Helping Donors Do Good Work...
A Letter From Leadership

Dear Friends of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts,

The Community Foundation is dedicated to inspiring people to contribute to the North Central Massachusetts community. The 2017 – 2018 year has been a period of tremendous growth for the Foundation - in assets, number of funds, and innovation in how the Foundation distributes grants.

One of our goals in the past year was to lay a groundwork to promote arts and culture. There have been many exciting new arts and cultural initiatives in North Central Massachusetts, among them the Fitchburg Artist Housing project, the Music Center at Indian Hill in Groton, the move of Fitchburg City Hall back to Main Street, and the Fitchburg State University Theater Block project, among others. We convened meetings of Arts and Culture leaders and we look forward to playing an important role in leadership and, we hope, in funding.

Also, for the first time, the Foundation developed grants outside of our usual grant application process and committed to multi-year funding for two projects. They are the Early Literacy Innovation Zone – powered by Footsteps2Brilliance®, a breakthrough early learning tool that helps all children become proficient readers by 3rd grade and GAAMHA, Inc. Transitional Housing on Main Street in Fitchburg. a 3 story, 27,000 sq. ft. building that has two floors of unique apartments housing 40 clients, and a first floor 2500 sq. ft. restaurant/café that will create an exciting new dining option in downtown Fitchburg. The Foundation also purchased fifteen Physio-Control LUCAS® 3 chest compression system machines and presented them to fifteen communities in the service area of the Community Foundation.

We hope in this year’s annual report you will see how the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and our partners worked in, with and for our community to meet a number of our region’s most pressing needs. On behalf of the Community Foundation Board of Trustees and our staff, thank you for your continued support.

Atty. Henri Sans, Jr.
Board Chair

Philip Grzewinski
President, CEO

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The best part is watching your kids become so passionate about such an important cause, doing the research to determine where their dollars will have the greatest impact, and teaching me so much along the way!

– Sarah Howard
Howard Family Establishes a Foundation to Pass on to the Next Generation

*Parents setting up their children for even greater giving is a growing trend in charitable giving.*

Setting up a Family Foundation is an excellent way to establish a philanthropic legacy while also educating family members about the importance of charitable giving.

This was exemplified this year by the Howard family, who came to Community Foundation with the goal of establishing a family foundation to support organizations that were combating climate change by focusing on education.

“The Howard’s children had a very good idea of how they wanted to make a positive impact in the world. We handled the administrative work of setting up the Howard Family Foundation, and then assisted them in researching and identifying charities with a mission that met their charitable objectives of educating youth on the science of climate change. We are here to support donors and help them meet their charitable objectives,” said Linda Mack, Community Foundation’s Vice President of Development and Donor Relations.

For the Howard’s, those objectives included:

- To have fun working together as a family progressing philanthropic goals
- Supporting multiple Education and Climate Change focused charities to further our own understanding of the topics…so we can continue to learn how to make the biggest impact
- Enabling each family member to find a way to get involved that best fits his or her style
Bridging the Gap in Literacy

Community Foundation Increases their Commitment to Footsteps2Brilliance learning software, to reach thousands more of the area’s children

Last year, Community Foundation provided a $25,000 grant to ensure that all children in Fitchburg, from birth through Grade 3, would have access to an educational resource proven to increase literacy. Research indicates that children from low-income families hear 30 million fewer words by the time they enter school, resulting in a distinct learning disadvantage.

Based on the program’s success, Community Foundation will increase this year’s grant to $30,000, and has committed to sustaining this contribution level for the next five years.

“We are so pleased to be able to expand this proven educational resource to ten additional towns – and thousands more children – in North Central Massachusetts,” said Community Foundation President Phil Grzewinski.

Grzewinski was part of a team of local leaders who convinced Footsteps2Brilliance, which had previously only licensed their software to individual school districts, to provide a license to an entire region, helping to create the country’s first Early Literacy Innovation Zone. The United Way of North Central Massachusetts, the Fitchburg Education Foundation, the George Progin Foundation and the George R. Wallace Foundation also provided support for the Innovation Zone license.

