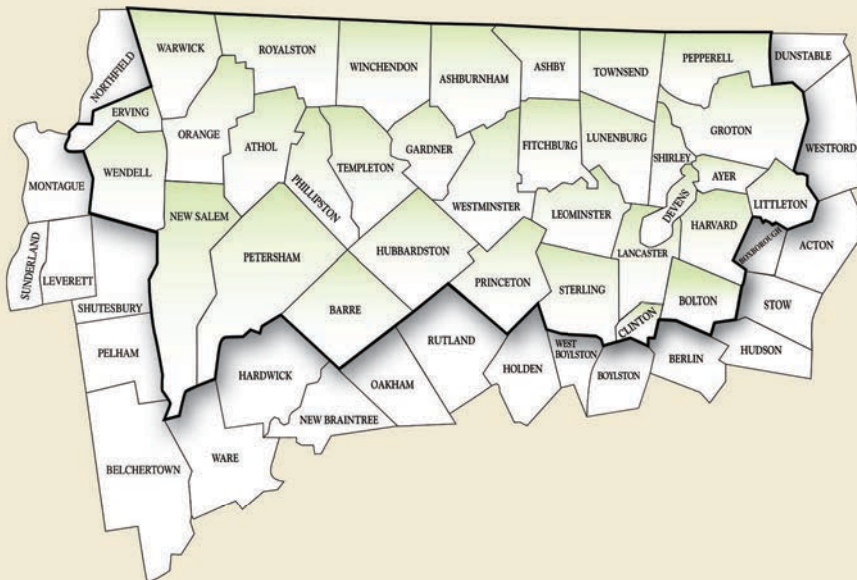


## OUR SHARED MISSION

**We provide people and organizations with flexible giving options** *that enable and simplify the achievement of their significant current and permanent charitable goals. Through deep knowledge of our region, community leadership, strategic collaboration and effective grantmaking, we provide education, guidance and resources to strengthen and improve our communities.*

*We are a trusted steward of the charitable assets, vision and intent of our donors to do good works now and forever.*

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