HELPING DONORS DO GOOD WORK... FOREVER
Dear Friends of Community Foundation,

Welcome to our 2016 Annual Report. Very simply, we want to thank all our fundholders and donors, who have made the work of the Community Foundation possible.

Since our inception, we have made over $40 million in grants and distributions to important programs and nonprofit agencies spanning across all 33 communities we serve in North Central Massachusetts.

This past year was particularly gratifying, as we celebrated our 15th anniversary. The old adage, time flies, is apropos. It was a simple idea—let’s create a vehicle that allows individuals, organizations and businesses to create permanent charitable funds that support the causes they care about in perpetuity.

Today, we are fast approaching 200 funds, which are addressing important community causes. For those who don’t want to establish personal funds, we also have four general funds that they can support:

• 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.

As we look forward to our next fifteen years, we extend a very special thank-you to all our donors, fundholders and nonprofit partners for making the work of the foundation possible.

Sincerely,

Ted Lapres, Chair
Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts
Individuals and families can also establish funds. The Proietti Family Fund is a donor-advised fund benefitting Leominster recipients. Laura Proietti decided to establish a $10,000 fund, from savings.

First, though, she became a fund booster. "I've been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the Doyle Field Foundation, so through that I became aware of the Community Foundation," she said. "At work, I was telling my boss about it (her employer gives an annual scholarship to a Leominster High School senior). I explained that it could go on in perpetuity, rather than having to write a check from the business each year. They did it, and they actually awarded two scholarships last year."

"So then, I told my mother. My brother had passed away in 2000, and she had given a donation to Leominster Library to use for teen programs. The library was so appreciative. I talked to her about a charitable fund, so that every year she could make a donation." Mom wasn't swayed, but she did contribute to Laura's fund, once that had been established: "I got to thinking, maybe it's time I took my own advice," Laura said.

"We (she and her husband, Michael Proietti) came up with $10,000 (setting it up in two installments). This coming January will be first time I get to decide where the earnings will go. Our goal for the fund was to help build 'peace, love and joy.' A roof over your head is peace. Food is love. The arts give joy. So, feed the hungry, help give shelter to the homeless, or give to arts programming."

Since it's a donor-advised fund, benefitting Leominster, she decides how proceeds will be used.

They want it to continue to grow. "We'll keep contributing to the fund," she said. "We want to keep the principal in place, so that it will go on. So far, it's earned around $500, in less than eight months. I figure it will probably generate about $700 by January. Eventually, I'd like to give three $500 annual disbursements."

"It pays it forward."
The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts announced the distribution of 23 grants, totaling nearly $500,000 from its general endowment funds and field of interest funds.

Becket Family of Services, Fitchburg, which specializes in addressing behavioral disorders in children and adolescents, received a $6,000 grant to purchase additional tools for its vocational programming — allowing it to serve more clients.

A $3,000 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster, located in Leominster, will support certified training to staff in facilitating its ALL STARS programming, an evidence-based substance abuse prevention program designed for students 11 to 17 years old.

House of Peace and Education, Inc., Gardner, received a $15,000 grant to train its staff for the implementation of “Training Grounds,” a program to help clients with challenges.

L.U.K. Crisis Center, Inc., Fitchburg, will use Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, Fitchburg, received a $25,000 grant for its new veterinary science training program.

A $15,000 grant to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Athol, for its Eagle Reserve Conservation Initiative, which will create public access opportunities to a soon to be acquired 147-acre parcel of land.

North County Land Trust, Inc., Leominster, received a $9,580 grant toward The Farmland Inventory Project, which is focused on promoting the importance of local farms and farmland.

The Pat Brody Shelter for Cats, Inc., Lunenburg, $15,000 grant will be used to provide low or no cost veterinary services for low income cat owners as well as stray and abandoned cats.

A $15,000 grant to the Princeton Land Trust, Princeton, will go toward the acquisition of the Fieldstone Farm in Princeton for conservation. This grant amount, in conjunction with other efforts, will preserve the town’s conservation

land.

