ANNUAL REPORT
2021

Community Resilience
2021 was a transformational year for the foundation. GLCF saw record growth, implemented a new strategic plan and continued to be awed by our donors, partners and staff who rose to meet the unprecedented challenges of the year.

WE STOOD TOGETHER

At a time when we were required to stay apart to keep ourselves, our families, our friends, and neighbors safe, our community of civic and nonprofit partners and donors found innovative ways to collaborate. In 2021, we partnered with local government and regional funders to create a series of COVID-19 grant opportunities across our 21 communities. These funds provided rapid relief grants to nonprofits supporting the people and communities hit hardest by the impacts of COVID-19.

WE STOOD FIRM IN OUR COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY

GLCF’s vision foresees a thriving community with opportunity for everyone, but we know this vision cannot be realized until we have eradicated systemic bias. In June 2020, we launched our Racial Equity Action fund, along with a multi-year Racial Equity and Inclusion funding focus, to address disparities and to advance equitable solutions and opportunities.

WE WELcomed NEW NEIGHBORS TO GREATER LOWELL

In times of humanitarian need, GLCF gives where it is most needed in the community. As Afghan refugees and evacuees arrived in 2021, the GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund supported area nonprofits providing critical support needed to welcome and resettle our new neighbors.

Thank you for inspiring us and for joining us in building a better Greater Lowell together.
2021 by the #s

- $7,043,986 gifts received from donors
- $3,996,435 distributed to 280 nonprofits
- $329,281 in scholarships were awarded to 273 students from 393 scholarships
- 414 endowed funds
- $59,223,650 total assets

ABOUT GLCF

Established in 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) is a philanthropic organization comprised of more than 400 funds dedicated to improving the quality of life in 21 neighboring cities and towns. With financial assets of more than $59 million, GLCF annually awards grants and scholarships to hundreds of worthy nonprofits and students. The generosity of our donors has enabled the Community Foundation to award more than $25 million to the Greater Lowell community.

2021 GRANT + SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS

In 2021, $4.3 million was distributed to Greater Lowell nonprofits to improve the quality of life.

- 44.7% Human Services
- 10% Health
- 9% Food Security
- 8.9% Education
- 7.7% Scholarships (Awarded)
- 7.3% Community and Economic Development
- 5.3% Arts and Culture
- 3.9% Other
- 3% Youth & Families Social Services
2021 List of Grantees

In 2021, GLCF increased unrestricted funding, created a less burdensome grant application, and worked to clarify our evaluation process and criteria to respond to nonprofit feedback. We look forward to building on this progress and growing our collective impact in Greater Lowell.

ARTS & CULTURE
Cambodian American Literary Arts Association
Discovery Museum, Inc.
Free Soil Arts Collective Fiscal Sponsor
Lowell Art Association, Inc.dba Whistler House Museum of Art
Lowell Chamber Orchestra
Refuge Art School
We Are America Project

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
Able To Serve-New England, Inc.
Billerica Community Pantry, Inc.
Boston Area Gleaners
Central Food Ministry, Inc.
Chelmsford Community Exchange
Dwelling House of Hope
Eliot Presbyterian Church
End 68 hours of hunger
Gaining Ground, Inc.
Leaving the Streets, Inc.
Littleton Community Farm, Inc.
Living Water Fellowship
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Mass Audubon Society, Inc.
Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc.
Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.
Mill City Grows
Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc.
OARS, Inc.
Open Pantry of Greater Lowell
Open Table, Inc.
People Helping People, Inc.
Pepperell Aid from Community to Home (PACH Outreach)
St. Paul's Soup Kitchen, Inc.
Stone Soup Kitchen at Living Waters Fellowship
Westford Food Pantry

COMMUNITY & CIVIC
City of Lowell
Lowell Sun Charities, Inc.
Lowell Telecommunications Corporation
Northeast Legal Aid, Inc.
Project Citizenship
Roberto Clemente Little League
THRIVE Communities of Massachusetts
Town of Chelmsford

EDUCATION & YOUTH
Aaron’s Presents
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica, Inc.
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg
Building Audacity
Children’s Dyslexia Center-Boston North
Elevate New England, Inc.
Fortaleza, Inc.
Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Inc.
Girlstart
Hellenic American Academy
Kids in Tech, Inc.
Middlesex Community College Foundation
Parent Teacher Organization of the Pawtucketville Memorial School
Project LEARN, Inc.
Raising A Reader (RAR-MA Inc.)
Reach Out and Read, Inc.
Roudenbush Community Center, Inc.
Tewksbury Public Library
United Methodist Action Reach Out in Mission by Youth

