Financial Profile

Unconditional Promise to Give 639,236

Total Assets 17,545,406

Other Programs 22,334

• Lowell Catholic High School Memorial Scholarship Fund
• The Fund for Lowell Catholic High School

Graduates learn to recognizing the need for, and value of, serving become contributing citizens to their local and global communities.

Established in 1989, Lowell Catholic High School, now a xaverian Brothers Sponsored School, is a private, college prepatory institution, enrolling young

We are proud to be working with Headmaster William Samaras who has continued to been created by generous donors and past LHS graduates. During this time, over 900 graduating

Area Nonprofit Community Groups – focused exclusively on the Greater Lowell/Merrimack

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Who we are

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell Endowment Fund

Anita Moeller Endowment Fund for Acre Family Day Care, Inc.

MAPS Lowell Office Fund

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell Endowment Fund

Coalition for a Better Acre Endowment Fund

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm Endowment Fund

Top of the Hill Fund $8,000

For the Mobile Pantry Program

Ehlers - Danlos National Foundation

Lowell High School - New Rep on Tour production - “Of Mice

Lowell High School - Mechanical Dual Energy Source (Hybrid) Cars

Joann Weber Charitable Fund $15,000

Moonan Family Fund $1,350

For the Dept of Civil & Environmental Engineering Watershed Fund

New England Forestry Foundation, Inc.

Toxics Use Reduction Institute

Thoreau Farm Trust, Inc.

Revolving Museum, Inc.

Paintings by Giavis, Inc.

Whistler House Arts Fund $503

Nashua River Watershed Association

Zaher-Lacouture-Galotta Family Fund $263

Intrepid Foundation

Looking forward. Giving back!

...is more than just a trendy phrase to us. At the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, we strive to anticipate the needs of our community and help our neighbors through philanthropic deeds and an infectious spirit of giving and goodwill.

With us are

Founded in 1997, the Community Foundation is the leading philanthropic organization in the Greater Lowell and Merrimack Valley area. The Foundation serves twenty five area communities providing our leadership, funding for nonprofit and community organizations, and is a trusted advisor and facilitator for donors. Since its inception, the Foundation has focused on improving the quality of life for the people in the communities we serve.

Our work draws strength and value from a wide range of regional needs for charities, community groups and area students through academic scholarships and charitable foundations.

As a tax exempt, public charitable organization, we at the Greater Lowell Community Foundation take our role as the voice of, and champion for Philanthropy in our community very seriously, and strive to always provide an effective and reliable channel for helping the community. The Foundation provides services in four general areas: Personal Philanthropic Services for Donors – including fund creation, growth and advice; Partnerships with Area Nonprofit Organizations – including connecting donors to relevant funds; Grant Awards to Area Nonprofit Community Groups – focused exclusively on the Greater Lowell/Merrimack Valley Region; and Scholarships & Continuing Education Assistance for area students.

How we work

People give THROUGH the Foundation - not TO the Foundation. The Foundation provides a secure and trusted vehicle for anyone who gives back to the community through charitable fund creation. Because we work for the community, we know the nonprofit landscape, we understand the needs of the communities we serve, we address a wide range of initiatives from education, hunger, and the environment, to youth and family services, homelessness, healthcare and arts & culture, to name just a few. By promoting awareness of community needs, programs and resources, we’re in the best position to partner with donors to make philanthropic funds available, assist charities with fulfilling their needs, and most importantly, improving the quality of life in our community.

Working together with community leaders and neighbors, we will strengthen the capacity of our community for genuine and lasting change.

Looking forward. Giving back!

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The past year has been an exceptional one for the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. We’ve continued to make great progress on all fronts and warmly thank all those involved – from our ever-growing philanthropic donor community, to our almost three dozen nonprofit partnerships – we all continue to work together to make a difference in the community. As we celebrate the past year, we look forward to the one ahead – striving to continue to help those in need and improving the lives of the people in our region. Hence, our mission, “Looking Forward. Giving Back!”

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, Inc.
www.lowelllandtrust.org

The Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust (LPCT) believes that people can be a positive force toward improving the environment in which they live if they feel a connection and responsibility for the land on which they live. They believe that the greatest opportunities for making environmental improvements are in the city. Their mission is to improve the quality of life of people through the conservation, creation and preservation of parks, open space and special places for visitors.

Coalition for a Better Acre, Inc.
www.coalitionforabetteracre.org

The Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) is a membership based community development corporation dedicated to resident empowerment and sustainable community revitalization for current and future residents of Lowell. They promote healthy, vibrant neighborhoods by developing resident leaders, affordable housing and economic opportunities, and by responding to community needs through collective action.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell
www.girlsinclowell.org

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Through creative programs in a safe and nurturing environment, they strive to teach the independence and personal responsibility girls need to succeed. They believe growing up is serious business, so they provide quality enrichment programs after school, during summer and holiday breaks, for girls between the ages of 5 and 18.

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley
www.supportunitedway.org

United Way was built on the belief that together, we can accomplish more than any individual or organization can alone. They’re bringing together the hearts, hands and minds of our region to make it the best place in the country for children and families. It’s a big goal - a brighter vision of the future shared by individuals of all backgrounds and experiences. Lend yours to the movement. United, there’s nothing we can’t do.

The Jericho Road Project
www.jerichoroadproject.org

The Jericho Road Project bridges communities by matching the professional talents of volunteers with the needs of community-based nonprofit organizations and businesses to promote community development, strengthen social services, and enrich the lives of volunteers. Jericho Road’s approach to a community is pro-active (they seek out business and try to anticipate and address emerging problems or opportunities); holistic (they define our service offerings by the many different needs of our clients) and long-term (they create a permanent connection between two communities and the people who live in them).

Women Working Wonders Fund
www.womengreaterlowell.org

Founded and funded by women, the Women Working Wonders Fund, was created in 2004 by a group of passionate women who believed in the power of philanthropy to meet the needs and goals of women and girls in this community. The Fund focuses its grant program in three key areas: to assist women in transition; to provide leadership development for women; to contribute to the beautification of the environment. An active leadership committee has worked hard to enhance the fund itself through donations and fund raising events such as the hugely successful “Runway for Charity” fashion shows and has raised over $230,000 to date. Through the power of collective philanthropy, The Women Working Fund brings women together to take advantage of their unique power to effect positive change and help shape the future of the Greater Lowell community.

Take a moment to read about some of the partners we’ve worked closely with this year. It’s difficult to highlight only six organizations from the thirty five we work with throughout the year, but we’ve selected the organizations below to demonstrate what can be accomplished in our community when people come together to help one another! Again, thanks to all involved, without you none of this is possible!