Community Foundation’s 5-year commitment not only provides financial assistance to area school districts, it also ensures that the Footsteps2Brilliance software will be purchased outright, creating a literacy resource that can be used by future students in perpetuity.
“The Lucas machine has worked very well for our department, we have used it a few times. In this case it was instrumental in assisting in saving this person’s life; to keep him in a condition where the doctors could work with him. It makes the process efficient and extremely helpful for us to get the patient out of a building while still administering high quality CPR.”

- Richard Ares, Fire Chief, Gardner Fire Dept.
Donation of LUCAS3® Device to 14 Communities Has Life Saving Impact

Last year, a grant from the Nashoba Valley Healthcare Fund, which is co-managed by Community Foundation and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, enabled the Pepperell Fire Department to acquire the area’s first LUCAS3® system. The impact of this device was life-saving, which prompted the Community Foundation board to purchase 14 devices to be distributed to the remaining towns in North Central Massachusetts, whose fire and rescue personnel had the training to use the device.

The systems were distributed on March 3, 2018, at an event hosted by the Townsend Fire Department and have been put to use 19 times since. This device provides CPR-like treatment, freeing first responders to address other emergency health needs.

It should come as no surprise that the LUCAS3 machine saved yet another man’s life; this time in Gardner, one of the communities that received this donation. On May 29, 2018, Gardner Fire Department personnel were called to a home where they found a 70 year old man who was not breathing, and had no pulse. With assistance of the machine, the Gardner man was revived and transferred to a regional trauma center, where he made a full recovery.

Most rescue departments don’t have the budget capacity for the LUCAS3®, which has a retail cost of $15,000, but its impact can be invaluable.
Building Opportunities for People in Transition

Construction Underway for Transitional Housing Facility in Fitchburg to help people in transition of North Central Massachusetts

Community Foundation’s 3-year funding commitment will help GAAMHA create supportive sober housing for up to 40 people.

“I can’t overstate the importance of organizations like Community Foundation,” says Shawn Hayden, COO of the Gardner Athol Area Mental Health Association. “We have a lot of ideas about how we can help people, but without (CF’s) generosity we could never bring them to fruition.”

Established in 1967, an essential part of GAAMHA’s mission is to help people recover from drug and alcohol addiction. A key resource in the process that is sorely lacking in North Central Massachusetts is transitional, supportive sober housing.

“People need a place where they can get up every day, and go to work or go to school, knowing that they are in a place that is free of drugs and alcohol; where there is a Case Manager available to them 24/7,” says Hayden.

Thanks to a $227,000 commitment over the next three years from Community Foundation’s Endowed Fund for Critical Needs, GAAMHA will be able to begin construction on a sober living facility in Fitchburg, in fall 2018. The end result will be the creation of 10 apartments designed to house four individuals each, as well as a retail facility that will provide employment opportunities for the building’s residents.

GAAMHA hopes to have the facility operational by 2019, and self-funded by 2021. “For people in recovery, long-term connectivity to care has proven to have a very positive impact on outcomes. Thanks to Community Foundation’s generosity we’ll be able to do more to positively impact the lives of individuals, and our community,” said Hayden.
New Donor Established Funds

LEF Endowment Fund to Benefit Karen’s Closet - The purpose of the fund will be to provide a permanent source of funding for Karen’s Closet.

The F. Leo Murray and Irene D. Murray Scholarship Fund - The purpose of the fund is to provide post-secondary scholarships to Winchendon residents.

Gardner Emergency Housing Mission Fund - The purpose of the fund is to ensure no family in the Greater Gardner area has to spend a night without temporary safe housing.

Old Groton Meetinghouse Preservation Fund - The purpose of the fund is for the restoration and preservation of the Old Groton Meeting House.

Twin Cities Rail Trail Association Fund - Established for the maintenance and care of the rail trail in Fitchburg and Leominster.

Ken Ansin Family Fund - Established as an endowed fund to further the charitable goals of the family.

