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NASHOBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FUND AWARDS 14 GRANTS TOTALING NEARLY \$150,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 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.

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About

Founded in 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) improves the quality of life in Greater Lowell by building philanthropic resources, connecting donors to nonprofit organizations and programs they care about, making effective grants, and providing leadership to address community issues. For more information, please visit www.glcfoundatiuon.org

The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts was created in 2001 to serve the charitable interest of donors in Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Ayer, Barre, Bolton, Clinton, Devens, Erving, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Lunenburg, New Salem, Orange, Pepperell, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Shirley, Sterling, Templeton, Townsend, Warwick, Wendell, Westminster and Winchendon. For more information, see www.cfncm.org.

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