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2020



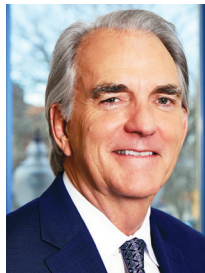
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Meeting the Moment of 2020



When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation saw that our most vulnerable neighbors were in trouble. We did what we do best – we helped our community. To meet the moment, GLCF established the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to support low-income and marginalized people in our region who faced incredibly complex challenges.

Our community rallied to support this fund and help out neighbors in need. One of the more memorable donations included a note from a family in Westford who donated the proceeds from their neighborhood yard sale “to help families or individuals who have suffered from the COVID outbreak.” Others shared notes of encouragement: “These are moments when we all need to pull together.” We read every word and shared them with the team - it kept us going and challenged us to do even more.

Additionally, we saw our nonprofit partners step up in countless ways during the pandemic. Within this annual report, we have highlighted some of their work. The innovative ways our nonprofit partners pivoted within an ever-changing environment to continue serving others was so inspiring.

In 2020, through grants from its GLCF COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund and the Massachusetts COVID Relief Fund, the foundation has supported 105 local nonprofit organizations with more than 190 grants totaling over \$2.9 million. Grants funding was distributed to all 20 GLCF communities served.

Our team of six is so proud to live in this community. We are so much stronger together.

Thank you for your support.

Jay Linnehan
President and CEO



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2020 by the #s

- **\$6,609,560** gifts received from donors
- **\$4,436,213** million distributed to **269** nonprofits
- **\$557,129** in scholarships were awarded to **277** students from **404** Scholarships
- **389** endowed funds
- **\$50,953,660** million total assets

ABOUT GLCF

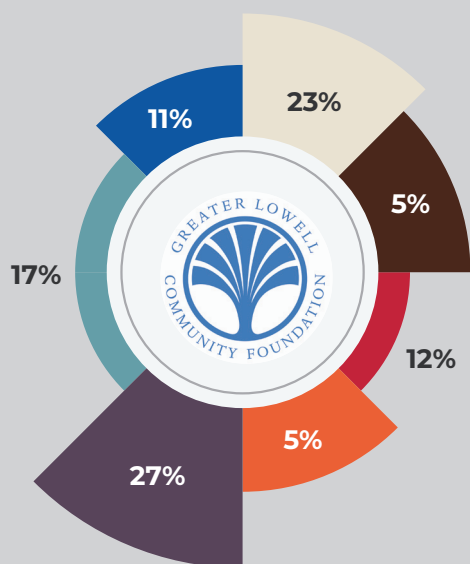
Established in 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) is a philanthropic organization comprised of more than 390 funds dedicated to improving the quality of life in 20 neighboring cities and towns. With financial assets of more than \$50 million, GLCF annually awards grants and scholarships 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.

OUR MISSION

To foster community growth and development through funding, leadership, and collaboration to transform the lives of the individuals and organizations we serve

OUR VISION

Improving the quality of life in Greater Lowell through impactful, strategic philanthropy



2020 GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS

The year 2020 presented a host of challenges for nonprofits in our community. Fortunately, beyond GLCF COVID-19 funding, the 2020 grantmaking total of more than \$2 million was distributed to support Greater Lowell nonprofits.

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| Education 23% | Other 5% |
| Health 5% | Arts and Culture 12% |
| Human Services 27% | Community and Economic Development 11% |
| Scholarships 17% | |



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Minute Man Arc



Clear Path for Veterans NE

Community Partners Come to Aid of Seniors Facing Food Insecurity

In the spring of 2020, as COVID-19 began infecting older adults in high numbers, nonprofit agencies providing support to this demographic -- like Minuteman Senior Services (MSS) and Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley & North Shore (ESMV-NS) -- were hit hard by another jolt: Most of the volunteers they depended on to distribute meals to their senior clients were seniors themselves.

