



Report to the Community

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WELCOME TO THE

GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



During the first two years since our inception, the Steering Committee, and later the Board of Directors and staff of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation envisioned a dynamic process that would strengthen our community and improve the quality of our lives. We anticipated a community foundation in which individuals who treasure their hometowns could pool their charitable funds, volunteer energy and considerable knowledge to make a positive and enduring impact on all aspects of community life. But we also knew that it is an entirely different thing to transform such an ambitious vision into reality.

We have achieved a remarkable level of success in a very short amount of time. But any such achievement truly belongs to the community itself, for the Community Foundation is only a facilitator of individual and collective community ideals and energies.

The Community Foundation has benefited from the volunteer investments of so many fine people who are serving on our Editorial, Distribution and Philanthropy Day Committees, from the annual investments of our Charter members, grants from our colleague foundations and participation from our partner grantees, grant seekers and conference presenters. But we are especially thankful to donors who are initiating change deep into our community's future through their creation of endowed funds.

Perhaps the clearest sign this new foundation has come of age is its recent \$1.5 million challenge grant award from the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation that will be payable upon receiving \$4 million in endowed funds from donors for any purpose and in any amount to build our Community Foundation. Lowell and all the surrounding towns now have a community endowment structure through which individuals and groups can create a new source of annual support for their favorite charitable and civic interests. It's now time for all of us to pull together to raise the \$4 million match. When we get the job done, local

citizens can also count on the Community Foundation as a steady source of grants to nonprofit groups working in their community.

Thanks to all of you who have given us your support and good will. Just as we continue to have great expectations for you as community leaders to make a difference using the Community Foundation, we understand that you also have great hopes for your Community Foundation. We pledge to make every effort to turn those expectations into reality for the Greater Lowell area.

Richard K. Donahue Sr.

President

David Kronberg

Executive Director



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Vice President; John H. Pearson, Jr.; Luis Pedroso; Seated: David Kronberg, Executive Director;
Richard K. Donahue, Sr., President; and Brenda Costello, Clerk; Not Pictured: Catherine G. Quinn; Mary Jo Leahey;
Elkin McCallum and newly appointed directors, Kay Doyle, Ph.D.; Winslow H. Duke and Anastasia Sarantos

WHAT IS THE

GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Founded in 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation is an endowment set up to benefit people, institutions and communities primarily, but not exclusively, in Greater Lowell, including Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro and Westford.

The Foundation's concept is elegant in its simplicity and powerful in its practical ability to channel collective community investments for continuous community good. The Community Foundation makes it easy for donors to create new or transfer existing endowment funds for whatever purpose that interests them, including discretionary funds



Representatives of nonprofit organizations assemble at the 3rd annual Greater Lowell Philanthropy Day to receive \$100,000 in grants. The grants were awarded for projects to strengthen management capacity and to improve our local water and related natural resources.

that allow the Community Foundation to address changing needs of the community now, and for years to come.

The Community Foundation enables donors to become architects of our community's future by:

Pooling community charitable investments to maximize the value and growth of all our endowment resources, and the community through grant awards to nonprofit organizations;

Combining our volunteer expertise offered by community leaders, academic experts, and other experienced people, who are often on the front line of issues, to help determine the best use of grant resources; and

Bringing people together to explore important issues, enabling us to create new approaches to solving community problems.

All these capacities translate into our mission to enrich community capital, empower nonprofit organizations to meet vital community needs and strengthen our connections with each other to address current concerns.





WHY USE THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Your Community Foundation is for large and small donors alike. You have a significant impact upon community problems whether your gift is small or large because it is combined with others and enables us to respond quickly and effectively to changing community needs. A donor making a gift of any size receives these benefits:

- 1. Permanence: Your Gift Will Keep Giving. The Greater Lowell Community
 Foundation's most important asset is its stability. You have the assurance of security since
 it exists as a permanent bank of funds for charitable purposes a community savings
 account making sure that your gift will do good work now and in the future. The
 Community Foundation honors and protects the charitable intentions of its donors in
 perpetuity.
- 2. Flexibility: Your Gift May Be Designated For a Specific Purpose. As you establish your own fund, you may specify its purpose or purposes. You can name specific organizations, types of charities or general causes.
- 3. Relevance: Your Gift Will Meet Changing Community Needs. Many donors place no restrictions on how distribution of their funds are to be used and leave decisions to the Community Foundation's governing body. Your gift will never be out of date. Even if the intended purposes of your gift become obsolete, the Community Foundation's authority to amend provisions of your fund will ensure that the fund will continue to meet future needs.
- 4. Commemoration or Anonymity: Gifts Can Honor a Loved One or Associate Of Your Choice or Kept Anonymous. The Community Foundation honors and protects your preferences. Grants from your fund will always be recorded according to your wishes, a

