HELPING DONORS DO GOOD WORK...FOREVER

2008 ANNUAL REPORT
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.
DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION,

Their faces and actions paint a future full of hope, dreams and aspirations, with smiles ear-to-ear with what seems to be a limitless supply of energy and boundless optimism.

The photographs you’ll see throughout this report are of children and young adults from the programs we funded through our general endowment this past year.

Whether it’s the insatiable curiosity of a newborn or a rebellious teenagers seeking their independence, our children represent our future.

That’s why it was especially gratifying that the majority of funding from our general endowment went to programs that support the region’s children.

I think an anonymous quote I came across recently says it all: “Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.”

These programs are providing children a safe environment, with mentors who provide homework assistance, guidance and access to new experiences that they would not get otherwise.

The key to identifying these initiatives was our open request for proposals from the nonprofit community and annual forums. For the past five years, we have hosted regional forums with the nonprofit community to listen and learn; they have provided invaluable feedback to the grant making committee.

I encourage you to turn to pages 5 through 7 and learn more about these programs.

DONORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

All the good work that is being done wouldn’t be possible without our donors. In the past year, seventeen new funds were established, $7,651,759 in contributions were received, and we made $4,013,520 in distributions from both our general endowment and donor-advised funds.

I want to thank all our donors and volunteers for their wonderful support.

This is my last report as chairman and I want to let you know that it has been an incredible experience to see first-hand how the work of the Foundation and its donors is transforming people’s lives and our community.

What is especially satisfying is that the Foundation is helping our donors - individuals, families and businesses – do good work…forever.

“I WANT TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.”

Thomas F. Bagley III
Chairman
Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts
Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) in Fitchburg will use their $20,000 grant to house and feed approximately 20 homeless families with children. MIHN is a coalition of congregations in the Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg and surrounding areas that provides temporary shelter and transitional housing to families in crisis.
The Village School in Royalston, MA received $5,000 to expand its summer programs, Nature Arts and Play, ages 4-8; Science and Art Experience, ages 6-12; and Summer Art Intensive, ages 8 and up, for children who attend HOPE, an afterschool program in Gardner, MA.
Pastor Doug Priore, who worked with the children at Lake Wyman.

The Elm Street Congregational Church in Fitchburg, MA received a $20,000 grant to fund a five week program for young people to attend camp on Lake Wyman in Westminster, MA. They will receive a high level of intervention and support.

Darius Martinez

Shellaina Gordon

Meighan William

Pastor Doug Priore, who worked with the children at Lake Wyman.
**BWRI**, a program of the YWCA of Central MA, Inc., will develop “High Risk Response Teams” so it can better identify “high risk” cases of domestic violence. The $15,000 grant from the Foundation will train counselors who service the Ayer District Court jurisdiction.

**The Summer Up** program, which had over 500 middle and elementary students in Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon participate in the program last year. The $20,000 grant will provide the students summer school and recreational support in addition to job readiness training.

**Quabbin Mediation, Inc.** received $20,000 from the Foundation to expand a pilot program called Veterans Mediation, which helps individuals who served in the military, along with their families, resolve conflicts through mediation. The money will be used to train 20 new mediators, who are also veterans.

**The Sterling Music Exchange** will use their $10,000 grant to target marginalized young adults, in the Nashoba and Twin Cities regions, who are disadvantaged as a result of mental health issues, low self-esteem, race or income level. The students are introduced to music and are engaged in a series of ongoing informal community performances.
WIDEx RANGEING COMMUNITY NEEDS.

Over $4.0 million in distributions were made from Foundation funds to a variety of recipients. Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are established by individuals who want to play an active role in the distribution process. This year over $4.0 million in distributions were made from Foundation funds to a variety of wide ranging community needs.