The Community Foundation Organizational Development Fund, established to provide opportunities for area non-profits to take steps to build their capacity and/or provide for better sustainability, made five grants:

Athol-Orange Community Television, Inc., Athol, received a $4,000 grant to hire a consultant to write a volunteer policy for the organization. Development of this policy will streamline the recruitment, training and retaining of volunteers — who play an integral part in the functioning of the organization and its mission.

A $5,000 grant to Cooperative Elder Services, Inc., Groton, will be used toward the creation of a three-year strategic plan.

Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, which manages United Way Youth Venture for United Way of North Central Massachusetts, received a $20,000 grant to hire a part-time development person to assist with expansion of the youth development program to additional communities.

An $11,800 grant to the Spanish American Center, Leominster, will be used to hire a consultant to draft a 5-year strategic plan.

The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard, received a $13,645 grant, which will be used to update and expand its marketing outreach.

Five grants were made possible through the Community Foundation Critical Needs Fund, a fund established for providing assistance with issues that are deemed to be critical needs:

Kylee’s Kare Kits for Kidz, Inc., Leominster, received a $15,000 grant to purchase food as part of a backpack program, which provides “food insecure” students in Leominster Public Schools with meals and snacks on the weekend.

Ginny’s Helping Hand, Inc., Leominster, received a $20,000 grant to assist with the development of a strategic and succession plan.

A $23,400 grant to AED Foundation, Inc., Gardner, will be used for its Alyssa’s Place: Peer Recovery and Resource Center, which provides substance abuse services.

The United Way of Tri-County received a $5,000 grant for its Wheat Community Connections food pantry program in Clinton.

A $20,000 grant to Veteran Homestead, Inc., Fitchburg, will be used as part of a program to address opioid addiction in veterans.

‘Totaling Nearly $500,000 the Foundation Made 23 Grants’

its $13,879 grant toward a program that will hire four young adults as peer outreach workers, who have relevant backgrounds to reach out and prevent youths from running away from home.

An $11,000 grant to Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc., Fitchburg, will be used to integrate a nationally recognized bystander intervention curriculum into its youth groups and sessions, which teaches young people how to safely intervene on behalf of someone who is being victimized.

Over 120 professionals will receive training in health-based conflict intervention and mediation, which helps vulnerable population resolve issues, through a $20,000 grant to Quabbin Mediation, Inc., Orange.

The Friday Market, Petersham, received a $2,000 grant toward Petersham Friday Market, which will provide a 20-week music program to enhance and increase community awareness and attendance.

A $15,000 grant to the Winchendon School District will fund an afterschool program that addresses curriculum gaps.

The Doyle Fund, established for environmental causes and animal welfare made five grants:
Preparing For the Future

The elderly population is growing—needs will increase by about 46 percent over the next three decades. "We're always looking for gaps in our programs, and more ways to serve people"

Montachusett Home Care is a well-established regional service geared toward keeping people at home as they age. Most of its income for elder care services (and some services to disabled youths) coming from the state, supplemented by public and private grants.

Looking ahead, its Board of Directors set aside $500,000 during 2008, placing it in a fund with Community Foundation. Their goal: to build up that amount and generate funding for more innovation in services.

"Up to that time, we kept our liquid assets in CD's and such," said Greg Guiliano, Executive Director of the corporation. "We decided that, being a financially healthy agency, we'd take a chunk of our balance and put it into something that would yield a higher rate of return. We will use the yield from that fund as it grows."

"We could put services in place in one day," Giuliano said. "Get staff out there, pick up their prescriptions, help them get home from the hospital, make sure they have follow-up care with physicians."

A program to meet needs of caregivers, who work with elders or people with dementia, or grandparents caring for grandchildren who may be disabled is also important.

The Community Foundation Fund has begun to pick up with the economy. "It's a work in progress," Giuliano says. "We gladly chose to make this investment because we want to do something different from low-yield Cs, etc. The future will be better."

The fund could also help establish a same-day service program when a sudden need arises.
Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund Awards Multiple Health-related Grants

Fund Targets Health Needs in 13 Communities in the Nashoba Valley Region

The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation awarded 20 grants, from the Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Funds, to help improve the health of residents in 13 communities in the region.

Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, of Needham received a $5,000 grant to train educators and childcare providers on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of asthma or allergy episode.

A $5,000 grant to Circle Home, Inc., Lowell, will be used for fall prevention clinics, which includes screenings, counseling by a registered nurse or physical therapist, and educational materials.

Cooperative Elder Services, Inc., Lexington, will use its $5,250 grant to purchase the remaining equipment necessary to secure licensure for an adult day health program.

Deven’s Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., received a $7,500 grant to expand its Neighborhood Food Project in Groton, providing nutritious and healthy food as well as personal care items for families in need.

LUK, Inc., Fitchburg, will use its $12,000 grant to develop an opioid-related assessment program to reduce overdoses, including Narcan training, three medication take-back events and the establishment of medication drop boxes.

A $3,000 grant to Lunenburg Council on Aging will be used to install software at the Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District, which will provide emergency intervention to non-responsive at-risk seniors.

MAB Community Services, Inc., Worcester, received a $5,000 grant for its Nashoba Valley Visually Impaired Elders Program. Services to help those with sight issues remain healthy, active and independent and to safely age in place through evaluation services, support groups and volunteer services.

A $5,000 grant to Groton’s Nashua River Watershed Association, will be used to promote ‘Tick Talks,’ an educational series on how to minimize tick-borne diseases. The grant will be used to videotape the series, which will allow for greater outreach.

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Lowell, received a $19,548 grant to connect Nashoba Valley seniors to local fresh fruits and vegetables.

NM Cares of Pepperell received a $1,000 grant to increase awareness of drug addiction through a 5K fun run/walk, a poster contest for 4th graders; an essay contest for grades 5-8; awareness efforts for high school students, and a community vigil.

A $16,000 grant to Fitchburg’s Our Father’s House will support a program that encourages and promotes participation by shelter families, with their children, in health prevention and wellness.

Pathways for Change, Inc., Worcester, will raise awareness of men’s violence against women through its $12,000 grant. This grant will bring the agency’s successful “Males Advocating Change” program to the Nashoba region.

An $8,704 grant to The Arc of Opportunity in North Central Massachusetts, Inc., Fitchburg, will be used for two 12-week educational sessions about the importance of physical activity and health needs for those with intellectual disabilities.

Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard, received a $20,000 for its clinical programs and services, which reduces pain and symptoms of disease and treatment.

Veteran Homestead Inc., of Fitchburg, received a $20,000 grant for its Elder Care Program, which provides 24-hour care, medication management, case management, benefits counseling and an assortment of other physical and recreational services designed to rehabilitate or provide comfort to chronically homeless veterans in need.

A $13,957 grant to Veterans Inc., of Worcester for its Fort Devens Project will be used to purchase 13 computers (one for each residential unit), pre-loaded with VA software, so veterans can access services.

The Foundations also approved four grants totaling $14,616 to Mount Wachusett Community College, Fitchburg State University, Middlesex Community College and Umass Lowell to provide scholarships to area students in the health field.

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.
Harold F. & Elsie E. Root Scholarship Fund

Harold F. Root's son, Michael, recalls his father as "a very hard worker. He enjoyed it; he was successful in business," Michael said. His father, an undertaker, operated Smith Funeral Home, across from St. Bernard's School in Fitchburg. (John R. Smith founded the company in 1890. Harold Root took over in 1935. Michael Root assumed ownership after his father's death, selling the business in 1981 to Henry J. Masciarelli and his son, John F. Masciarelli.

Harold Root established the scholarship fund privately, during the 1950s, wanting to help Fitchburg students advance their educations. "He believed in giving back to the community, and education was important to him," Michael said. "So he set up the foundation with my mother (Elsie F. Root). She was a teacher."

They established the fund through St. Bernard's parish, but Mr. Root expanded it, ultimately giving annual scholarships to seniors at St. Bernard's and Fitchburg High School. "Before he died, he had given quite a bit of the money away to ... students who were going to college," said Michael Root, also a mortician. In the early days, Michael recalls, his father sat with several educators to select recipients. Now, the schools handle the selection.