- lasting symbol of your caring. Such funds may be increased at any time by additional gifts.
- 5. Tax Advantage: Contributions Will Ease Your Tax Burden and Supply Financial Benefits. By planning your giving to take into consideration your projected financial needs and those of your family, you may be able to increase the amount of your gift while achieving greater tax savings and/or income for yourself or your loved ones. Contributions to the Community Foundation qualify for maximum deductibility for income, gift and estate tax purposes. Those who create endowed funds, charitable remainder trusts or gift annuities receive a charitable tax deduction in the year the gift is given, and then may suggest distributions from the fund over a longer period of time.
- 6. Experienced Investment and Grant Management: Your Fund Will Be Professionally Supervised. The Community Foundation's Directors, Investment Committee, professional staff and investment managers provide prudent stewardship of donor funds. Most gifts to a community foundation are pooled for investment purposes, so you can enjoy the advantage of a fully diversified portfolio. Grants are managed according to established best practices.
- 7. Convenience: You Can Take Advantage Of "One-Stop Giving." The Community Foundation affords you the benefits of having your own separate fund, a "foundation within the Foundation" that is simple and convenient, but without the customary burdens and expenses. The Community Foundation can handle all of your charitable goals with almost no work on your part. The Community Foundation provides award letters, record keeping, investing and annual reporting through an independent audit. You receive quarterly reports on the progress of your fund.

HOW TO DESIGN YOUR OWN FUND

The selection of the type of fund which best meets your needs is the first step in gift planning. It will enable you to receive the greatest income and tax benefits, while maximizing the impact of your charitable contribution. You may create a fund with a one-time current gift or deferred gift, or with an initial gift to which you may continue to add later. Many people like the idea of establishing a fund that can carry the name of their family or of a loved one forever. Funds that can be established at the Greater Lowell Community Foundation include:

Discretionary Fund

These funds are the backbone of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation because they allow us to attack new challenges that no one could have foreseen or to react to fiscal emergencies facing vital and long-established nonprofit agencies. Under this arrangement, you entrust the allocation of your funds to the thoughtful judgment of civic leaders who comprise the Board of Directors. Your name goes on forever as grants are awarded, or you can give to our Founders Discretionary Fund.

Field of Interest Fund

This fund can meet your personal philanthropic goals if you have had a lifelong commitment to one or more particular areas of concern that you wish to continue to support in perpetuity. For example, funds can benefit a specific town's civic activities, the arts, economic development, youth services, the environment, or any other field of interest.

Donor Advised Fund

Many donors who wish to be active participants in philanthropy prefer this arrangement. As a donor advisor you may make grant recommendations from your fund during your lifetime. Funds are distributed upon ratification of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Scholarship or Memorial Fund

This fund offers you the opportunity to honor or commemorate a family member or friend, to serve a specific purpose important to you or a cause in which your loved one deeply believed.

Agency Endowment Fund

This fund is offered to nonprofit organizations to help preserve the future of their services and serve as a convenient receptacle for bequests or gifts of large amounts that donors feel uncomfortable giving for the agency's operating purposes. Many people find this has the added benefit of making certain that their favorite charitable organization's services and programs will remain constant in our community. Ongoing technical assistance is provided by staff at the Community Foundation to help the organizations build their endowment.



GETTING STARTED

Once you begin to think about your charitable goals, we are ready to help design a fund to suit your needs. To use our services for your philanthropy, you can contact:

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation
11 Kearney Square, Fourth Floor
PO Box 9193, Lowell, MA 01853
Tel: (978) 970-1600
E-mail: glcf@gis.net

You have free access to the Community Foundation's professional staff and advisors who will be happy to work with you to help you decide how best to accomplish your charitable goals.



A grant to the Angkor Youth Dance Troupe enabled local youths to explore and celebrate their heritage through after school activities.

