



Brookline Community Foundation  
Annual Report 2016

Ready  
for  
the  
next  
step

2016  
2015  
2014

**BROOKLINE  
FORWARD**

2016



# DEAR FRIENDS,

In 2014, we set out an ambitious three year-plan for the Foundation and the town. With the Brookline Forward campaign, we committed to three areas of work:

**REDUCE & ALLEVIATE POVERTY** with an expanded financial safety net, a strengthened support network and more pathways to economic security.

**EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH** beyond school hours so that all Brookline families can access programming that promotes success in school and positive youth development.

**INVEST IN THE FOUNDATION'S CAPACITY** with more efficient systems and technologies so that every dollar makes the greatest impact.

Now, as we complete the third year of our campaign, we're proud to say we've made major strides in each area, meeting or exceeding every target. We raised a total of \$2.9M for these important causes—\$500,000 more than our goal. We've also seized significant opportunities and established new funds dedicated to college scholarships and health and wellness that will help pave the way toward a more vibrant future.

Today we're a stronger organization than ever. We've become known as a steadfast partner and nimble leader, an organization that keeps one foot in the here and now, ready to deliver support where it is needed, and one pointed toward the future, looking ahead at how we create a better Brookline for generations to come.

Thank you for taking this journey with us. We're thankful for your continued commitments and emboldened by your support as we take the next steps to move Brookline forward.

Sincerely,



*Jenny*

JENNY AMORY  
Executive Director



*Julie*

JULIE MARCUS  
President, Board of Trustees

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## 2014-2016 Great Leaps Forward

\$2.9M

raised for the  
Brookline Forward  
campaign

60%

increase  
in Safety Net  
support

\$1M

mark reached  
for the Brookline  
Youth Fund

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STEP



## REDUCE & ALLEVIATE POVERTY

No individual in Brookline should have to worry about basic needs like food and shelter, but a fragile economy and rising costs have put many Brookline neighbors in a precarious situation. Our *Understanding Brookline* report found 13% of residents living below the poverty line and 29% facing serious financial need.

In 2014, we committed to increase BCF Safety Net Fund support by 60%, to strengthen connections among service organizations, and to invest in programs that put residents on the path toward a more secure future. We're pleased to say we've met all three goals.



**\$972,522**

in strategic grants that address poverty (2014-2016)

**\$160,000**

in Safety Net support to individuals & emergency assistance providers in 2016 (up 60% from 2013)



**13**

meetings of the Executive Directors Roundtable to discuss shared challenges related to poverty (2014-2016)



## STEPPING UP IN NEW WAYS

When the Town of Brookline came to us with an idea—establish an invested fund to ensure a sustainable pool of scholarship support for graduating students—we were ready to help. You were too. Brookline Bank committed \$100,000 right away, Bo Winiker and the Rotary Club of Brookline raised another \$100,000, and The Country Club pledged \$100,000 through its annual golf fundraiser. A total of 151 Legacy Founders (31 businesses, 120 individuals) and 275 donors stepped up to invest in the BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School, raising \$500,000 in the first two years.

We're well on our way to reaching our ten-year, \$3.7M goal, which will double total scholarships given and make postsecondary education accessible for many more Brookline youth.

**\$500K RAISED**



**STEP** 1  
2  
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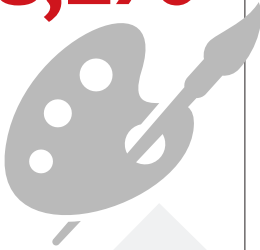
## EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

A growing school-age population has stretched town resources, particularly in the out-of-school sphere. Too many Brookline children lack access to programming that keeps them safe beyond school hours and supports healthy social-emotional and academic development. That’s especially true for students in middle school and youth from lower-income families.

In 2014, we committed to significantly increasing grant awards to quality out-of-school programs in high-need areas and to taking a leadership role in solving what we know to be both a resource and coordination issue. We’ve made big strides on both fronts.

**\$398,270**

awarded to launch or expand out-of-school programs (2014-2016)



**72**

town leaders convened to explore out-of-school-time challenges



**\$1,000,000**

mark reached by the Brookline Youth Fund, increasing access to opportunities for underserved youth



## STEPPING UP TOGETHER

A big part of solving the out-of-school-time issue lies in coordination. In 2015, we sent a delegation of seven Brookline providers to a national conference of the Providence After School Alliance to learn from best practices. That working group has continued to explore key issues together.

In 2017, BCF convened a group of 72 out-of-school-time providers, town leaders, and other stakeholders for a community-wide meeting where we considered more systemic approaches to addressing the needs of our youth. The National Institute on Out-of-School Time, a respected leader in the field, facilitated the conversation and summarized findings. More convenings are planned for the year to come.