"Before COVID we had robust Meals on Wheels programs, as well as popular 'congregate meal' programs, which allowed people to eat together at their local senior centers," explained Patti Dubielak, Director of Marketing & Development at MSS, which serves 16 towns, including Bedford, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Littleton and Wilmington.

"Once the pandemic hit in March, all our programs were impacted," said Dubielak. "Plus, we lost about 60 percent of our volunteers because they were from high-risk groups, too."

Compounding the situation is the fact that food insecurity among older people continues to grow, added Jennifer Raymond, Chief Strategy Officer of ESMV-NS, which serves seniors in 28

communities, including Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tynsgboro and Westford.

"Hunger among seniors is not new, but COVID has shined a light on the problem in a much more visible way," said Raymond. "We've seen a 30- to 35-percent increase in the numbers we are feeding."

Realizing these unforeseen forces were having a profound impact on elder health, last spring and summer GLCF distributed two COVID-19 Relief Fund Grants each to MSS and ESMV-NS, two nonprofits that support seniors in 14 of the 20 communities in the foundation's service area.

The spring and summer grants were distributed by GLCF from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund. Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund supported those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focused on essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities, and those facing food insecurity. The fund worked in concert with regional community foundations and nonprofit leaders who partner with local leaders



Photos 1 + 2: Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley & North Shore (ESMV-NS) volunteers package and later deliver hot lunches to homebound seniors.; Photo 3: Minuteman Senior Services Dining Site Coordinator Marijana Petrovic packs frozen meals.

to understand the response and relief landscape, strategically filling in where gaps are pronounced.

And in November, GLCF continued addressing food insecurity among seniors by awarding another round of grants to both nonprofits from the foundation's own COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

"Food insecurity was a major focus of the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund, and we realized elder-food insecurity was a growing concern," said Jennifer Aradhya, GLCF Vice President of Marketing & Programs.

"Communicating with local Councils on Aging gave us a solid understanding of the situation, as well as a strategy for a funding solution that would have the most impact. Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley & North Shore, and Minuteman Senior Services support more than 1,000 food-insecure seniors in 14 of our communities. Partnering with these two nonprofits made perfect sense."

Once the pandemic lockdown began, both nonprofits had to quickly shift staff to work remotely, as well as (virtually) train a new crop of younger volunteers. With funding assistance from GLCF, group meals at senior centers were converted to "grab and go" sites, which allowed seniors to pick up meals and safely eat them at home. Both organizations adopted new "contactless" delivery protocols for their Meals on

Wheels programs, and made other innovations.

"Grant funding from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation is helping us keep older adults safely in their homes during the pandemic," said Kelly Magee Wright, Executive Director of Minuteman Senior Services. "In addition to our daily Meals on Wheels delivery of a hot lunch, we are also delivering seven-day frozen meals packs, and grocery-store gift cards to seniors at risk of food insecurity."

ESMV-NS is also using some of its GLCF funding to pilot a food shopping/delivery program for at-risk seniors, according to Raymond. "We learned that some consumers had additional nutritional needs beyond what could be addressed through standard Meals on Wheels," she explained.

"This funding from GLCF allowed us to launch and continue a grocery store shopping-and- delivery program for people who are facing food insecurity, but may not have the transportation or other resources to shop for the special dietary items they need," she said.

"Our seniors are especially vulnerable to serious complications from the COVID-19 virus, and is seeing food insecurity at much higher numbers," said Jay Linnehan, GLCF President & CEO. "These nonprofit partners have been very diligent and innovative in their approach to continuing services to Greater Lowell elders, while adapting to new safety rules. We are so grateful to them." ■

Focus On: **Westford**



GLCF provided grant funding to **Westford CAT** to purchase PPE supplies for staff members. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer were made readily available for anyone entering the station. Additionally, cleaning supplies were purchased for office sanitizing.