Minimum Contributions to Start

A family, individual or corporation may establish a named fund with gift cash securities or other property valued at a minimum of \$5,000, or they may start with \$1,000 and accrue a total of \$5,000 within a five-year period.

Sample Wording For Gifts By Bequest

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ [or] the following described property (description of assets given) to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc.; with the request, as consistent with the Articles of Organization of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc., that the funds thus transferred be used to establish a permanent fund, to be known as (Name of Fund). Grants for charitable purposes shall be made from annual available proceeds, in keeping with the spending policy, subject to the schedule of fees adopted by the Foundation for investing and administering the Fund."

To Establish an Agency or Designated Fund

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GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

Lowell High Scholarship Funds and Prizes:

Lowell High School created the Community Foundation's first endowed fund in March of 1998 through a transfer of funds supporting thirty-nine scholarships. Annually over \$30,000 is awarded in book prizes and scholarships to scores of students from the funds listed below. In addition, the Foundation provides scholarship management services to LHS for over fifty additional scholarships offered annually from non-endowed "flow-through" funds.

A.H. J. Charitable Education Trust
Attorney Maurice Barlofsky Scholarship Fund
B. Douglas Townshend Choral Arts Fund
Bartlett School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
Beaulieu/Kerouac Book and Poetry Prize Fund
Brian Belleau Fund
Brian F. Reynolds Student Athlete Scholarship Fund
Brian P. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund



Bridget Griffin (center) received the 1999 Colleen Creegan Memorial Scholarship award, presented by Colleen's mother, Judy (right) and Colleen's brother, Richard.

"I would like to sincerely thank you for the scholarship awarded to me. It is very touching to see that there are foundations such as yours, supporting higher education. I am a minority, born from another country and entered into the U.S. as a refugee. When I first came into this world, my first priority was to stay alive during a time of war (the Cambodian Genocide). Now I am given the opportunity not only to live, but to live to be whatever I have the potential to be. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me. Acts of kindness such as this will always be remembered in my heart."

Sincerely yours, Sophort Pauo

Charles A. and Mary Carlson Scholarship Fund Coach Kuenzler Wrestling Scholarship Colleen Creegan Memorial LHS Scholarship Fund Dana and Elizabeth Palmer Fund Daniel Dalton Legal Essay Prize Dennis J. and Lillian Murphy Fund Edward Everett Sawyer Scholarship Fund Francis McHugh Memorial Fund Francis X. Moriarty Scholarship Fund Frederick Slavin Track Scholarship Fund George N. Tsapatsaris Scholarship Fund Georgia Sarris Memorial Scholarship Fund Gertrude Thomas Memorial Fund James F. Conway Jr. Scholarship John J. and Clara M. Hurley Scholarship Fund John J. Giblin Music Trust Fund Katina Pappas Tsongas Scholarship Fund Kimberly Clough Memorial Scholarship Lowell CoGeneration Company Scholarship

Lowell High School General Scholarship Fund, Honoring: Edward J. Babigan, Iris Boutselis, Barry F. Cronin, Al Mangan, James A. Patterson, Richard Plotzke, Andrew Cavossa, Christos Georgoulis, LRTA, John P. Leary, Albert and Doris Bourgeois, and Rita B. Lamond Lowell High School Reunion Scholarship Fund Linda Sousa Scholarship Fund Louis Fineman Scholarship Fund Peter Nason Fund Peter S. Stamas Scholarship Fund Pine St./ Margaret R. Brady School Fund Ruth I. Brennan Memorial Scholarship Fund Sarah Droney-McGurrin Scholarship Fund Superintendent Henry J. and Theresa R. Mroz Scholarship Fund Thomas F. and Eileen M. Casey Scholarship Fund Thomas J. Hogan Scholarship Fund William Woodcock Scholarship Fund Walter A. Bacigalupo Memorial Scholarship Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Lowell United Development Fund

A field of interest fund for non-profit organizations dedicated to supporting economic and business enterprise development in Lowell.

Nicholas Fund for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

A donor advised field of interest fund to support organizations working to prevent domestic violence and treat its victims. Grants will be distributed when the fund reaches \$10,000.00

Designated and Agency Funds

Anonymous Designated Fund

This fund, created with a gift in excess of one million dollars creates a source of permanent support for nine institutions serving people in the Greater Lowell area. The institutions benefited include a regional hospital, a university, two cultural institutions, two environmental organizations, a town library, a local church and the Community Foundation.

