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Dear Friend of the Foundation,

You’ll find our theme on the cover of this year’s annual report: Conversation, Commenting, Collaboration and Community.

Since our inception, these four words have captured the essence of the Foundation’s work.

Conversation. In today’s connected culture, there are a lot of opinions and, quite frankly, noise. At the Foundation, we believe the most important part of having a conversation is listening. We are here to learn how our fund holders want to leave a lasting legacy in their community.

Commenting. While there is no shortage of opinions, it’s important that we provide our fund holders with expert advice to help them achieve their charitable goals. There are a variety of ways to give back to the community, so it is important that a donor’s gift be properly set up to achieve both short- and long-term goals.

Collaboration. At the Foundation, we see our role as a convener—one who works closely with our donors and the nonprofit community. These trusted relationships help build stronger communities.

Community. The bottom line: It really is all about the community. The work that the Foundation does, day in and day out, is aimed at helping to create a vibrant community. Since our humble start, we have worked closely with residents, donors, nonprofit agencies, and local government officials to help our donors do good work forever.

The grants you will read about on the following pages wouldn’t be possible without you, so on behalf of the entire community, thank you for your trust and support.

Together, we can continue To do good work ... forever.

Charley Gelinas, Chair
Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts

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.
The following 17 grants, which are listed below and on pages 4 and 5, were made possible by the Foundation’s General Endowment and the following funds: Anderson, Bagley & Mayo Fund; W.E. Aubuchon, Jr. Fund; Brown Petersen Family Foundation Fund; IC Federal Credit Union Founders Fund; K.R.C. Family Fund; and Nashoba Valley Fund.

Community Foundation’s Charley Gelinas (right) presents a $10,235 grant to Edmund and Patricia Frederick from Historical Piano Concerts, Inc. of Ashburnham.

Art Heusser and Adam Webber from Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Networks received a $17,000 grant for an outreach coordinator.

Kathy Heintz presents a $5,000 grant to Virginia Foresman from SisuCare in Gardner, which will provide medical care to animals.

Susan Jones and Leslie Kinney The United Arc of Franklin and Hampshire Counties, Inc. received a $20,000 grant for its Positive Parenting Program.

David McKeehan presents to Gloria Maybury from Fitchburg-based Literacy Volunteers of Montachusett Area a $6,000 grant will be used to train literacy tutors.

Kathleen McDermott from Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. will use the $20,000 grant to provide homework assistance to at-risk youth.

The Community Foundation provides a simple, powerful, and **highly personal approach** to giving.

145 Funds have been established since our inception.
Joana Dos Santos from United Neighbors of Fitchburg received a $15,000 grant to expand the hours for the Cleghorn Youth Center - Teen Center program.

Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society received a $6,000 grant for its Catmobile, which will provide spay and neuter services for free or a reduced service fee.

Peggy Christoforo from Friends of Sholan Farms received a $10,000 grant to develop a master plan to assist in the construction of farm areas.

Tom Doody from North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy, Inc. thanks for the Foundation for its $10,000 grant.

Peter Hazel presents a $20,000 grant to Ray Fanelli and Leslie Lightfoot from Veteran Homestead Inc. for its Northeast Veteran Training and Rehabilitation Center.

Janet Morrison from North County Land Trust, Inc. received a $18,000 grant to create a strategic plan for its NCLT Capacity Building Project.
We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual’s charitable and financial interests.

$30 Million in grants and distributions have been made since our inception.

Heidi Wejman from Windows on Wildlife, Inc. received a $4,000 grant for its wildlife education program.

Debra Kott from Youth Opportunities Upheld, received a $10,000 grant that will launch a program to prevent substance abuse in Gardner, Mass.

Phil Grzewinski presents a $5,000 grant to Pat Brody Shelter for Cats, Inc. in Lunenburg, Mass.

ShirleyArts! Inc. received $750 for its Ukuleles for Kids program, which provides no-cost instruments for children.

Animal Shelter Inc. received a $20,000 grant for expansion and redesign of its nonprofit no-kill animal shelter in Sterling, Mass.
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., received $20,000 for its Face of Hunger program, which provides food and referral services to area residents.

An $18,000 grant will assist L.U.K. Crisis Center, Inc., in creating documented practices for trauma preparedness among schools in the Nashoba Valley region.

A $15,000 grant to The SHINE Initiative for the Mental Health First Aid Program will be used to train school personnel in Nashoba Valley to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

College interns will be trained to provide respite care to area families through a $20,000 grant to Seven Hills Family Services, Inc.

Townsend Fire-EMS received $18,000 to purchase equipment to assist in off-road rescue operations.

Nashua River Watershed Association’s Outdoor Wellness Walking program received $15,000 to encourage area residents to exercise.

105 Grants have been made from the Foundation’s general endowment since our inception.
We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

Pathways for Change, Inc.’s $12,000 grant will provide sexual violence education to area adolescents through their Sexual Assault Youth (SAYE) program.

A $10,000 grant to Littleton Elder and Human Services will be used to hire a part-time person to coordinate health and wellness services for town senior citizens.