"Before he died, he'd asked me if I'd continue it on. I did, until I heard about the Community Foundation."

This was three years ago. Michael himself had retired by then. "I figured that the foundation would be perfect; they could handle everything. I turned the whole thing over to them, and they are responsible for giving out a scholarship to someone from each school. Usually it's $1,000. That will change according to the fund's status, giving more if it's possible.

"It's growing; that's what we want," he said.
Needs Differ as Clients Age; The Association Responds to Them All

GREATER ATHOL AREA ADVOCATES FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

What began with a few families getting together to discuss their need for information and assistance with special needs has blossomed over four decades into a larger organization, serving more than 100 families. It’s a small group with a big name: Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs (fondly known as GAAAFSN).

Kathy Coles leads the group, with Peter George of Petersham as co-chairman, serving nine Quabbin-area communities. Because it lacks 501-K designation, the group has a host agency — The United Arc of Turners Falls, a chapter of The Arc of Massachusetts.

Needs differ as clients age; the association responds to them all. Clients may have autism or disabilities, intellectual or physical. "Some families have more than one individual needing assistance; some are parents themselves. GAAAFSN links them to supportive agencies in the region," she said.

"We have a seven-member family board. The majority of them have individuals with special needs; two members represent area community members."

Four years ago, when they discovered they had around $122,000 in accrued donations, The United Arc’s Executive Director Lynne Bielecki pointed them toward Linda Mack at the Community Foundation. "The relationship has evolved since then," Coles said. "Linda's availability is boundless. She's always there for questions or help with direction. She has been so forthcoming."

There's a scholarship program now, for special needs applicants, or those who have special needs in the family considering a career in some form of human services. GAAAFSN recognizes innovation and community partnership too. Linda Mack from the Community Foundation received an award for partnership at the most recent annual meeting, and, for innovation, Winfield Brown, CEO of Heywood Hospital — for a planned Petersham retreat center aimed at addressing mental health and addiction problems.

Preserving History For Future Generations

Paul Revere Bell Restored with Fund Proceeds

Looming over the Lancaster Town Green is a majestic 19th-century landmark, the Bulfinch Church. The church is home to a congregation that dates back to the 17th century, but its current location — the Fifth Meeting House — was built in 1816. Its history is well noted:

Charles Bulfinch, perhaps America's first native-born architect, designed the church, which became a National Historical Landmark in 1971. Bulfinch's designs are known for simplicity and balance — the origin of the Federal style of classical domes, columns, and ornament that dominated early 19th-century American architecture.

Botanist Luther Burbank's family crafted its bricks.

Paul Revere's business made the bell, still ringing from its tower.

Noted theologian Rev. Nathaniel Thayer was minister at the time.

Over two centuries, a building sustains many injuries, and restoration needs pile up. The small congregation lacks the means to fund the million-dollar project, so a group of volunteers stepped forward, establishing The Bulfinch Fund, a Community Foundation fund.

Its objectives are to develop resources for the preservation and restoration of this building and foster recognition of its significance through tours and other educational programs, events and publications. Ultimately, says fund Director Martha Moore, the goal is to establish an endowment for future needs, after present needs are met. "We need to fix any potential areas where ice or snow might penetrate and cause further damage, and then start working on the sanctuary," she said.

With only a small amount of savings, fundraising is critical. The beautiful sanctuary alone will cost upwards of $500,000 to restore. Artists, musicians and historians have stepped up to help. The group hopes to tie in with the church building's 200th year celebration in 2016-17. It's a huge job, so this volunteer-run group needs sponsors, donors, grant writers, speakers and program funding.

To donate to this fund, see the Community Foundation's website, or contact info@thebulfinchfund.org.
The Community Establishes 26 New Funds at the Community Foundation

The purpose of the funds are as varied as the individuals and organizations that established them.

Athol High School Scholarship Assoc. Fund (2015) - The fund will grant scholarships to graduates of Athol High School for their college education.