Community Teamwork Endowment Fund

An endowment fund for the region's largest antipoverty agency.

Elliot Kaplan/Avid Scholarship Fund

A media studies scholarship fund established by Avid Technologies, Inc. in memory of Elliot Kaplan, one of its employees, to award scholarships at Lowell and Brookline High Schools and to support the Boston Film Video Foundation.

Father Thomas J. Reddy Oblate Missionary Guild Fund

A fund established in honor of Father Reddy to provide holiday gifts for economically disadvantaged children.

Lifelinks Endowment Fund

An agency endowment to support Lifelinks' services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Harold J. and Mildred Leclair Fund

A designated fund providing discretionary grants through the Community Foundation and a tuition scholarship to attend Lowell Catholic High School in honor of Harold J. Leclair and Francis J. Rice Jr.

Kittredge Park Fund

A designated fund to supplement annual landscaping and maintenance for Kittredge Park in Lowell.

Lowell 200th Anniversary Fund

A fund designated to support the 200th Anniversary celebration of the city of Lowell in the year 2036.



The Kittredge Park Fund was established to celebrate the legacy of the late Sen. Paul Tsongas' personal efforts in beautifying this park for the public's enjoyment.

Marguerite H. Colgate Memorial Library Fund

A fund established to provide books, media equipment, and library programs for the Varnum Arts MicroSociety School Library, an elementary school in Lowell.

Merrimack Repertory Theatre Endowment Fund An agency endowment to provide general operating support for the Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

Nancy L. Donahue Fund

Seven organizations have been designated as perpetual beneficiaries of this fund created by a gift of one million dollars. The groups include the Merrimack Repertory Theater, Greater Lowell Community Foundation, New England Quilt Museum, Whistler House Museum, American Textile History Museum, Children's Museum of Lowell, and the Retarded Adult Rehabilitative Association.

Discretionary Funds

Founders Discretionary Fund

A fund established by founding contributors to the Community Foundation. This fund awards grants on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations.

Moses Greeley Parker and Mary Greeley Parker Morrison Fund for Greater Lowell

A discretionary fund established by the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation to support general grant making by the Community Foundation's distribution committee.

Donor Advised Funds:

Avid Fund

A corporate donor advised fund created by Avid Technology, Inc. to provide grants to community organizations.

Enterprise Bank Community Gifts Fund

A donor advised fund established in celebration of Enterprise Bank's 10th Anniversary to provide charitable gifts in the towns in which the bank operates.

David Kronberg Fund

Created by the Community Foundation's executive director, the fund will provide an opportunity to award gifts to various nonprofit groups of interest to him, his wife and son.

Ruth C. and John E. Leggat Fund

A combination donor-advised and designated fund to support charitable institutions of interest to the Leggats.

Ryan Fund

A family based donor-advised fund established to facilitate annual grant giving.

Temporary Funds

Greater Lowell Community Foundation

Discretionary Grant Funds

A temporary fund to provide multi-year grants to supplement the Foundation's two discretionary funds.

Greater Lowell Community Foundation

Operating Capital Fund

A board designated fund to support ongoing operations of the Community Foundation.



Acre Family Day Care trains new day care providers to meet a critical need in the community while offering them the opportunity to gain financial stability through self employment.

GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Community Foundation serves donors who, in turn, establish funds and other grantmaking initiatives that support the efforts of our local charitable organizations and civic activities. In 1998 and 1999, a total of \$217, 950 was distributed as grants and scholarships.

Discretionary grants for strengthening management capacity are open to all nonprofit organizations whose work benefits people and natural resources in the city and towns that comprise greater Lowell through an

annual competitive program. The Community
Foundation's Distribution Committee, comprised of
community leaders from diverse backgrounds, review all
applications and recommend awards for ratification by
the Board of Directors.

Donor advised and designated grants are made from funds established by one or more donors. These special purpose funds allow donors to advise the Community Foundation on grant awards to support specific nonprofit organizations and other charitable initiatives.

Community Foundation Initiatives are special grant making programs, such as the recent environmental resource partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Trust that resulted in the awarding of \$50,000 in grants to support projects that conserved water and related natural resources in the Greater Lowell area.