Friends of Coggshall Park - The purpose of the fund is to support Coggshall Park in Fitchburg, Mass.

Scot & Janice Barrett Fund - The purpose of the fund is to further the donors’ charitable goals.

Norman & Christine Wironen Charitable Fund - The purpose of the fund is to further the charitable work of the fundholders.

Reserve Fund of Lunenburg Historical Society - The purpose of the fund is to further the work of the Lunenburg Historical Society.

Jen LeClair Memorial Scholarship Fund - The fund was established in memory of Jen Leclai and will award scholarships to graduating Gardner High School students.

Bob and Becky Pine Fund - The purpose of the fund is to further the charitable goals of the donor.

Steven M. Pellegrini Memorial Scholarship Fund - The purpose of the Fund is to provide funds for scholarships for graduating seniors of Narragansett Regional High School for academic achievement with preference in theater and drama.

The Stockbridge Fund - The Stockbridge Fund supports the mission of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the Umass-Amherst campus. In the absence of the Stockbridge school, the annuity will be used for agriculture within the United States.

Jenna M. Pellegrini Memorial Fund - The Jenna M. Pellegrini Memorial fund was created to fund specific local charities.

Mount Grace Stewardship Legal Defense Fund - The purpose of this fund is to uphold the conservation intent, in perpetuity of lands and conservation restrictions donated to, or otherwise acquired by, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, primarily in Worcester and Franklin Counties.

Marge E. (White) Guest Fund - The Marge E. (White) fund supports the Lucy Robbins Welles Public Library of Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of: 1. Support of the summer reading program for children, 2. Purchasing books for children that do not have access to the library identified by not having a library card, and 3. A new program of community outreach to bring books to those of all ages who are unable to access the library.

SLCT Operation Reserve Fund - The purpose of this fund is to provide funding to the Sterling-Lancaster Community Television Corporation for any temporary short fall or emergency needs.

DeCisero Karen’s Closet Endowment Fund - Karen’s Closet started with the simple goal of making sure that the students of the city of Leominster that needed winter coats would have them. It also aims to provide every student of need and every teacher in the district with the necessary tools and basic support to enhance their academic success.
To anyone and everyone who had a part,

I am so eternally grateful to have received an award from you.

I can guarantee you that I will continue to work just as hard in college as I have in high school. I would not have been able to put down my first college payment without your generous donation. It’s already covering part of my room and board.

To be honest, I had never even heard about the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts until opening the envelope on Senior Awards night. I didn’t even know that they gave out money at that event, so you can imagine my surprise when I was met with a check instead of a paper certificate.

Now that I’ve looked into the foundation, I can’t wait for college to start paying off so I can donate to you and give back to the community.

Sincerely,

Judith
A Scholarship Makes a Lasting Impression on a Student

_Fitchburg Public School Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund Provides $5,350 in Scholarships to Fitchburg High School Graduates_

Three Fitchburg High School students received scholarships to continue their education at prestigious schools including Tufts University, Union College, and Williams College.

The grants were made possible by an endowed fund established by an anonymous donor to create the Fitchburg Public School Foundation Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the endowment is 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.

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts (CFNCM) helped set up, and manages the Fitchburg Public School Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund. Awards from the fund have been provided to Fitchburg students since the fund was established in June of 2015, with recipients and award amounts determined by a Scholarship Advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the Superintendent.

In appreciation, one of this year’s scholarship recipients sent a note of gratitude in which she wrote, “…I had never even heard of Community Foundation until I opened the envelope on Senior Awards night. You can imagine my surprise when I found a check in the envelope instead of a certificate. Now that I have looked into the (Community) Foundation, I can’t wait for college to start paying off, so I can donate to you and give back to the community.”

The Community Foundation has partnered with various donors to establish many different scholarship funds, each one creating a lasting impact on the future of our students.
Multiple Grants Awarded to Improve the Health of Residents in our Communities

Nashoba Valley Health Care Fund grant recipients for the 2017 - 2018 grant cycle

The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation awarded 9 Grants, from the Nashoba Valley Healthcare Fund, to help improve the health of residents in the 13 area communities.