**Donor Advised Funds**

- Alternatives Unlimited Inc. - $510
- Am San - $689
- Apostolic Lutheran Church - $10,000
- Applewild School - $40,000
- APT - $70
- ARC of North Central Inc. - $254,000
- Ashby Boy Scout Troop 27 - $100
- Ashby Little League - $325
- Athol Area Y.M.C.A. - $12,500
- Ayer School District - Office of Supt. - $7,500
- Battered Women’s Resources Inc. (YWCA of Central MA) - $3,300
- Bentley College - $1,000
- Boys & Girls Club of North Central MA - $387,000
- Bridgewater State College - $9,089
- Children’s Community Fund - $250
- City of Fitchburg - $2,000
- Cleghorn Neighborhood Center - $125,000
- Clinton FIRST Parnership & Foundation, LTD - $500
- Lawrence Academy - $3,000
- Leominster Land Trust - $7,750
- Leominster Public Library - $20,000
- Literacy Volunteers of Montachusett Area - $260
- Loaves and Fishes - $3,000
- LUK Crisis Center Inc. - $7,800
- Matson Community Services Inc. - $5,000
- Middlesex County Foundation - $10,000
- Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network - $20,000
- Montachusett Opportunity Council - $4,110
- Morgan Memorial Goodwill - $9,000
- Ms. Britanni Poole (Scholarship) - $500
- Ms. Catelynn Melus (Scholarship) - $500
- Mt. Wachusett Community College - $250
- Multi-Service Center - $20,000
- Nashoba Learning Group - $500
- Nashua River Watershed Association - $161,967
- Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of America - $162,627
- National Fire Safety Council - $340
- National MS Society - $100
- New England Forestry Foundation - $250
- NM All Sports Athletic Boosters - $100
- NMRS Scholarship Fund - $5,000
- North Central MA Chamber of Commerce - $195
- North Middlesex Pop Warner - $300
- North Quabbin Community Coalition - $2,500
- North Quabbin Time Bank - $2,500
- Our Father’s House Inc. - $3,000
- Pan Mass Challenge - $200
- Pinepoint School - $1,000
- Quabbin Mediation - $20,000
- Richville Baseball Association - $750
- Saint Rosa’s Home - $260
- Salvation Army - $5,00
- Shine Initiative - $1,500
- St. Leo’s Parish Building Fund - $2,150
- St. John School - $500
- Sterling Music Exchange - $12,500
- T.A.P. Youth Basketball - $250
- Teddy Bear Land - $4,00
- The Doyle Field Foundation - $200
- The Jimmy Fund - $100
- The Protestant Guild for Human Services - $100,000
- The Village School - $30,000
- Townsend Cub Scout Pack 11 - $100
- Townsend Ecumenical Outreach - $5,000
- United Neighbors of Cleghorn, Inc. - $19,810
- United Ways - $533,198
  - Central Alabama, Greater Ennis, Greater Stark County, Lake Havasu, Laurens County, North Central Massachusetts
- Whittier Street Health Center - $15,000
- Yes, Inc. - $2,500
- YWCA of Central Massachusetts, Inc. - $15,000
**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, 17 new funds were established with the Community Foundation.

**Anonymous** - Two anonymous funds were established to support the charitable interests of the donors.

**Aubuchon Foundation** - 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** - A fund dedicated to the memory of W.E. Aubuchon, Jr. and supports the grants of the Foundation’s General Endowment.

**Carol & Norman Boudreau Fund** - 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.

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

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

**Gardner Visiting Nursing Association** - Created a fund to benefit its mission of providing high quality, affordable health and social services.

**Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts Fund** - This fund will further the organization’s mission to build simple, decent, affordable homes for families in need.

**Montachusett Home Care Corporation** - Created to benefit the mission of organization.

**Claire P. Moran Memorial Fund** - It will support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

**Sterling Greenery Community Park, Friends of** - This fund will be used to improve the community’s parks.

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

**Pauline A. Riley Endowment Fund** - It will support the charitable interests of the donors.

**Peter & Alice von Loesecke Scholarship Fund** - The fund will provide scholarships for MBA students or those studying for a graduate business degree.

**Reuben Hoar Library Fund** - To benefit the Reuben Hoar Library in Littleton, Massachusetts. To learn more about this fund and the library please visit www.littletonlibrary.org.

Cole Johnson, The Village School, Royalston, MA.
Anonymous Funds (2) - 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.


Ronald M. Ansini 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) - Benefited to the Boys & Girls Club.


Brown/Peterson Family Foundation Fund (2004) - To support the charitable interests of the donor and to benefit the General Endowment of the CFNCM.


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.

Fitchburg Police Support Fund (2006) - To support the work of the Fitchburg Police Department.

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

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

Charles & Janis Gelinans 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.

House of Peace and Education Fund (2004) - To maintain funds to benefit the House of Peace and Education in Gardner.

IC Federal Credit Union Founders Fund (2007) - Established to support the charitable interest of the donor.

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


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

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


Loaves & Fishes Endowment Fund (2006) - Established to benefit the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in North Central Massachusetts.

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

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 (2004) - Created 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.

THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES A SIMPLE, POWERFUL AND HIGHLY PERSONAL APPROACH TO GIVING. Donors have established 92 funds over the past seven years.

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

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

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


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.

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

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


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Michael & 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.

Loaves & Fishes Endowment Fund (2006) - Established to benefit the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in North Central Massachusetts.

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

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

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) - To support the work of the North Quabbin Community Coalition.

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.

Donor-Advised and Designated Funds held at the Foundation


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.

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.

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 interest.

Scholarship Funds

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

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


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


Rotary Club of Fitchburg Scholarship Fund (2005) - For graduating seniors in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.
**Miles for Myles Fund** - This past October over 500 children and adults laced up their sneakers or donned a cycling helmet in memory of Myles John McCarron, who lost his life in an automobile accident at 16. The memorial race, in its 7th year, raised over $12,000 for the Lunenburg Track & Athletic Fields Association. In addition to celebrating Myles life, the event delivers a powerful message to all drivers: “No Need to Speed!” The Miles for Myles Fund is a designated fund at the Community Foundation.
## Financial Highlights

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## Founded

**2001**

**Number of Funds**

91

## Competitive Grantmaking

- **Number of applications reviewed**: 74
- **Amount requested**: $1,168,139
- **Number of grants made**: 16
- **Competitive grants made from Foundation endowments**: $160,991
- **Donor Advised and Designated Grants**: $3,822,120
- **Scholarships made**: $30,409
- **Total Grants**: $4,013,520

## Number of Competitive Grant Awards by Region

![Number of Competitive Grant Awards by Region](image)

## Competitive Grants Award Summary

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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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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.
Erin Kimball, The Village School, Royalston, MA.