Capacity Grants 1998

Alternative House, \$3,000 - To upgrade and connect six contributed computers previously donated to increase service capacity and caseload management of victims of domestic abuse.

Angkor Dance Troupe, \$3,000 - To support management operations that will enable the coordination of after school cultural education experiences for Lowell area youth.

Boys and Girls Club of Billerica, computer from Avid Technology, - To provide general office support and provide for the dedication of a separate computer to handle the database management of the Club's child care caseload.

Brush Art Center and Gallery, \$3,000 - To purchase audio-visual equipment to enhance program delivery to an expanded audience both on-site and through its partnership with the Lowell Telecommunications Corporation.

Cambodian-American League of Lowell, \$2,000 - To create a regional bi-lingual Cambodian-English newspaper to assist in both the economic development and the development of an informed Cambodian-American citizenry in Greater Lowell, the second largest population of Cambodians in the United States.

Dracut Scholarship Foundation, computer from Avid Technology, - To manage the record keeping of scholarship and alumni records to enhance the service delivery of a program that provides talented students an opportunity to pursue a college education.

Food Pantry/Catholic Charities, computer from Avid Technology, - To manage operations for its open-to-all food program for individuals and families without sufficient food.

Girls, Inc., \$492 - To assist in the internet connectivity of their computers as a management, information retrieval and program resource.

International Institute, \$2,000 - To purchase a computer to replace an outmoded model to more effectively handle record keeping and other database management of burgeoning caseload.

Lowell Historical Society, \$1,000 - To create a web page to educate the world of Lowell's role in the development of industrialism in the United States, and to discover additional historical resources and individuals with genealogical connections that can add to the wealth of historical knowledge on Lowell.

Lowell Small Business Assistance Center, \$2,558 - To provide diversity training to assist staff in promoting culturally sensitive support for small business enterprise development.

M/A COM Food Share, \$1,800 - For greenhouse supplies to grow vegetables, herbs and other agricultural items not easily available to the Southeast Asian population as an enterprise and social services development project.

Massachusetts Association of Portuguese Speakers, \$700

- For signage at their Lowell-based outreach facility, virtually putting this facility "on the map" for local residents in need of support services.

Open Pantry, \$950 - To purchase a copier, thereby reducing printing costs and reallocating staff time to more direct service to address local caseload of individuals and families without food.

ReCreate, Inc., computer from Avid Technology, - To facilitate the creation of a new environmental and

educational nonprofit organization dedicated to the coordination, retrieval and distribution of surplus recycled materials for educational programs in the Greater Lowell area.

Whistler House Museum/Lowell Art Association, \$1,500 - For strategic planning to develop a targeted institutional and programmatic strategy for growth and stabilization.

YWCA (in collaboration with six other youth service providers) \$3,000 - For the Safe Neighborhood Project, to respond to diminished staff resources through a collaborative approach that will provide enhanced summer services to youth in the lower Belvedere neighborhood.

Capacity Grants 1999

Acre Family Day Care Corporation, \$2,000 - to purchase a software package to manage the Independent Development Account, a program that assists the financial stability of welfare recipients or other low-income individuals to increase their chances of permanently emerging from poverty.

Alternative House, \$1,500 - for the purchase of equipment, including a fax machine, scanner/color printer and desktop copier to replace old and obsolete equipment.

Angkor Dance Troupe, Inc., \$3,000 - to develop a strategic plan for long term growth and stabilization to further evolve the Troupe into a viable full-time organization.

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, \$3,000 - to implement a Marketing Management Program to increase community awareness of the activities of the Boys and Girls Club in their centennial year of operation.

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios, \$1,500 - for the purchase of greatly needed office equipment that will benefit program management capacity and make data processing more efficient.

Children's Museum Lowell, \$3,000 - to fund the writing and printing of the "Case Statement", a brochure that will be used as a fund raising tool for volunteers and staff. This will strengthen their capacity to succeed in raising the necessary funds to open the museum by late fall of 2000.

Coalition for a Better Acre, \$3,000 - to build the capacity of the Welcome Home! Committee that enables low and moderate income families to own a home.

Community Teamwork, Inc., \$3,000 - to improve WIC services through the acquisition of a computerized appointment scheduling system for its 6,500 clients.

Family Service of Greater Lowell, Inc., \$1,700 - for a Core Analysis of Finance and Billing Systems to improve productivity while stabilizing the agency and assisting it to compete more efficiently and effectively.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, \$2,360 - to obtain technical assistance and training to initiate program evaluation at Girls Inc.