**STEP 1**  
**STEP 2**  
**STEP 3**

## BUILD FOUNDATION CAPACITY

Since 2014, we've become a smarter, more efficient organization. One of our strategic goals was to bring our own systems up to date with the latest practices in the field. We've done so by creating:

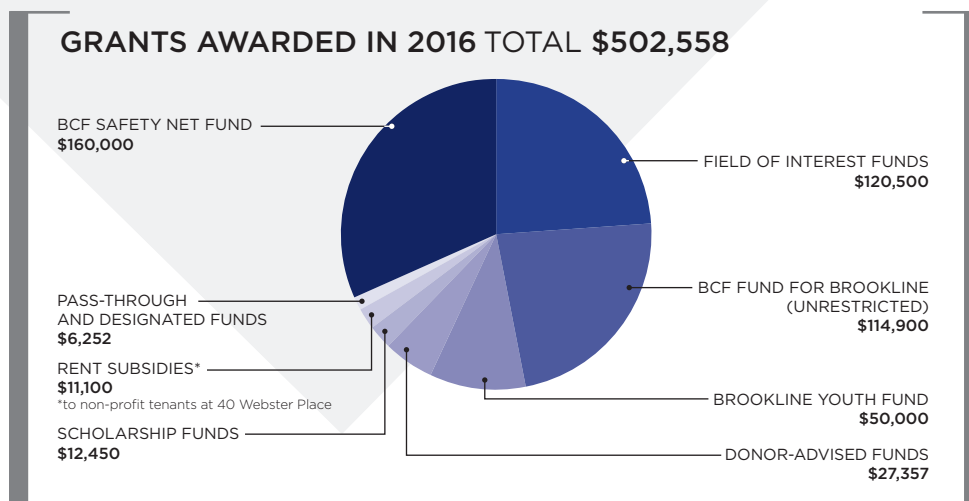
- a new web-based grant application process
- a streamlined online giving platform
- more efficient financial systems
- expanded fundraising capacity for greater impact

We've made major progress in a few short years and will continue to seek best practices and emerging technologies that can help us work more efficiently while increasing our philanthropic impact in Brookline.

## A NEW OPPORTUNITY

In 2016, New England Treatment Access, the company that manages Brookline's medical marijuana dispensary, established an endowed fund at BCF as a part of its commitment to the town; the fund will become a major source of support for nonprofits and town departments that improve health and wellbeing in Brookline.

Thus far, we've made \$100,000 in new grants from this fund. Total investments from NETA are projected to reach \$3.5M over ten years, which will greatly accelerate local efforts to create a more healthy Brookline for all.





# Brookline Community Foundation Annual Report 2016 | **GRANTEES**

All grantees received funding from BCF's Fund for Brookline, except where noted.

**BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School**

\$20,357 • General Support  
*Hsiu-Lan Chang Fund for Single Mothers*

**Boston Mobilization**

\$8,000 • Project BTC  
*Emily Novick Fund for Teens*  
\$5,380 • Being the Change Project  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Brookline Arts Center**

\$5,000 • ARTreach: Parent/Child Classes  
*Vaule Fund for Arts & Culture*  
\$2,500 • ARTreach Program  
*Vaule Fund for Arts & Culture*

**Brookline Community Mental Health Center**

\$120,000 • BCF Safety Net Program  
*BCF Safety Net Fund*  
\$23,500 • Brothers & Sisters Toward Success,  
Community Assistance Network, & Women & Girls  
Thriving in Brookline  
*NETA Fund*  
\$1,500 • Thriving Together: A Project to Cultivate Healthy Food,  
Leadership, & Community  
*NETA Fund*  
\$1,400 • Healthy Food & Lifestyles Working Group Community  
Gardening Project  
\$1,000 • Leadership Conference Support  
\$1,000 • Women & Girls Thriving - Compensation for Women  
with Limited Income

**Brookline Council on Aging**

\$1,000 • Memory Cafe

**Brookline Department of Public Health & Human Services**

\$20,000 • Community Education Prevention  
*NETA Fund*  
\$1,000 • Vital Records Scanning Project  
\$1,000 • Screenagers Film Screening at the  
Coolidge Corner Theater

**Brookline Early Education Program**

\$14,000 • Equal Access Tuition Subsidy  
*BCF Fund for Brookline, Blyth Family Fund*  
\$2,600 • Key Experiences Curriculum  
*Blyth Family Fund*  
\$750 • Annual Designated Fund Distribution  
*Fund for Young Children - Lauren Dunne Astley*  
\$600 • General Support  
*Stanley & Martha Livingston Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation*

**Brookline Extended Day Advisory Council**

\$16,000 • Brookline Extended Day Tuition Assistance Project  
\$10,000 • Extended Day Scholarship Project  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Brookline Fire Department**