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Adolescent Consultation Services
Advocates
Alternative House, Inc.
Ashby Fire and EMS (Town of Ashby)
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. (CMAA)
Carlisle Council on Aging
Catie’s Closet, Inc
Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
Clear Path for Veterans New England
Coalition for a Better Acre Community Teamwork, Inc.
Cultivate Care Farms
Dignity Matters, Inc
Doctor Franklin Perkins School
D’Youville Foundation
Greater Lowell Family YMCA
Greater Lowell Health Alliance
Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, Inc
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell
Health Law Advocates, Inc.
Hope Dove, Inc.
House of Hope, Inc.
Incompass Human Services
International Institute of New England
Joe B. Moore Foundation
Kings Ferry Church
Lawyer’s Dream Foundation
Lowell General Hospital
Lowell House, Inc.
Lowell Transitional Living Center, Inc.
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
Megan House Foundation, Inc.
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership
Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc.
Mission of Deeds, Inc.
NFI MA, Inc.
North Star Family Services, Inc.
Operation Delta Dog
Our Father’s House
PCEA Neema Church, Inc.
Power of Flowers Project
Project Home Again
Provision Ministry, Inc.
Rise Above Foundation, Inc.
Sankofa Support Services, Inc.
Sisters of Charity of Ottawa
Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Tewksbury
The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.
The Phoenix
Thom Anne Sullivan Center
Townsend Ecumenical Outreach, Inc.
Troubled Waters, Inc.
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc.
VNA Care Network, Inc.
Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, Inc.
Westford Council on Aging

YWCA of Lowell
## 2021 Statement of Financial Position

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The goal of the Foundation's investment program is to preserve and enhance the value of donor gifts, maintain capital for the future, and meet community needs today. To accomplish this goal, we sustain a diversified portfolio overseen by multiple managers.

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## Founding Donors

The generous support of private foundations is essential to furthering our work in the community. We appreciatively acknowledge our founding Foundations: The Theodore Edson Parker Foundation (Moses Greeley Parker Foundation and Mary Greeley Parker Morrison Foundation) for their initial and continued support. Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust Fund, and Massachusetts Environmental Trust.
As COVID-19 has exacerbated food insecurity all around the region, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) has made it a priority to help the hungry put more healthy food on the table. By providing recent grants to two local organizations — Mill City Grows in Lowell, and Gaining Ground in Concord — GLCF is improving community access to organic fruits and vegetables during the pandemic through its COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund grants.

“These incredible nonprofit partners aim to increase the quality and quantity of fresh produce available to emergency-food programs in Greater Lowell,” said Jay Linnehan, GLCF President & CEO. “The foundation recognizes the unprecedented need during this pandemic to address the food insecurity in our community and fund creative solutions to get healthy food options to residents.”

GLCF continues to target the lack of nutritious food, especially after its recent survey of Greater Lowell nonprofits revealed that one of their top three needs was improved food quality — specifically better-quality fresh produce, as well as culturally sensitive food options, explained Jennifer Aradhya, GLCF’s Vice President of Marketing, Programs & Strategy.

“Access to healthy, local food is as much about social justice as it is about health,” said Aradhya. “The two organizations that received these grants have a proven track record of providing nutritious options to under-served families who want a healthier lifestyle for their future.”

Feeding the hungry, as well as addressing the larger issues of unequal access to healthy food, are what drive Mill City Grows and Gaining Ground. Even though the pandemic has forced both organizations to modify operations, they are more committed than ever to growing and delivering organic fruits and vegetables to local food pantries, mobile markets, farm shares and individuals unable to leave their homes.

“Food pantries need sources of fresh produce,” explained Jennifer Johnson, Executive Director of Gaining Ground, a three-acre, nonprofit organic farm in Concord. “If you think about it, most of the food gathered in church and school food-drives consists of canned goods. Too often, the produce donated to food pantries is past peak or damaged.

“At Gaining Ground, we donate 100 percent of our produce so we don’t have to make a distinction between what we sell and what we donate. And all the food we donate is top-quality, fresh and beautiful.”

- Jennifer Johnson,
Executive Director, Gaining Ground

Mariah Notini of Lowell, MA, packs up two truckloads of squash harvested at the Mill City Grows Urban Farm in Lowell.
Founded more than 25 years ago, Gaining Ground normally uses volunteers to work its fields and hoop houses, explained Johnson. But last summer, no volunteers were allowed on site, due to COVID-19 health restrictions. Nevertheless, by hiring extra staff, the farm harvested and donated more than 127,000 pounds of fresh produce to organizations in Ayer, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord and Westford, as well as other outlets in greater Boston. “That's the equivalent to 509,000 individual servings,” said Johnson.