Lowell Festival Foundation, \$2,450 - for a demographic survey of Folk Festival attendees and attendance at a grant writing seminar. These activities will increase capacity to successfully compete for foundation and corporate grant dollars.

Lowell: The Flowering City Steering Committee, \$3,000 - to continue support for the Project Coordinator in order to ensure the future sustainability of the project.

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, \$2,250 - to fund a computer package and Internet connection for the Lowell office, which services more than 600 Portuguese-speaking low-income clients each year. This equipment will increase the organization's ability to work efficiently and effectively to better service the community.

Merrimack Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, \$2,300 - to maintain its current capabilities through preparation for the Y2K problem. New software and



A grant to the local Red Cross chapter has now outfitted the chapter with state of the art hardware and software systems to serve the entire Greater Lowell community.

equipment is needed to deliver the vital services to the 12 communities that it serves.

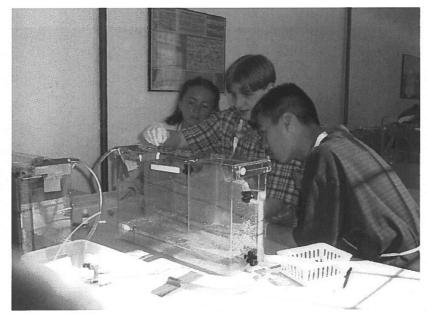
Middlesex Shelter, Inc., \$2,500 - for strategic planning consultation in order to formalize and execute a plan that will ultimately lead to the implementation of new programs while enhancing the already existing ones to more effectively service the homeless.

Puerto Rican Festival of Greater Lowell, \$1,500 - to this newly reorganized group to fund tools for board development and long-range planning.

The Salvation Army, \$1,640 - for the purchase of a computer system and software for use with social service programs to replace the current "hand written" system.

Southeast Asian River Ambassadors, \$3,000 - to provide expert assistance to build a sustainable structure for the program.

Spindle City Corps, \$1,200 - for the implementation of a new fundraising program that will strengthen the capacity to provide exemplary service and opportunities. The purchase of computer publishing equipment will



Lowell High School Studies analyze contaminants in our local waterways through a grant to the UMass Lowell Research Foundation/Tsongas Industrial History Center.

enable an increase in the funding base while adding additional service opportunities.

St. Julie Asian Center, \$1,500 - for capacity building through the use of technical assistance in grant writing. This organization services Southeast Asian refugees and extends assistance to those in need, especially women and children.

SuitAbility, \$2,100 - for the purchase of a copier for inhouse copying needs. This would allow more efficient outreach efforts through printed materials. Their goal is to enhance the employment marketability of economically challenged women.

Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, Inc., \$2,500

- for the creation of Spanish and Khmer translations and dubbing of a videotape which explains VNA services and philosophy. This tape will serve as an information tool to better service the Spanish-speaking and Khmer-speaking populations.

Water Resource Grants 1999

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, \$3,000 - to support the establishment of a Concord River Greenway. The Greenway will be marketed through a brochure to help improve the capacity to attract a more diverse audience to support the Trust's mission to protect the Concord River.

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, \$5,000 - to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell, through the funding of the "Restore and Explore" project which will begin an extensive clean-up of the Concord and Merrimack Rivers.

Massachusetts Audubon Society, \$2,037 - to establish a partnership with a middle school in Lowell that will then work to increase student awareness about their connection to the Merrimack River through a series of programs, including in-class presentations and field trips.

Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc., \$1,500 - to retain a consultant to upgrade financial management and project tracking systems. Both are essential for adequate management of the continued expansion of the MRWC programs.

Merrimack River Watershed Council, \$3,343 - for the organization of stream teams for the protection and restoration of the Merrimack River Watershed. It is a community-based approach to establish a network of volunteers that will be trained in watershed concepts, shoreline survey, and water sampling techniques.

Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc., \$5,000 - to replace a low volume, shallow point well with a deeper, high volume artesian well. This will increase both the volume and quality of the water supply to improve the annual

4-H fair and other ground functions that the old system could not adequately accommodate.

Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA), \$2,725 - for the coordination of a public relations campaign that aims to build local enthusiasm and support for collaborative NRWA environmental projects.