15-40 Connection received $13,000 to support the launch of the 3 Steps Detect program and education to the schools in Nashoba Valley. “Train the trainer” programming will incorporate 3 Steps Detect into their health curriculum in a sustainable way.

Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg received $7,500 to support the “Triple Play: Healthy Minds, Bodies, and Souls” program. This program offers daily opportunities for members to participate in activities that get them physically active, challenge their minds, and develop social-emotional skills.

Cooperative Elder Services, Inc. received $7,350 for the CESI’s CARE (Caregivers Attaining Respite and Education) Program which provides family caregivers with the resources and support they need to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy, safe, and comfortable while continuing to age-in-place.

LUK, Inc. received $9,500 to support their Nashoba Valley Foster Care Initiative, a foster home recruitment and training campaign in the Nashoba Valley.

MAB Community Services, Inc. received $5,500 to support the MABVI’s Visually Impaired Elders Program (VIEP), which is made to improve the health, independence, and welfare of older adults who are blind and visually impaired.

Our Father’s House received $16,000 to support the Ensuring Health Wellness in Homeless Children program.

Pathways for Change, Inc. received $12,000 to support the Males Advocating Change (MAC) Program. The program is designed to engage middle and high school aged males throughout the Nashoba Valley Region in the primary prevention of sexual & dating violence, harassment, and bullying.

Pepperell Council on Aging received $7,296 for the Healthy Eating / Weight Management program. Nutritionist will be teaching participants how to read labels, access carbs, sugar and fat contents, and give better suggestions for meat choices and brain healthy vegetables.

Townsend Fire-EMS Department received $14,000 to send one existing staff EMT to train to become a paramedic in the Paramedic Program.

Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund advances the health of residents in 13 communities originally served by the previous local hospital, including Ashby, Ayer, Bolton, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford.
Donor Distributions

**Fiscal Sponsor Funds**
Assisting unincorporated organizations with tax-exempt status

**Donor Advised Funds**
Helping donors achieve their charitable goals

**Scholarship Funds**
Making a difference in the life of a student

**Designated Funds**
Donors supporting their favorite nonprofits

**Field of Interest Funds**
Helping donors target specific causes they care about

**Agency Funds**
Ensuring a permanent source of support for nonprofits

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**Total Distributions**

- **$4.15 million**

**Total Number**

- **19 Funds Established**
- **899 Distributions**

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**Number of Funds Established**

- **Agency** 3
- **Designated** 3
- **Scholarship** 3
- **Donor Advised** 6
- **Fiscal Sponsor** 4

**Distribution Amounts**

- **$1,095,428**
- **$1,098,052**
- **$641,132**
- **$482,490**
- **$366,829**

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**Number of Distributions**

- 421
- 220
- 141
- 43
- 42
- 32

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Foundation Awards 28 Grants

The Foundation awarded 28 grants, totaling over $650,000 this year

General Endowment Fund
Responding to a wide range of community needs

The Salvation Army received $16,500 to support the Everyday English for Beginners program.
Operation Service received $4,000 to support the Military Project Support program.
Athol Area YMCA received $10,000 for the YMCA Preschool Program Expansion project.
YWCA of Central Massachusetts received $12,000 to support the Girls CHOICE (Choosing Hope, Opportunity and Independence through Career and Education) program.
Gardner Emergency Housing Mission received $12,500 to support the Gardner Emergency Housing Mission program.
Children's Trust, Inc. received $9,750 to support the Parenting Education and Support Programs.
CHNA 9 received $7,500 to support the Violence Prevention Stakeholder and Community Lunch Series program.
RCAP Solutions Inc. received $10,250 for the Financial Wellness Enhancement program.
The Friends of New Salem Public Library received $10,000 for the Re-imagining Our Library project.