Serving those who work and live in Lowell, Mill City Grows was founded 10 years ago following a city-wide food assessment, explained Executive Director Jessica Wilson. “What we learned from that survey was that most people in Lowell know they should be eating five or more servings of fresh fruits and vegetables per day,” said Wilson. “But many don’t because they don’t live near stores that sell produce — or because prices for fresh fruits and vegetables are prohibitively high.

“Mill City Grows wants the community to have more access to fresh produce,” she said. “We want it to be affordable, and, when possible, we want to grow it in Lowell. We also want it to reflect the cultures our residents come from.”

With its four Lowell farms, plus 20 community and school gardens, Mill City Grows produced more than 40,000 pounds of fresh produce last year, despite mandated COVID-19 restrictions on volunteers. The group also distributes organic produce purchased from local farms and other growers around the state.

Through no-cost weekly farm shares, Mill City Grows offered fresh produce to 150 families last summer, and another 62 over the winter, Wilson explained. More than 5,000 pounds of produce were donated directly to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. The group also trains people to grow their own organic food in community plots, and offers cooking classes to teach families how to incorporate more fresh produce into meals.

“There is a very high rate of diabetes in Lowell — much higher than in surrounding towns — according to the Greater Lowell Health Alliance,” said Wilson. “When new immigrants come to the U.S., their diet often changes radically — and not always for the better.”

Mill City Grows varies what it grows every year. “Basically, we take recommendations from people in the community,” said Wilson. “One year, we grew five different varieties of eggplant, another year we grew a lot of daikon radish. In our hoop houses we grow ginger and turmeric, which are popular spices in Southeast Asian cuisine.”

“If it can be grown in this climate, we do our best to make it happen,” she said.

Graining Ground also alters what is planed based on community feedback, according to Johnson. “Coronavirus hasn’t changed what we grow, but we always ask our partners what people like,” she said. ■

### Mill Markets Partnership

In 2021, as part of the GLCF Youth Food Insecurity funding, the Foundation in partnership with Catie’s Closet and The Merrimack Valley Food Bank is funding the creation of five school-based food pantries in Lowell Public Schools.

GLCF funded the creation of the following five Mill Markets: Lowell High School (B House), Bartlett School, Freshman Academy at Lowell High School, Frederic T. Greenhalge Elementary School, and Joseph G. Pyne Arts Magnet School.

Future Mill Market sites are being considered, reach out to GLCF at 978-970-1600 to support this initiative or to learn more.
Community Resilience:

Racial Equity & Inclusion

GLCF racial equity grants collectively work toward creating a better quality of life for all Greater Lowell residents and supporting local nonprofits providing essential programs and services.

Racial Equity Grants - Year 2

- $15,000 for Free Soil Arts Collective’s Cookie Referendum by Raysam Donkoh-Halm
- $15,000 for Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership’s Expanding Down Payment Assistance to improve equity in homeownership opportunities
- $10,000 for Project LEARN’s Students Making Change
- $15,000 for Coalition for a Better Acre’s Youth-led DEI Training
- $15,000 for Mill City Grows’ Lowell Food Policy Council
- $15,000 for The Center for Hope and Healing’s Supporting Wellness of Young Black Women
- $15,000 for Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell’s Advancement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy
- $5,000 for Merrimack Repertory Theatre’s Amplifying Voices of Khmer Theatre Artists and Serving Lowell’s Khmer Community

Afghan Resettlement Fund

With an influx of new refugees from Afghanistan arriving in Greater Lowell, GLCF created the Afghan Resettlement Fund in 2021 to support nonprofits helping ensure those in need are welcomed and connected with housing, employment, transportation, food, acculturation, and other related support.

2021 Afghan Resettlement Grants

Recipients of grants from the GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund include:

- Aaron’s Presents (Andover) – $2,500 to fund projects for Afghan refugee families
- Andover Islamic Center – $11,000 for Afghan refugee clothing, technology, assistance with resume writing, career placement, and transportation in Lowell
- International Institute of New England (Lowell) – $10,000 for Afghan Resettlement
- Mill City Grows – $5,000 for ROOT Kitchen to cook, prep and pack traditional Afghan meals.
- Open Table, Inc. (Maynard) – $11,500 for Afghan Groceries Program in Greater Lowell
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security – $2,300 for filing fees for humanitarian parole
2021 GLCF COVID-19 Response

150+ grants distributed to local nonprofits from GLCF’s COVID-19 Fund

100+ nonprofits received funding from GLCF’s COVID-19 Response Fund

$1.8 million in grants distributed from GLCF’s COVID-19 Response Fund

2021 COVID-19 GRANTS
Since March 2020, the GLCF COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund and the Massachusetts COVID Relief Fund, the foundation has distributed over $5 million. In 2021, GLCF distributed $1.8 million in grants to fund:

- 62.6% Human Services
- 14.4% Food Security
- 11.6% Health
- 5% Youth & Families Social Services
- 2.7% Education
- 1.8% Other
- 1.4% Arts and Culture
- .6% Community & Economic Dev.