Nashua River Watershed Association, \$2,585 - for the purchase of specialized equipment that will help the NRWA achieve EPA protocol standards while working towards a healthy ecosystem with clean water.

SuAsCo Watershed Association, \$5,000 - for an effort to contribute to the restoration, maintenance and conservation of clean water in the 400 square mile Concord River watershed. The project is in pursuit of a larger goal to restore fishable, swimmable, potable water from Concord to Lowell.

Squan-A-Tissit Chapter/Trout Unlimited, \$2,000 - for the expansion of The 'Adopt-A-Salmon Family' project at the Varnum Middle School in Pepperell to include the Prescott Elementary School in Groton and the Reilly Elementary School in Lowell. It is an environmental education program that teaches students about the watershed's role in a healthy environment and how human actions affect the watershed through the life cycle of the salmon.

UMass Lowell Research Foundation / Tsongas Industrial History Center, \$4,860 - for a project that will educate students about the impact of contaminants on surface and groundwater through hands-on activities and tours of the Lowell National Historical Park.

Varnum Brook Middle School, \$5,000 - for the "River Discovery" program which will educate fifth graders about water pollution through field studies (which include hands-on experiments, canoeing along the Nashua River, and speakers, pollution removal and public engagement through a student led presentation to the community.

Waste Watch, Inc., \$5,000 - to establish a curbside collection of motor oil in Lowell that would otherwise potentially contaminate water resources in Greater Lowell. This project aims to significantly reduce the improper disposal of used motor oil, thus reducing health risks.

YMCA Camp Massapoag Family Outdoor Center, \$2,950 - for the expansion of Project Seed to incorporate water topics into the program, which educates children about environmental issues in an outdoor setting, thus building strong kids, families and communities.

Grants From Donor Advised Funds

The Avid Fund

Alternative House - \$500

Cambodian American League of Lowell - \$500

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association - \$500

Catholic Charities Food Pantry - \$500

Community Teamwork, Inc. - \$500

Family Services of Greater Lowell - \$500

House of Hope - \$500

Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership - \$500

Merrimack Valley Food Bank - \$500

Narconnon - \$550

Tewksbury Teen Center - \$500

The Ryan Fund

American Heart Association - \$1,000

American Red Cross - \$1,000

Boston Children's Hospital - \$500

Care- \$1,000

Easter Seals - \$500

Greater Lowell Community Foundation - \$1,000

Share - \$400

How to Apply for a Grant

Nonprofit organizations and civic activities must meet eligibility criteria in order to apply for discretionary grants and special initiative programs. Requests to be put on our mailing list can be sent by e-mail, fax or phone. The application form and grant criteria are also available directly on our website: www.agmconnect.org/glcf.html

A CATALYST FOR CHANGE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC CELEBRATION

In 1998 and 1999 the Greater Lowell Community Foundation served a multi-faceted role as convener, facilitator, coordinator and leader of four projects that have addressed critically important concerns in our region. In the process, the Community Foundation attracted outside funds to enrich our community and address its needs, brought nationally renown and local experts together to work with community residents and civic leaders on community health and philanthropic issues and provided fiscal agency and donor services to support a city-wide effort to help Lowell win the coveted All America City award.

Supporting the Nonprofit Sector: The Annual Greater Lowell Philanthropy Day

A true test of the community is its ability to span the gaps between its citizens. The theme for the 1999 Community Foundation's Annual Philanthropy Day was building bridges between philanthropy and community and the success in bringing people together was apparent by the attendance of so many representatives from the region's nonprofit groups. Philanthropy Day gave nonprofit leaders in the Greater Lowell area an opportunity to trade ideas and network among themselves to understand shared problems and concerns. The recipients of 1998 Philanthropy Day awards displayed exhibits on how grant funds were utilized by their organizations during the course of the last year. Thirty three representatives of community and nonprofit organizations received \$100,000 in grant awards at Philanthropy Day.

The Philanthropy Day's keynote speaker was Dorothy Ridings, President and CEO of the Council on Foundations and former President of the League of Women Voters. In her speech, Ridings emphasized the need for charitable foundations to publicize their efforts. Impressed by the show of community strength embodied in Philanthropy Day, Ridings



Dorothy Ridings, President of the Council on Foundations and the nation's leading spokesperson on philanthropy addressed the Community Foundation's Third Annual Philanthropy Day.

ended her keynote address by stating, "You are blazing your own path here in Greater Lowell, and you are setting the pace for your colleagues."