North County Land Trust Endowment Fund (2015) - A designated fund to benefit the North County Land Trust.

Petersham Historical Society Endowment Fund (2015) - The purpose of the fund is to provide a permanent endowment to support the Petersham Historical Society.

Shirley Charitable Foundation Fund (2015) - The Shirley Charitable Foundation Fund will be used to benefit community-based programs.

Saint Benedict Abbey Fund (2015) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of Saint Benedict Abbey in Still River, Mass.

Jim O’Leary Scholarship Fund (2015) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to high school seniors who are involved in golf.

Nashua River Watershed Association Wellspring Endowment Fund @ CFNCM (2015) - The purpose of the fund is to support the operations, programs and maintenance needs of the Nashua River Watershed Association and to secure its long term sustainability.

Athol Public Library Endowment Fund (2015) - This fund will benefit the Athol Public Library.

Poirotti Family Fund (2015) - The fund will used to further the donors charitable interest.

15-40 Connection, Inc. Fund (2015) - 15-40 Connection is a growing national organization committed to helping you act on your awareness about the lifesaving advantage of early cancer detection. 15 to 40-year-olds are diagnosed with cancer nearly five times more frequently than young children.

Monty Tech Vet Clinic Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit a newly created Animal Science – Veterinary Technician program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

Tom Fors Memorial Fund (2016) - Tom was a dedicated EMT/First Responder and was committed to “Making a Difference”. His fund has been set up to help others who choose EMS as a career path and will continue his legacy of “Making a Difference”.

Monty Tech Foundation Scholarship Fund (2016) - The Monty Tech Foundation is a private foundation and charitable organization dedicated to the advancement of vocational-technical education programs in North Central Massachusetts. The Fund was established to promote and support programs, services and educational activities that benefit the students and faculty of the school.

Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center Fund (2016) - A fund to benefit the Hubbardston Senior Center.


Walbridge Fund (2016) - This fund was established to support the charitable interests of the donor.

John Waage Scholarship Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to David Prouty High School marching and/or concert band seniors.

Bigelow Free Public Library Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to support the programs of the Bigelow Free Public Library, Clinton, Mass.

The Bullfinch Fund (2016) - To restore and preserve the Bullfinch Church in Lancaster, Mass.

The Virginia Thurston Cancer Support Center Endowment Fund (2016) - The Virginia Thurston Cancer Support Center Endowment Fund will support the work of The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc., in Harvard, Mass.

Hutner-Losert Fund (2016) - To further the charitable interest of the fundholder.
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) - Dedicated to the care of pets in need and committed to educating the school children and families of North Central Massachusetts about pet care and responsibility.

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

Bellevue Joubert Memorial Fund (2012) - Established to support the charitable interests 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 NCM Endowment Fund (2004) - 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/Potterton Family Foundation Fund (2007) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.


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.

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

Michael Cavanaugh Memorial Fund (2010) - 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.

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.

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


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 re-homed 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.

Committee For The Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg & Leominster (2011) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

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 temporary and permanent awards for Innovation Endowment Fund.

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

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

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 (2015) - 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 (2008) - Created to provide funds to support the Fitchburg Historical Society.

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

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.

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

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

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


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

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

GAAFSN (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.


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

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

Ted Lapres and Connie Keenan 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.


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.

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

Michael's Run to Benefit The SHINE INITIATIVE Fund (2011) - To establish a national initiative for individuals affected by severe and persistent mental illness.

Michael's Run to Benefit The SHINE INITIATIVE Fund (2015) - Established to support The SHINE INITIATIVE.

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

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

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.

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

Miles for Myles Fund (2007) - This fund was created in memory of Myles John McCarron. We promote and sponsor student and community education about the dangers of high-speed driving and the importance of good decision making.

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

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.

Stanley J. Nasiatka Trust Fund (2014) - For the expansion, renovation and the purchase of equipment for the library at the Narragansett Regional High School, including the purchases of books, chairs, tables, desks, a modern system of book inventory, and other library assets.

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

Helen Noble Fund (2001) - To support literacy and Rosary Hill Home.

Noble 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.


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.