GLCF COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants were distributed to all 21 GLCF communities served
community investment 🏅

2021 Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the generous community-minded individuals, families and organizations who gave to GLCF funds.

$25,000+
Barr Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blount
Community Teamwork, Inc.
Mr. Daniel J. Donahue
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Donahue
Nancy Dubner Estate
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Duncan
Enterprise Bank
Fidelity Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Herscot
Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union
Klarman Family Foundation
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Lowell Plan, Inc.
Mrs. Shelagh E. Mahoney
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Inc.
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership, Inc.
Red Hat, Inc.
Richard K. and Nancy L. Donahue Charitable Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rowley
Theodore Edson Parker Foundation
Miriam Shaw Fund

$2,000 to $4,999
Acre Family Child Care
Mr. and Mrs. William Barnstead, Jr.
Central Plaza Realty, LLC
Ms. Danielle M. Chandonnet
Chelmsford Business Association, Inc.
Cobblestones Restaurant dba ATP Restaurant, Inc.
Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts
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Ms. Christine L. Edwards
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Massachusetts Cultural Council
Massachusetts Housing Community Services
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Middlesex Community College
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Moses Greeley Parker Lectures
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Rhodes Remodeling, LLC
Roberts & Ryan Investments, Inc.
Rogers Hall Corporation
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Mr. and Mrs. Nalin M. Shah
Studio 26 Associates
Tomo360, LLC
Ms. Nicola S. Tsongas
Venerable Insurance & Annuity Company
Mrs. Nancy Weems Humphrey

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Accutronics, Inc.
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Col. and Mrs. Alan E. Babigan
Mr. Arthur Barlas
Beim Foundation
Boch Honda West
Bon Marche Trust
Cafe 12
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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chandonnet
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Mrs. Dorothy Chen-Courtin
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Mrs. Grace R. Conway
Mrs. Brenda J. Costello
Ms. Janet M. Cramb

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Advanced Cultivators, LLC
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Digital Federal Credit Union
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Mrs. Carol S. Duncan
Eastern Salt Company, Inc.
GarMark Partners
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Lowell Five
Mrs. Suzanne McHugh Piscitello
Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. O’Connor
Dr. Akhilesh Sastry and Dr. Deeptha Sastry
Trinity E.M.S., Inc.
Western Ave Studios Artist Association

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Manning School of Business  
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Mill City Environmental Corporation  
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Parlee Farms, LLC  
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Mr. Thomas M. Reichheld  
and Dr. Joanne Buononano  
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Mr. and Mrs. Terry W. Robinson  
Mr. Jerald P. Ross  
Mr. Brian M. Rys  
Mrs. Analise Saab Brown  
and Mr. David Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Sayer  
Mr. Anthony D. Scrima  
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Sompal, Inc./Store 38  
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UMass Lowell  
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Vinfen Corporation  
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Walmart  
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. White  
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Mr. Simon Andrews  
Angkor Monastery  
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Anstiss & Co., PC  
Athenian Corner Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.  
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Ms. Andrea Batchelder  
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan R. Bateson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Biga  
Boulay Law Firm, LLC  
Brett A. Tully Scholarship Fund  
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Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs During COVID

As local nonprofits began reporting their vulnerable clients were suffering ill effects from mandated isolation due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) responded by awarding a series of grants to help address social- and emotional-health issues.

When COVID-19 hit, the children and adults with disabilities at Concord’s Minute Man Arc for Human Services, and Seven Hills Pediatric Center in Groton, were suddenly cut off from family and friends. Both nonprofits received GLCF grants to purchase iPads to enable their clients to communicate with loved ones and outside professionals.

“The pandemic’s required social isolation and resulting loneliness have left our community with potentially serious mental- and physical-health consequences,” said Jay Linnehan, GLCF President & CEO. “Funding nonprofits’ innovative methods to connect clients with friends, family, health-care providers, and even remote social services, provides much needed emotional support during this difficult time.”