Taking Action on Childhood Asthma

Bringing people together to work on solving regional problems is not only a major responsibility of the Community Foundation but a great challenge as well. On May 8th, 1999, health practitioners, teachers, activists, parents and others met such a challenge by participating in a childhood asthma conference sponsored by the Community Foundation at Middlesex Community College in Lowell. Through a \$25,000 grant from the Robert

Wood Johnson Foundation's "Community Health in Focus" program, the all day forum was coordinated to foster awareness of the educational, cultural, medical, environmental and physical aspects of asthma and to find solutions for the disease's prevention. The newly established Asthma Awareness Coalition is moving quickly to implement projects that advance the action steps identified by conference participants, thanks to a Robert Wood Johnson followup grant to the Community Foundation.

Protecting Greater Lowell's Water Resources

The Community Foundation's natural resource partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Trust and several private foundations, civic, and corporate funding sources resulted in fourteen grants totaling \$50,000 to conserve water and related natural resources in the Greater Lowell area. The projects will build citizen awareness, strengthen the management capacity of nonprofit environmental groups, and clean and protect local waters on which threatened habitats rely in order to flourish.

Lowell Wins National Recognition as All-America City with Community Foundation Support

One of the nation's most prestigious civic awards, the All-America City Award recognizes communities that tackle challenges and achieve results. It celebrates places where the public, private and nonprofit sectors work together with citizens to encourage the creative use and leveraging of community resources. This summer, thanks to the support and generosity of the Lowell business community, 125 delegates from the City of Lowell traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to make an official presentation to become one of ten All-America Cities in the Nation. The Community Foundation is proud to have served as

the fiscal agent and participant in this national competition.

The award — now in its 50th year — is sponsored by the National Civic League and the Allstate Insurance Corporation. The application required that each community measure its level of civic infrastructure by evaluating ten "civic index" factors, including philanthropy and volunteerism.



ALL AMERICAN CITY DELEGATE

JENNIFER VALADAO, 19, PUT IT WELL

WHEN SHE SAID

"THIS WHOLE PROJECT JUST BROUGHT

THE CITY TOGETHER. ALL I KNOW IS THAT

LOWELL IS THE BEST."

The Wilmer Shields Rich Award

The Council on Foundations awarded the prestigious Wilmer Shields Rich Award for Excellence in Communication to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation for its first newsletter, Foundation Forum, in 1999.

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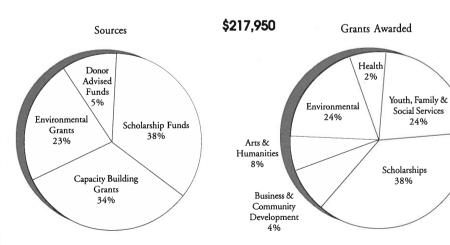
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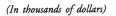
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Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$122,554	\$114,456
Investments	1,237,766	4,310,475
Unconditional Promises to Give	208,209	100,632
Other Assets	3,816	21,607
Total Assets	\$1,572,355	\$4,547,170
Liabilities	14,646	130
Total Net Assets	\$1,557,709	\$4,547,040
Statement of Activities:		
Support and Revenue	\$1,206,214	\$2,953,258
Expenses:		
Grants and Scholarships	\$106,162	\$164,277
Other Program and General Expenses	157,642	210,207
Total Expenses	\$263,804	\$374,484
Change in Net Assets	\$942,410	\$2,578,774

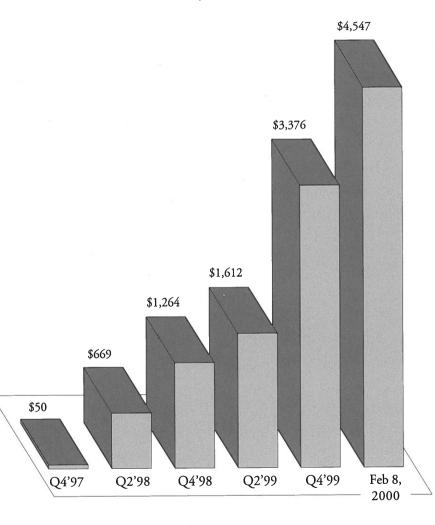
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