A $6,500 grant to Growing Places Garden Project, Inc. will establish a sustainable community garden for residents of Lancaster.

A $5,800 grant to the Townsend Council on Aging will be used to expand its senior meal program.

Shirley Seniors Friendship Fund’s $5,000 grant will be used to provide access to food pantries for housebound seniors.

The Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg, Inc. received a $5,000 grant to provide healthy food and exercise programs at the center.

The Foundation made grants to Mount Wachusett Community College, Fitchburg State University, Middlesex Community College and UMass Lowell to provide scholarships to students in the health field.

The Community Foundation awarded 16 grants, which are listed on pages 6 and 7, from the Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund.
We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

Over the past 11-years, donors have established over 145 funds. This year, these funds distributed over $9 million to a variety of issues and needs the donors care passionately about.

**Donor Advised Funds.** You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift. You work with our professional program staff, identifying ways to use dollars from the Donor Advised Fund you establish to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted to our local board for approval; we then distribute grant dollars.

**Field of Interest Funds.** You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life. Arts. AIDS. Aging. At-risk youth. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

**Scholarships.** You can invest your gift in our community’s future and show students you care, all with the guidance and personal services of your community foundation. You determine the criteria students must meet to receive the Scholarship you establish. With your assistance, students achieve their academic and career-oriented goals—from preschool to postgraduate work.

**Designated Funds.** You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum, or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization. Nonprofit organizations can use a Designated Fund through the community foundation to build their endowment and enhance their ability to accept large and complex gifts.

Distributions of $5,000 or more listed.

- $26,215
- $20,000
- $123,000
- $6,993,810
- $45,000
- $116,965
- $11,000
- $203,561
- $11,000
- $5,045
- $7,500
- $5,576
- $6,293
- $13,686
- $10,000
- $8,717
- $6,000
- $17,000
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- $47,011
- $37,731
- $33,357
- $50,361
- $520,608
- $20,000
- $20,000
- $10,000

Total distributed this year over $9 Million.
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, 18 new funds were established with the Community Foundation.

**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. In addition, donors can target their gift to a specific region that can accept gifts of any size.

- Greater Clinton Fund
- Greater Gardner Fund
- Nashoba Valley Fund
- North Quabbin Fund
- Twin Cities Fund
Donor-Advised and Designated Funds held at the Foundation

Anonymous Funds (4) - 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. 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.

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


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

Beloved Community Diversity Fund (2011) - Established to raise money to provide diversity programming in North Central Massachusetts.

Gerald E. Bieler Memorial Fund (2011) - Established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts Fund (2002) - To benefit the Boys & Girls Club.


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.

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

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

Brown/Peterson Family Foundation Fund (2007) - To support the charitable interests of the donor and to benefit the General Endowment of the CFNCM.

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.

CAVU Foundation Fund (2004) - Created to fund untimed 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.

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.

The Fay Club Historical Foundation Fund (2010) - To support the charitable interests of The Fay Club Historical Foundation.

FATV ROBERT WILSON MEMORIAL FUND (2008) - It was created to honor the memory of Robert Wilson and benefit Fitchburg Access Television.


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 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.

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

Gardner Visiting Nursing Association 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.

Robert Goldman Fund (2010) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

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.

Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts Fund (2008) - This fund will further the organization’s mission to build simple, decent, affordable homes for families in need.

Habitat for Humanity NCM Land Bank Fund (2008) - The fund’s mission is to assist with the purchase of suitable land when it becomes available so it can continue to provide safe, decent and affordable housing.

Hubbardston Center School Playground Fund (2010) - Established to raise funds to build a playground at the Hubbardston Center School.
Friends of Hubbardston Library Fund (2011) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

Indian Hill Music Fund (2008) - Established to benefit Indian Hill Music in Littleton, 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.

Michael & Debbie Lefebrve 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.

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.


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

Mayor’s Energy Fund for Leominster (2010) - Established to raise money to help Leominster residents in need of assistance with energy bills.

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

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.

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 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 Rosary Hill Home.

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

Friends of Northborough Recreation Fund - Established 2011 to support the activities of the Friends of Northborough Recreation.

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

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.

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.

Pauline A. Riley Endowment Fund (2008) - It will support the charitable interests of the donors.

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.


Reuben Hoar Library Fund (2008) - To benefit the Reuben Hoar Library in Littleton, Massachusetts. To learn more about this fund and the library please visit www.littletonlibrary.org.

Friends of Sholan Farms Fund (2008) - Established to support Sholan Farms in Leominster, Massachusetts.


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.


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 (2008) - Established to benefit the work of the Thayer Symphony Orchestra.

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.

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.


Upton Building Renovation Fund (2011) - Established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

Peter & Alice von Loesecke Scholarship Fund (2008) - The fund provides scholarships for MBA students or those studying for a graduate business degree.

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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.

Rotary Club of Fitchburg Scholarship Fund (2005) - 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.

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.

Westminster Historical Society Scholarship Fund (2011) - Established to provide scholarships.
### Grants Award Summary for 2011-2012

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