GLCF helped Minute Man Arc for Human Services (MMAHS) purchase 25 iPads that were distributed to clients living in eight group homes, according to Stephanie Parish, Chief Development Officer.

MMAHS provides lifelong care to 850 children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Bedford, Carlisle, Concord and Littleton, and the surrounding area.

“We’re very big on community inclusion and activities such as working and volunteering,” said Parish. “Lockdown has been a bitter pill for our clients. It’s very isolating to be at home.”

Prior to COVID, she explained, clients living in group homes would come to the MMAHS program site in Concord five days a week to receive physical therapy, attend classes and recreational activities, or travel to job sites.

“We had to curtail all those in-person services in mid-March,” said Parish. “Very quickly we rearranged our classes to an online format, but it became apparent that the technology in our group homes was insufficient for day-long programming.”

Now, when our clients bring up a class on their iPads, they can see their friends again. It has been really critical to their well being.”

- Stephanie Parish
Minute Man Arc for Human Services

Some group homes have as many as seven adults living there, Parish explained, so trying to crowd everyone around one tablet just wasn’t working. “This grant helped us to immediately expand and improve our programs. Our clients are now Zooming on their iPads.”

MMAHS provides virtual programs like educational classes, yoga and aerobics, plus recreational activities like bingo and -- everyone’s favorite – musical sing-a-longs, said Parish. Children living at Seven Hills Pediatric Center
GLCF awarded $250K to address Mental Health Needs

GLCF’s mental health grants were determined through a competitive process with community members serving on the selection committee. GLCF solicited applications from nonprofits and local programs addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health in Greater Lowell.

- Adolescent Consultation Services – $15,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell for Youth Services – $20,000
- Budget Buddies – $10,000
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell (CMAA) – $20,000
- The Center for Hope and Healing – $20,000
- Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI) – $20,000
- Elevate New England – $10,000
- Health Law Advocates – $15,000
- Lowell Community Health Center for Teen BLOCK – $20,000
- Lowell Council on Aging – $15,000
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) – $15,000
- Operation Delta Dog – $15,000
- The Phoenix for Community – $10,000
- Rise Above Foundation – $15,000
- Troubled Waters – $10,000
- Wayside Youth & Family Support Network – $15,000
- Westford Council on Aging – $3,750

have also benefitted from a GLCF grant to purchase five iPads, plus five tall standers to hold the devices, according to Elizabeth Vittum, Assistant Vice President of Development for the Seven Hills Foundation.

An 83-bed skilled nursing center in Groton, Seven Hills serves profoundly disabled and medically complex children, explained Vittum. “All our residents are non-ambulatory, the majority range in age from infancy up to 22, and all are under the cognitive age of 24 months.”

In March, when COVID-19 began spreading, the facility had to completely lock down, she said. Families were not allowed to visit, and children had to remain in their rooms and on their floors.

“That not only impacted our residents’ emotional health, but added to the trauma of families who suddenly couldn’t visit their children,” explained Monica Kleeman, Seven Hills’ Director of Education.

“Now, we’re using iPads to connect children with their families again. We’re doing 125 FaceTime calls per week.”

The iPads have become a huge part of Seven Hills’ residents’ lives, said Kleeman, and the staff is getting more and more creative about how to use the devices. For example, they recently added an iPad to a traveling coffee cart set up to deliver snacks and coffee to staff in their offices.

“Now we’re doing virtual visits with our coffee deliveries,” said Kleeman. “We put one iPad in the room with a resident, and another iPad on the coffee cart. The children in the rooms can interact with and see staff while the cart makes its rounds.” They are also increasingly using iPads for resident-to-resident visits, so the children can see their friends, she said.

“We’ve all learned so much and embrace technology so much more now,” said Vittum. “These iPads have really changed the way we run our programs.”
Fiscal sponsorship provides a valuable tool for charitable entrepreneurs to realize their vision by working with an established charity that takes in tax-deductible donations and private foundation grants to fund their charitable activities. GLCF supports the following Fiscal Sponsorships:

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- Kerouac Centennial
- Leaders in Lowell
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- Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race
- Lowell Police Youth Services Program
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- Lowell Walks
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- Rachel Morrison Memorial
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- Refugee and Immigrant Support and Engagement
- We Are America Project
- Westford Family FunFest
- Women Accelerators
- Women Working Wonders Events

On October 13, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation hosted their Annual Celebrate Giving event at UTEC with performances by Lowell Chamber Orchestra, Free Soil Arts Collective and the We Are America Project with a keynote from San San Wong, Director of Arts & Creativity, Barr Foundation. The emcee for the evening was Sophan Smith, Exec. Director of EforAll Lowell.
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