As producers returned to record programs, equipment was purchased with the grant for better recording through Zoom (encouraging more virtual involvement) as well as mobile recording equipment to use "in the field."



community investment

2020 Business & Organization Donors

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financial report

2020 Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$50,880,856
Unconditional promise to give	\$61,091
Other assets - net	\$11,713
Total assets	\$50,953,660

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable/accrued expenses	\$71,522
Grants payable	\$57,355
Charitable gift annuities	\$1,897
Fiscal agent and agency endowment funds	\$6,705,012
Total liabilities	\$6,835,786

NET ASSETS

Total net assets	\$44,117,874
Total liabilities and net assets	\$50,953,660

2020 Statement of Activities

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions, grants and gifts	\$2,994,972
COVID-19 contributions	\$3,048,557
Investment Income	\$6,222,850
Donated goods and services and Other	\$97,961
Total support and revenue	\$12,364,340

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$5,266,045
Fundraising	\$235,027
General and administrative	\$206,778
Total expenses	\$5,707,850

Total Change In Net Assets	\$6,656,490
Net Assets At Beginning of Year	\$37,461,460
Net Assets At End of Year	\$44,117,950

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.

GLCF Endowed Funds Return

(through 12/31/20)

- 1 Yr. +17.95%
- 3 Yr. +11.74%
- 5 Yr. +11.91%

Founding Foundation Donors

We appreciate and acknowledge our founding foundations: The Theodore Edson Parker Foundation (Moses Greeley Parker and Mary Greeley Parker Morrison Foundation), Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust Fund, and Massachusetts Environmental Trust for their initial and continued support.

GLCF COVID-19 response



YWCA



Mill City Grows



Open Pantry of Greater Lowell



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



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



\$2.9 million
in grants distributed
from GLCF's COVID-19
Response Fund



**The Massachusetts
COVID-19 Relief Fund**
supported those
across the state most
impacted by the
COVID-19 health crisis.
GLCF is grateful for
the fund's generous
support of Greater
Lowell nonprofits.

Due to the impact of the pandemic on
vulnerable populations in our community,
GLCF opened the COVID-19 Emergency
Response Fund on March 13 to support the
unanticipated needs of area nonprofits.



150+ donors
generously supported
GLCF's COVID-19
Response Fund



2020 RESPONSE PHASES

Phase 1: Preparedness/ Prevention

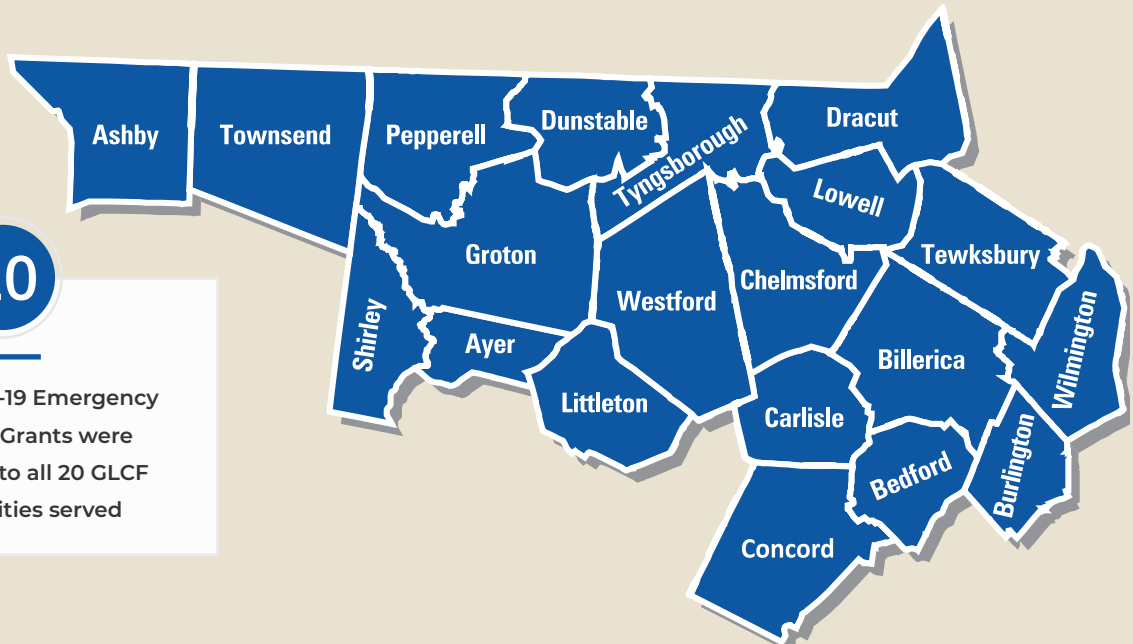
Small grants for PPE,
Essential Supplies