\$800 • Pilot Campus Fire Safety Presentation

**Brookline Food Pantry**

\$19,159 • Purchase & Installation of New Freezer &  
Development Support  
*BCF Safety Net Fund*  
\$4,902 • General Support  
*Mary Gallagher*  
\$41 • General Support  
*BCF Safety Net Fund*

**Brookline Housing Authority**

\$18,000 • Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency Program  
*NETA Fund*  
\$17,000 • ESOL Program  
\$15,000 • Next Steps  
*BCF Fund for Brookline, Hsiu-Lan Chang Fund for Single Mothers*

**Brookline Hub, Inc.**

\$2,750 • "Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project"  
Documentary Project  
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Documentary Project

**Brookline Interactive Group**

\$7,725 • Media Arts & Digital Literacy Program  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Brookline Recreation Department**

\$10,000 • Summer Camp Subsidy  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Brookline Teen Center**

\$1,600 • Brookline Engineering Project  
\$385 • 2016 Alternatives to College Fair

**Devotion After School Enrichment Program (DASEP)**

\$16,000 • DASEP Tuition Assistance Program

**Emerald Necklace Conservancy**

\$8,895 • Green Team & Youth Leadership Program  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Family ACCESS of Newton**

\$5,000 • Child Assault Prevention Program  
*NETA Fund*

**FriendshipWorks**

\$10,000 • Brookline Program Support  
*NETA Fund*

**Jewish Family & Children's Services**

\$10,000 • Family Table  
*BCF Safety Net Fund*

**Lincoln Extended Day**

\$1,000 • Scholarships

**Lovin' Spoonfuls**

\$10,000 • General Operating Support  
*BCF Safety Net Fund*

**Muddy River Boosters, Inc.**

\$2,000 • Basketball Night in Brookline  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**My Life My Choice**

\$7,800 • Youth-Led Primary Prevention Approach  
to Fighting Exploitation  
*NETA Fund*

**National Institute on Out-of-School Time**

\$3,250 • Out of School Time Roundtable &  
Assessment Preparation

**Project Citizenship**

\$5,000 • Immigrant Outreach in Brookline

**Public Schools of Brookline**

\$815 • Empowering Brookline Bikers

**Science Club for Girls**

\$3,300 • STEM Program

**Springwell, Inc.**

\$5,000 • Nutrition Program for Low-Income Seniors  
*BCF Safety Net Fund, NETA Fund*

**Steps to Success**

\$10,000 • Organizational Capacity Building  
\$10,000 • Summer Connections Program

**The City School**

\$6,000 • Summer Leadership & Pathways to Change Program  
*Brookline Youth Fund*

**Town of Brookline/Brookline High School**

\$11,700 • Scholarships  
*Harold Brown Scholarship Fund*  
\$400 • Scholarship  
*Thomas P. Hennessey Scholarship Fund*  
\$350 • Scholarship  
*BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School*

**Town of Brookline/Parks and Open Space**

\$10,000 • Lawton Street Community Garden  
*NETA Fund*



# READY for the next step

Even as we celebrate the major accomplishments we've made since 2014, the Brookline Community Foundation is recommitting to its core causes, including poverty reduction and access to opportunities for our youth. These are areas that require sustained attention, and over the coming years we will continue to dedicate significant resources to addressing both.

As long as there is need among our neighbors, we will be here to provide strategic grants that address those needs. As long as there are challenges that require a bigger spotlight and town-wide coordination, we will be here to play that role too. And we will be here to inspire and support the philanthropy that makes Brookline a better place to live.

We intend to be here for decades to come—reliable, responsive and ready to keep pace with our community's evolving needs.



Photo: Peggy Campion



For year ending December 31, 2016. Audited financial statements are available upon request.

## Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2016</b>
Grants and contributions	1,108,159
Program revenue and miscellaneous	138,500
Investment return	537,907
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,784,566</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Program and grants	624,526
Community leadership	129,123
Building services	96,500
Fund services	110,070
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$960,219</b>
<b>Supporting Expenses</b>	
Administration	77,784
Fundraising	224,994
<b>Total Supporting Expenses</b>	<b>\$302,778</b>
<b>Changes in Net Assets From Operations</b>	<b>\$567,727</b>
<b>Net Assets Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$5,875,528</b>
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$6,443,255</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	
Long-term investments	4,021,706
Endowment investments	1,434,957
Cash and cash equivalents	541,248
Fixed assets, net	243,923
Other assets	301,732
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,543,566</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	11,550
Grants payable	73,050
Other liabilities (current)	15,711
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$100,311</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	3,276,366
Temporarily restricted	1,821,748
Permanently restricted	1,345,141
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,443,255</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,543,566</b>





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In 2016, BCF raised more than \$1.1 million in charitable contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations. These gifts directly support organizations that address critical needs in our town and make Brookline a vibrant community. We gratefully acknowledge each of our generous donors.

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