The Doyle Fund
Animal Welfare & Environmental Causes

Nashoba Conservation Trust Inc. received $5,700 to support the Seminatore Meadow - Pollinator Habitat Project.
Fitchburg Geenway Committee received $13,000 to support the Rollstone Hill Trails - Construction Phase I project.
Friends of Fitchburg DOGS, Inc. received $5,000 to support the Pet Care & Education Community 2017 Project.
Friends of Sholan Farms received $11,000 for the Sholan Farms - Trail Improvements & Environmental Education program.
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School received $15,796 to support the Monty Tech Veterinary Science Training Program.
Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc. received $10,000 to support the Next Phase of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study.
North County Land Trust Inc. received $13,000 to support the Access to Rollstone Hill and Nature Play Area project.

Board of Trustees Chairman, Atty. Henri Sans, Jr. speaking on grant presentations at the Donor Appreciation Event
Community Foundation Critical Needs Fund

Critical Needs in the Community

GAAMHA was awarded $227,136 to support the Transitional Housing Facility construction project. Community Foundation’s 3-year funding commitment will help GAAMHA create supportive sober housing for up to 40 people.

Community Foundation purchased 14 LUCAS3 Chest Compression Machines in the amount of $139,602. These have been distributed to 14 communities and has had life saving impacts.

Community Foundation Educational Access Fund

Supporting Educational Initiatives

Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc. received $30,000 to support the North Central MA Regional Early College High School Partnership program.

Fitchburg State University received $25,652 to support the Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Experience - Health of Fitchburg program.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School received $13,919 to support the Creating a Meaningful Career Pipeline: HVAC/ Oil Burner Technician Training Program.

Community Foundation Organizational Development Fund

Capacity & Sustainability for Nonprofits

Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, Inc. received $10,000 for the Donor and Volunteer Management Upgrade program.

Town of Townsend Senior Center received $8,128 for the Townsend Senior Center Staff Education Grant.

15-40 Connection received $11,250 for the Building on 3 Steps Detect - Curriculum 2.0 program.

Fitchburg Art Museum received $6,000 to support the Leadership Diversity program.

Wendell P. Clark Memorial YMCA received $4,094 to support the 2018 Staff & Community Development program.

Clinton Adult Learning Center received $5,500 to support the CALC Marketing Initiative.

Groton Community School received $10,000 to support the Groton Community School Administrative and Classroom Technology Enhancement Plan.
Funds at the Community Foundation

15-40 Connection Fund (2015) - 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.

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

A.J. Robbins Memorial Fund (2017) - The purpose of the fund is to fund a field house in memory of A.J. Robbins.

ABM General Endowment Fund (2006) - This is an endowed fund to benefit the communities of North Central Massachusetts.

ACE (Animal Care & Education Central Massachusetts) Fund (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.

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 Francis Drake School, as well as the New England Graduate Accounting Studies.

Allen & Barbara Rome Fund (2015) - This is an endowed fund to benefit the communities of North Central Massachusetts.

AOTV Reserved Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to further the mission of Athol-Orange Community Television.

Ashburnham Conservation Trust Land Defense Fund (2017) - This fund is established to ensure that ACT (Ashburnham Conservation Trust Land Defense Fund) has resources in accordance with Land Trust Alliance requirements for the purpose of defending our Conservation Restrictions and Fee-owned properties.


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

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

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

Aubuchon Foundation Fund (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.

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

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

Bert Tomkins Award Fund (2013) - The purpose of the fund will be to allow for an annual award to be given to one or more staff member(s) who exemplify the mission, vision and culture of LUK in a way representative of what Bert Tomkins was most touched by upon learning of management staff’s decision to take an effective pay cut in order to balance the budget rather than further reduce services during a difficult economic time in a particular past year.

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

Bill Mehr Sport Parachuting Memorial Fund (2013) - 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 in Orange, Massachusetts. The memorial site was constructed in 2006 and recognizes the location of the 1962 World Sport Parachuting Championship that was held there and also memorializes pioneers and friends of the sport.
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 (2009) - Established to provide a permanent endowment to support operations of the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts.

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


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

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

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

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.

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.

CFNCM 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.