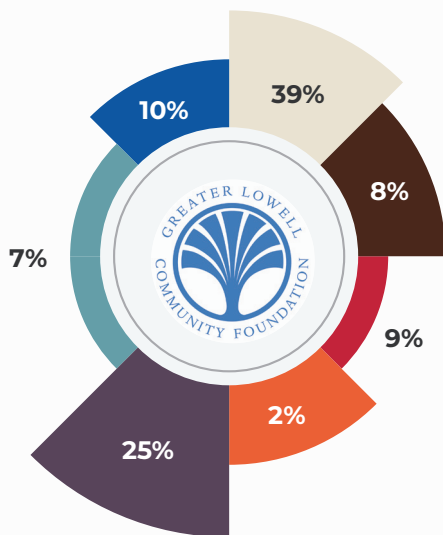
Phase 2: Strategic Response

Larger grants for food
insecurity, housing
insecurity, technology, etc.

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GLCF COVID-19 Emergency
Response Grants were
distributed to all 20 GLCF
communities served





2020 COVID-19 GRANTS

Since March, through grants from the GLCF COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund and the Massachusetts COVID Relief Fund, the foundation has supported more than 100 local nonprofit organizations with grants totaling over \$2.9 million.

- Food Insecurity 39%
- Education & Technology 8%
- Social Emotional 2%
- PPE/Sanitation 9%
- Housing Insecurity 25%
- Staff & Hazard Pay 10%
- Other 7%

GLCF's 2020 COVID-19 Donors

GLCF would like to thank the following donors to the fund for their generosity and solidarity.

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GLCF's 2020 COVID-19 Response

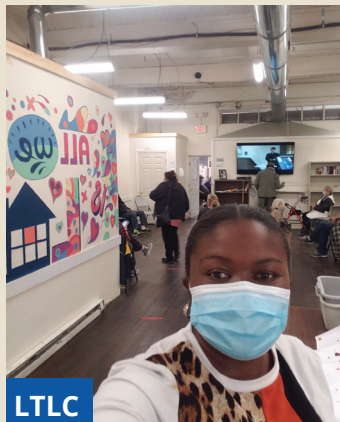
Grant Recipients

GLCF was honored to support the following nonprofit organizations:

Aaron's Presents	Dwelling House of Hope	Lowell General Hospital	Project LEARN, Inc.
Able to Serve-New England, Inc.	Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.	Lowell House, Inc.	Provision Ministry, Inc.
Alternative House, Inc.	Elevate New England, Inc.	Lowell Humane Society	Refuge Art School
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Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence Lowell Project	End 68 hours of hunger	Lowell Telecommunications Corp.	Seven Hills Extended Care at Groton - Seven Hills Pediatric Center
Billerica Adventure Series Corporation	Feed the Fight Lowell	Lowell Transitional Living Center	South Sudanese Enrichment for Families, Inc.
Billerica Community Pantry, Inc.	Gaining Ground, Inc.	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	St. Paul's Soup Kitchen, Inc.
Billerica Council on Aging	Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Inc.	Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless	Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Tewksbury
Billerica Schools Nutrition Services	Greater Lowell Family YMCA	Massachusetts Military Support Foundation	The Phoenix
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell	Greater Lowell Health Alliance	Megan House Foundation, Inc.	The PLUS Company
Bridging Independent Living Together, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity North Central Mass., Inc.	Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.	Town of Carlisle Council on Aging
Budget Buddies, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell	Middlesex Community College Foundation	Town of Chelmsford
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Assoc. of Greater Lowell, Inc.	Hidden Battles Event	Mill City Grows	Townsend Council on Aging
Care Dimensions	House of Hope, Inc.	Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc.	Troubled Waters, Inc.
Catie's Closet, Inc.	Incompass Human Services	Minuteman Senior Services	University of Massachusetts Foundation, Inc.
Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.	International Institute of New England	Nature Connection, Inc.	UTEC, Inc.
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Dracut Council on Aging	Lowell Community Charter Public School	Philanthropy Massachusetts	
	Lowell Community Health Center	Power of Flowers Project	