Donor Funds


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


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

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

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

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

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


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 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.

William Wicks Memorial Fund (2014) - To memorialize a community leader and further his charitable interests.

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.”

Foundation Host Series of Community Meetings

One of the founding values that is a cornerstone to the Foundation’s operating principals is partnerships.

“From our early days, we knew that we wanted to be a partner with the community, whether it’s nonprofit agencies, professional advisors or other community groups,” said Phil Grzewinski, President of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

To but that principal into practice, the Foundation has hosted a series of meeting throughout the 33 communities it serves.

These forums have included panels for public libraries, historical societies, nonprofit organizations and professional advisor.

According to Linda Mack, Vice President of Development and Donor Services for the Community Foundation, the events have been well received. “For some of the groups, it has been the first time they have ever gotten together to discuss opportunities and challenges.”

The events have been made possible thanks to several sponsors: North Middlesex Savings Bank, Mason Advisory Services, Enterprise Bank, Aubuchon Foundation and Bemis Worldwide.

These community meetings have also been used to educate the general public about the role of the Foundation in the community.

Based on the feedback, the Foundation anticipates hosting community meetings over the foreseeable future.

Dates, times and locations of meetings can be found on the Foundation’s website.

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Phil Grzewinski, President of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts
Scholarship Funds

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

The Chris Franzem 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.

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

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

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.

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

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.


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.

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.

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’s School Scholarship Endowment Fund (2013) - The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to current and incoming students of St. Leo’s 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 Advised Funds are established by individuals who want to play an active role in the distribution process. This year, over $3.4 million in distributions were made to a variety of organizations.

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Funds of the Community Foundation

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Grants Award Summary for 2015-2016

**CFNCM General Endowment Fund**
- Quabbin Mediation, Inc. $20,000
- Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. $11,000
- LUK Crisis Center Inc. $13,879
- House of Peace & Education, Inc. $15,000
- Cooperative Elder Services, Inc. $5,000
- Becket Family of Services $6,000
- Winchendon School District $15,000
- The Petersham Friday Market $2,000

**Doyle General Endowment Fund**
- North County Land Trust, Inc. $9,580
- Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc. $15,000
- Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School $25,000
- Princeton Land Trust $15,000
- Pat Brody Shelter For Cats, Inc. $5,000

**CFNCM Organizational Fund for Non-Profits**
- Mount Wachusett Community College $20,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster $3,000
- Athol Orange Community Television, Inc. $4,000
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc $13,645
- Spanish American Center, Inc. $11,800

**CFNCM Endowed Fund for Critical Needs**
- AED Foundation $23,400
- Ginny’s Helping Hand, Inc. $20,000
- Kylee’s Kare Kits for Kidz $15,000
- United Way of Tri-County $5,000
- Veteran Homestead Inc. $20,000
- Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. $3,750
- Spanish American Center, Inc. $25,000

**CFNCM Educational Access Fund**
- Fitchburg State University Foundation $50,000
- Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc. $50,000
- Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School $8,000

**Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund**
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc. $11,666
- Veterans, Inc. $8,141
- The Arc of Opportunity $5,077
- Veteran Homestead Inc. $11,666
- Pathways for Change $7,000
- Our Father’s House, Inc. $9,334
- NM Cares $583
- New Entry Sustainable Farming Project $11,402
- Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc. $2,916
- MAB Community Services, Inc. $2,916
- LUK Crisis Center Inc. $7,000
- Lunenburg Council on Aging $1,750
- Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. $4,375
- Circle Home Inc. $2,916
- Cooperative Elder Services, Inc. $3,062
- Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter $2,916

**Nashoba Valley Professional Healthcare Fund**
- Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc. $4,308
- Fitchburg State University Foundation $4,308

Grantmaking for 2015-2016

- **Grants made from the Foundation’s General Endowment Funds** $419,240
- **Grants made from Donor-Advised, Designated, Scholarship & Other Funds** $3,442,280
- **Total Grants** $3,861,520
Trustees and Staff

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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.

Serving the charitable interest of individuals, corporations, organizations and nonprofits in 33 communities.