CFNCM Endowed Fund for Critical Needs (2012) - Created to support critical needs programs.

CFNCM General Endowment Fund (2001) - This and the regional endowment funds have been established to respond to a wide range of community needs. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation’s program experts to respond to the community’s most pressing needs, today and tomorrow. In addition, donors can target their gift to a specific region that can accept gifts of any size.

CFNCM Organizational Fund for Non-Profits Fund (2012) - Created to support capacity building of nonprofit organizations.

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

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

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

Clinton First Partnership Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the charitable work of Clinton First Partnership.

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

CTE STAR (Success Through Alliances & Resources) (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to perpetuate the mission of Leominster’s Center for Technical Education Innovation (CTE).

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

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

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

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

Doyle Endowment for the Benefit of Doyle Field Fund (2009) - The fund will help provide for the maintenance and upkeep of Doyle Field in Leominster.
Funds at the Community Foundation

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Fitchburg Public School Education Foundation Fund** (2015) - This fund was created to benefit and enhance the education provided in the Fitchburg Public Schools.

**Fitchburg Public School Extra Curricular Fund** (2008) - A fund that will support after school programs for Fitchburg youth.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Footsteps to Brilliance Fund** (2017) - Gifts and grants to Fitchburg Public Schools Footsteps to Brilliance will support the community as a whole for the Footsteps2Brilliance®

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

**Friends of Lunenburg Library Endowment Fund** (2003) - This fund was established to benefit the Lunenburg Public Library.

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

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

**Friends of Townsend Seniors** (2016) - This fund was established to benefit the Friends of the Townsend Seniors.

**Fund for Advancement and Community Enhancement in Townsend (FACET)** (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to assist Townsend residents in need.

**GAAAFSN Fund** (2011) - 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.

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

**Gerald E. Bieler Memorial Endowment Fund** (2011) - This fund was established to benefit the Nashua Valley Council Boy Scouts of America.

**Gregory E. Reeves Memorial Fund** (2016) - This fund was established to memorialize Gregory Reeves and to support the charitable interests of the donor.

**Gregory Reeves Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2016) - This fund supports annual scholarships awarded to North Middlesex Regional High School seniors.

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

**Growing Places Growth Fund** (2017) - Growing Places’ mission is to inspire and connect North Central Mass.’ residents to create equitable access to healthy food through education, collaboration and sustainable practices.

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

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

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

Hutner-Losert Fund (2016) - To further the charitable interest of the fundholder.


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

Jewish Community Center of Fitchburg and Leominster Fund (2017) - The purpose of the fund is to further the work of the Jewish Community Center of Fitchburg and Leominster.

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

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


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.

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

Lunenburg Historical Society Fund (2017) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of the Lunenburg Historical Society.

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

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

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

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

Michael and Kim DiGeronimo Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to further the charitable interest of the donor.

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

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

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

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.

MindSetGO Foundation Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the charitable work of MindSetGO.

MLAA Chandler Fund (2016) - The MLAA Chandler Fund will be used for scholarships for graduate library science students and continuing education for staff at qualifying libraries.

MLAA Miller Fund (2016) - The purpose of the MLAA Miller Fund will support the staff of the Stevens Memorial Library, Ashburnham, Mass.

Montachusett Home Care Corporation Fund (2008) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of the Montachusett Home Care Corporation.

Montachusett Home Care Corporation - Long Term Fund (2008) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of the Montachusett Home Care Corporation.

Montachusett Home Care Corporation/Eileen & Edward McCaffrey Memorial Fund (2014) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of the Montachusett Home Care Corporation.

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

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

**Narragansett Historical Society Fund** (2016) - To further the mission of the Narragansett Historical Society in Templeton, Mass.

**Nashoba Regional Endowment Fund** (2007) - This fund was established to provide a permanent source of funds that are available to respond to a wide range of community needs in the Nashoba Valley Region.

**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.

**Nashoba Valley Professional Health Care Education Fund** (2006) - This fund was established to support professional education of employees of health care facilities, which includes nurses and technicians, in the Nashoba region.