Strongwater Farm



LTLC



Lowell Alliance

GLCF Virtual Events

In 2020, virtual events kept GLCF connected with our community.



Annual Meeting with
Jeffrey Poulos, Phil. MA



Celebrate Giving with
First Lady Lauren Baker



Housing Instability + COVID 19
with Congresswoman Trahan

Watch Our Events



YouTube
bit.ly/3j9ilUF

racial equity action fund

On June 10th, the GLCF announced at our annual meeting the creation of the Racial Equity Action Fund. This fund will provide resources to address action items that advance racial justice and equity building in Greater Lowell.

2020 Racial Equity Grants - \$84,500

- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell (Lowell): Addressing Racial Inequities as a Trauma-Informed Community
- Budget Buddies, Inc. (Chelmsford): Virtual Financial Empowerment Program for Women with Latinx Community Center for Empowerment
- Building Audacity (Lynn): Say Their Names (Greater Lowell)
- Cambodian American Literary Arts Association (Lowell): Cambodian American Literary Arts Association Community Dialogue and Workshop Series
- Cultivate Care Farms (Bolton – serves Greater Lowell): Diversity Training and Consultation
- Free Soil Arts Collective (Lowell): Hidden in Plain Sight: Stories of Black Lowell
- Kids in Tech, Inc. (Lowell): Afterschool Tech Club Program
- Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership (Lowell): Project Genesis Home Buyer Training Program
- Project LEARN, Inc. (Lowell): Elevating Stories, Changing Narratives – A Student-Led Antiracism Program
- Tewksbury Public Library (Tewksbury): Public Library Libraries Working Towards Social Justice

Focus On: Concord



GLCF awarded **Gaining Ground** over \$30,000 to get fresh produce to people struggling to put food on the table. A significant portion of the grant came from the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund. Gaining Ground normally relies on the help of thousands of volunteers to grow, harvest, and donate the nutritious produce from the farm. GLCF's support last year helped make it possible for Gaining Ground to continue normal operations and levels of food production despite needing to temporarily suspend their volunteer program.



Gaining Ground

GLCF Grant Helps Nonprofits Improve Virtual Programming

Virtual well-baby visits for new moms and infants; monitoring a nest of turtle eggs in the wild; cooking videos led by a local nutritionist; and online nature walks with a botanical illustrator. These are just a few examples of the new online programming local nonprofits have created, thanks to technical-training classes from Lowell TeleMedia Center, funded by a grant from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation.

In spring of 2020, when the pandemic forced nonprofit organizations into lockdown mode, they moved their face-to-face programs online. However, as summer fast approached, many realized they needed help creating virtual programming to attract young people.

"Kids are usually outside running around during the summer, but all that changed this year with COVID-19," explained Wendy Blom, now retired Executive Director of Lowell TeleMedia Center (LTC). "Our local nonprofits knew they had to start offering online summer programming -- and they had to do it quickly."

Recognizing this need, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) awarded a \$5,000 grant to LTC to organize a series of Media Making classes for ten youth-serving nonprofits. Offered in late June and early July, the training covered Zoom, social media, TikTok, cell-phone video, podcasting, and iMovie editing.

