



Brookline Community Foundation Annual Report 2017



MORE THAN EVER





DEAR FRIENDS,

This has been a watershed year for the Brookline Community Foundation—in 2017, we secured the largest gifts in the Foundation’s history, awarded more (and larger) grants to local nonprofits than ever before and expanded our giving to address important new issues in Brookline. We’ve been preparing for this growth: Over the past several years, the Foundation has sharpened its mission, helped build greater understanding about challenges facing our town and earned the trust of many new and faithful donors like you who share our commitment to a stronger, more equitable Brookline.

Because of your generosity, we’re doing more than ever to build a better Brookline for all.

In 2017, the Foundation increased its assets by 25% and made almost \$500,000 in grants to 29 local partners, an all-time high. Many grants addressed our long-standing priorities: alleviating poverty and expanding opportunities for youth. We also attracted significant new gifts that allowed us to establish a fund to support health and wellness, and we launched a new, responsive grant program to ensure that Brookline remains an inclusive, welcoming community for all.

Today, more than ever, we’re committed to making Brookline a place where every neighbor has what they need to fully participate in our vibrant community. Today, because of you, we’re doing more than ever to realize this vision. We are so very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



Jenny

JENNY AMORY
Executive Director



Julie

JULIE MARCUS
President, Board of Trustees

2017 Highlights

MORE GIVING, MORE IMPACT

\$500,000

in strategic grants

29

organizations funded



MEETING **MORE** NEIGHBORS' NEEDS

In 2017, the Foundation raised \$307,000 in contributions to the BCF Safety Net Fund, significantly increasing our ability to address the basic needs of our neighbors. These gifts included a three-year, \$215,000 pledge from an anonymous donor, the largest gift to the Safety Net since its inception.



Over the past 10 years the Foundation has awarded more than

\$1,300,000

in Safety Net grants to support individuals in need.

In 2017 we secured

\$307,000

in Safety Net contributions.

Thanks to new and sustained gifts, we were able to do more than ever to support neighbors in need. We made a \$120,000 grant to individuals in crisis via the Foundation's Safety Net Program, managed by the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health. All together, we made 29 grants totaling over \$350,000 to organizations that are working to alleviate local poverty so that Brookline residents may stay in their homes, access healthy meals, find life-sustaining resources and build economic security.



Courtesy of Brookline Food Pantry.



MEETING **MORE** NEIGHBORS' NEEDS

“With Brookline Community Foundation’s support, the Brookline ESOL Program has grown to engage more than 100 low-income adults in free English classes in the communities where they live every year. The ESOL Program has come to serve as an essential open door for all in our increasingly diverse world.”

DANIELLE MENDOLA,
Brookline Housing Authority



Courtesy of Steps to Success.

Grantee Spotlight THE BROOKLINE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Brookline Housing Authority, which owns and operates 924 apartments and manages an additional 996 federal housing vouchers, is a key player in town-wide efforts to alleviate poverty. This year, we made a \$50,000 grant to the Housing Authority to support a comprehensive services program that helps residents access a range of services in one place and achieve greater self-sufficiency. Guided by the principles of “collective impact,” the program involves public housing residents in identifying community needs and devising local solutions. The grant will help the Housing Authority to hire a director for the program, launch a strategic planning effort, expand fundraising, and collaborate more deeply with partners.



CREATING **MORE** OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

This was a year of growth in youth support too. We passed the \$620,000 fundraising mark for the BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School—an endowed fund that will help bridge the cost of higher education for college-bound seniors for generations to come—and we made 20 grants to organizations that are filling gaps in out-of-school programming for Brookline youth.



Since 2014, the Foundation has raised over

\$620,000

for the BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School.

In 2017, the Foundation made 20 grants to out-of-school time programs totaling

\$139,000

There is a lot more work ahead. In the spring of 2017, we hosted a first-ever convening of out-of-school time providers and town leaders to discuss unmet needs and equity challenges in the out-of-school hours for Brookline youth. More than 70 attendees participated in small group discussions facilitated by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time (NIOST). Together, we discussed what an out-of-school time system could look like for Brookline and we identified high-priority needs, including expanded programming for middle schoolers. The next step will be a town-wide scan of youth demographics and out-of-school time participation, accompanied by a comprehensive inventory of existing out-of-school time opportunities. That research process was kicked off in 2018, with a report to the community to follow.



CREATING **MORE** OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

“I am grateful to the BCF Scholarship Fund for financial assistance that helped to ease the burden on my family for me to attend my top-choice college. The costs of tuition, housing and books add up! My parents and I truly appreciate the help.”

REEHAM CHOUDHURY,
2017 Brookline High graduate,
now attending Dartmouth College



Courtesy of Brookline High School.