**Nashua River Watershed Association Wellspring Endowment Fund** (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.

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

**New England Orchestra Endowment Fund** (2006) - This fund was established to benefit the New England Symphony Orchestra and the Community Music School.

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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


**Reserve Fund of Lunenburg Historical Society** (2018) - The purpose of the fund is to further the work of the Lunenburg Historical Society.

**Richard W. Nobile Operational Fund** (2016) - The fund was established to provide a permanent source of support to further the work the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

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

**Ronald M. Ansin Fund** (2002) - To support the charitable interests of the donor.

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

Sam Pawlak Community Playground Fund (2016) - The Sam Pawlak Community Playground will be built at Coolidge Park in Fitchburg, Mass. The playground will have wheelchair accessibility and easy transfer equipment. It will also include a variety of sensory experiences for those children with intellectual impairment, autism, and visual limitations.

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

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


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

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

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.

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

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

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

Stratton Players Rebuilding MT Fund (2017) - To raise funds to renovate and maintain ‘Lucy’s Barn’ as the new home for Stratton Players, Inc.

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

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

Princeton Historical Society Fund (2016) - The purpose of the fund is to benefit the work of the Princeton Historical Society.

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

The Stockbridge Fund (2018) - The Stockbridge Fund supports the mission of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the Umass-Amherst campus. In the absence of the Stockbridge school, the annuity will be used for agriculture within the United States.

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

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.”

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

Twin Cities Rail Trail Association Fund (2018) - Established for the maintenance and care of the rail trail in Fitchburg and Leominster.

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.

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

UWNCM Permanent Endowment Fund (2017) - The purpose of the fund is to further the work of United Way of North Central Massachusetts.

Valuing Our Children Fund (2004) - This fund was established to maintain funds to benefit Valuing Our Children in Athol, Massachusetts.

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


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

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

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.”

Zeke Finch Land Fund (2017) - The purpose of fund is so Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts can purchase land for building new homes.
Scholarship Funds

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

Captain Christopher Sullivan Scholarship Fund (2012) - This fund was established to provide scholarship aid to students from Princeton, Mass. who have completed their first year of college.

Carl W. Proctor Scholarship and Prize Fund (2011) - This fund was established to provide scholarships and prizes to graduating Seniors of Lunenburg 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Estelle R. Ford Future Nurses Scholarship Fund (2016) - The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to student(s) entering their third year of a nursing program at a local college and who has the desire and dedication to serve individuals in the City of Gardner and surrounding areas.

Fitchburg Public School Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund (2015) - To provide funds for scholarships for applicants who are City of Fitchburg residents and graduates 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, governementally accredited training programs, governementally 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Scholarship Funds

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.


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

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

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

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

Sterilite Scholars Fund for Fitchburg State College (2009) - This fund was established as a permanent endowment to provide scholarships and/or support related services to selected undergraduate students of Fitchburg State College.

Sterilite Scholarship and Student Success Fund to the benefit of MWCC (2009) - This fund was established to provide scholarships and/or support related services to selected students of Mount Wachusett Community College.

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.
A Personal Legacy of Giving

Bequest by Will

Including a charitable bequest in your will is a simple way to make a lasting gift to your community. When you make this gift through the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, we establish a fund that benefits the community forever, adheres to donor intent, and becomes your personal legacy of giving.

How it works

- You include the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts in your will as a bequest; we can help you or your attorney with recommended language.
- You determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift.
- Upon your death, we set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- Your charitable gift is excluded from your assets for estate tax purposes.
- Our professional program staff considers your charitable wishes and determines the areas of community needs that would be most impacted by grants from your gift.
- Our board issues grants in the name of the fund you establish (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- We handle all the administrative details.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.
Financials 2017-18

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Grantmaking for 2017-2018

| Grants made from the Foundation’s General Endowment Funds | $509,395 |
| Grants made from Donor Advised, Designated, Scholarship & Other Funds | $3,273,423 |

Total Grants $3,782,818

Funds of the Community Foundation

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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.

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