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Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts awards \$713,300

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) recently awarded \$713,300 to 44 area nonprofits through its Mission Grant program, one of the Foundation's six competitive grantmaking programs, which were designed to improve and support the quality of life in the communities of Foundation's commitment improving quality of life for people in Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire

The grant awards ranged from \$2,500-\$25,000 and address community needs in the areas of arts and culture, education, the environment, health, housing, and human services for residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Over 30 of the projects funded were supported by trusts administered by Bank of America. Total grant awards by county are as follows: Hampden, \$462,900; Hampshire, \$144,700; Franklin, \$105,700.

The next Mission Grant program will open for applications in January 2019.

Mission Grants were awarded to the following Pioneer Valley organizations: Amherst Cinema Arts Center, Inc.; Artesana Incorporated; Bay Path University; Behavioral Health Network, Inc.; Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative; Big Brothers-Big Sisters Association of Franklin County, Inc.; Black Men of Greater Springfield, Inc.; Blues to Green, Inc.; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield; Collaborative for Educational Services, Inc.; Commonwealth Corporation Foundation; Community Music School of Springfield, Inc.; Connecticut Aeronautical Historical Association; Connecticut River Valley Wildlife Sanctuaries – Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary; Drama Studio, Inc.; Enchanted Circle, Inc.; Family Outreach of Amherst; Girls Incorporated of Holyoke; Global Glimpse; Gray House, Inc.; Greening Greenfield; Grow Food Northampton Inc; Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center; Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts, Inc.; Just Roots, Inc.; Leadership Pioneer Valley Inc.; Lyra Music Inc.; Northampton Academy of Music, Inc.; Northampton Neighbors; Operation Outreach-USA, Inc.; Western Massachusetts Training Consortium; Pioneer Valley History Network; Piti Theatre Company; Project Coach; Providence Ministries for the Needy, Inc.; Quabbin Mediation, Inc.; Reader to Reader, Inc.; University of Massachusetts Foundation; Valley Venture Mentoring Service, Inc.; VHS, Inc.; Way Finders, Inc.; Western Massachusetts Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America; and WGBY Channel 57.

About the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

Founded in 1991, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts administers a charitable endowment consisting of over 600 separately identified funds (\$173 million) serving the three

counties bordering the Connecticut River in western Massachusetts (Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties). For more information about the reach and impact of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, visit

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