The response to Media Making classes was overwhelmingly positive, said Blom. "I was amazed that so many organizations -- and how many staff -- wanted to take our classes." LTC trained 115 people, she said, and both small and large nonprofits took advantage of the six courses. The online content they created was also highly varied.

Jane Calvin, Executive Director of Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust (LPCT), said her staff of four welcomed the training. "It was perfect timing," said Calvin. "We had already started creating virtual content but had questions about how

to do it better and how to get it out to a wider audience."

One of the few accredited urban land trusts in the country, LPCT protects land throughout Lowell and provides community programming to connect residents to natural resources in the city -- including outdoor after-school and summer programs.

"When COVID shut everything down, I told my staff, 'Be creative! Let's take advantage of this time to get out to Trust properties we haven't videoed before,'" Calvin recalled.

So, Environmental Educator Emily Wood began making virtual nature walks, encouraging viewers to create nature journals to keep track of the plants and animals they encountered. Wood's engrossing videos also feature beautiful time-lapse botanical illustrations she draws on camera.

The Trust also created virtual content teachers could use, added Calvin. In previous years, three Lowell science teachers had run popular "turtle-adoption" programs in their classrooms. Shortly after COVID-19 shut down schools, a Trust staff



Eva Cortes, a WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, provided well-baby sessions online.

member noticed that a rare Blanding's turtle, a threatened species, had laid eggs in her neighborhood. She began making short videos as she kept watch over the nest.

During the summer, in conjunction with Zoo New England, LPCT monitored the nest, and eventually, eight baby turtles hatched. Trust staff and volunteers are now raising the turtles in a terrarium in the office and plan to release them back into the wild next spring.

Lowell's Community Teamwork Inc. (CTI), a community action agency with more than 500 employees, also benefitted from the Media Making classes, according to Amy Weatherbee, Manager of Grants & Planning.

"By March 16, word of mouth just shut down, so word of mouth went virtual," said Weatherbee. "We had to pivot quickly to online program delivery, and when this opportunity at LTC came up, we jumped at it.

"Not only did our summer-youth programmers want training, but we also asked if staff from other CTI divisions could attend Media Making classes," she said. The Foundation agreed, and Community Teamwork sent more than 30 staffers from across the organization to the virtual classes.

As a result, CTI's Entrepreneurship Center began hosting daily Zoom calls for small-business owners with questions about how to apply for federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, Weatherbee explained.



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No longer able to hold in-person nutrition workshops, a nutritionist in CTI's Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program created a series of popular "healthy eating" cooking videos. Another WIC staffer moved her well-baby sessions online, and in the process, discovered that her client list grew because new moms found it easier to attend virtually.

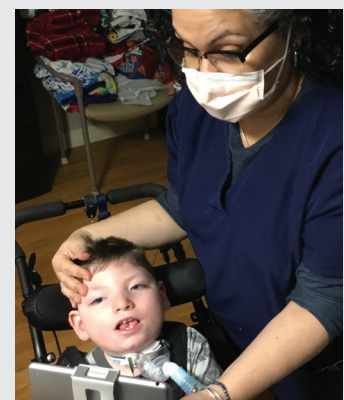
According to Weatherbee, these are just a few of the many ways CTI utilized Media Making classes to improve client outreach. "The Foundation was great. It stepped in and quickly provided much-needed help to agencies that had to switch to the realities of remote work." ■

Focus On: Groton



Children living at **Seven Hills Pediatric Center** have also benefitted from a GLCF grant to purchase five iPads, plus five tall standers to hold the devices. An 83-bed skilled nursing center in Groton, Seven Hills serves profoundly disabled and medically complex children.

When COVID-19 began spreading, the facility had to completely lock down. Families were not allowed to visit, and children had to remain in their rooms and on their floors. The iPads were used to connect children with their families again.



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