Grantee Spotlight BROOKLINE INTERACTIVE GROUP

A grant of \$7,500 helped the Brookline Interactive Group launch Brookline Media, a pilot program to train local youth to create media content for Brookline non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools and parent-teacher organizations. During this 14-week after-school program, participants were mentored by staff to create professional videos of local cultural, sports and arts events. They were paid at an hourly rate and gained valuable media and technology training, portfolio-building experience and transferrable job skills, like project management and client relations. This new program is open to all Brookline teens with priority given to youth participating in Steps to Success, a program working with low-income families in Brookline.



DOING **MORE** FOR BROOKLINE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health and Wellness is the fastest-growing area of giving at the Foundation. For the second consecutive year, we awarded \$100,000 in fall grants through an endowed health and wellness fund established by New England Treatment Access (NETA). This year's five NETA Fund grantees include organizations that facilitate conversations about end-of-life care, provide support to vulnerable seniors, strengthen the social service network for low-income residents, support low-income women and girls, and implement substance abuse prevention education for youth and families in Brookline.



Since the NETA Fund was created in 2016, the Foundation has made

\$200,000

in new health and wellness grants.

In 2017, we received

\$575,000

from the Brookline Tuberculosis & Health Society—the largest single gift in our history.

Grantee Spotlight

BROOKLINE YOUTH WELLNESS PROJECT

In 2017, the Foundation awarded \$25,000 to the Brookline Department of Public Health and Human Services for the Brookline Youth Wellness Project, a substance abuse education initiative to help adolescents make healthy choices by increasing community understanding about the impact of marijuana and other drugs on the teen brain, as well as associated risk behaviors. The grant will support two part-time positions—a Prevention Specialist and a Parent Educator.



DOING **MORE** FOR BROOKLINE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS

“The Substance Abuse Prevention grant from Brookline Community Foundation is enabling the Brookline Health Department to continue ongoing projects and extend our outreach to parents and the community with information and strategies for helping adolescents make healthy decisions.”

MARY MINOTT,
Brookline Health Department



Courtesy of Baker School Extended Day.

Donor Spotlight BROOKLINE TUBERCULOSIS & HEALTH SOCIETY FUND

In 2017, we received our largest gift to date—a \$575,000 transfer of assets from the Brookline Tuberculosis and Health Society established an enduring community health legacy at the Foundation. BTHS was established in 1907 to promote understanding of the nature, causes and prevention of tuberculosis, and it maintained an active presence in the town for more than a century, addressing a variety of public health needs. The Foundation’s newly endowed Brookline Tuberculosis and Health Society Fund will provide grants to the town’s Health and Human Services Department and to nonprofits working to improve the health and wellbeing of Brookline residents.



DOING **MORE** TO EMBRACE OUR VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS

This year, the Foundation announced a new grant initiative, Brookline for All, to help local non-profit organizations and Town departments respond to changing national circumstances and policies that affect Brookline. This discretionary fund allows the Executive Director, in consultation with others, to respond quickly and directly to concerns expressed by community leaders and residents, ensuring that our most vulnerable neighbors feel safe and included in town life and that their fundamental rights are upheld.



In 2017, the Foundation made

\$30,000

in Brookline for All grants to foster a more inclusive Brookline.

In the first year,

5

organizations received Brookline for All grants.

Brookline for All provides support for initiatives that: advance and protect the rights of vulnerable community members; address issues of discrimination; raise awareness of community needs; create forums for courageous conversations; and encourage the development of new leaders. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and are awarded on a rolling basis.



DOING **MORE** TO EMBRACE OUR VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS

“My hope is that our shared experience and language will catalyze a collective movement toward cultivating greater racial justice within our own organizations, within our town, and beyond.”

GRACE YUNG WATSON
Director of Next Steps, a program of the
Brookline Housing Authority



Courtesy of Project Citizenship.

Grantee Spotlight PROJECT CITIZENSHIP

Project Citizenship provides free services to help legal residents become U.S. citizens. A grant of \$5,000 helped expand outreach to Brookline individuals and families in a time of heightened urgency. Plans included the creation of library corners that contain US citizenship and immigration eligibility information, as well as materials from local service organizations. Project Citizenship also partnered with the Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Brookline Housing Authority to share information about residents’ legal rights and available services.

Grantee Spotlight INTERACTION INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

A Brookline for All grant funded a day-long workshop offered by the Interaction Institute for Social Change on advancing racial justice in organizations. The training supported 13 individuals from 9 Brookline organizations and Town departments as they explored theories and models for addressing racism and learned strategies for operationalizing racial justice and equity in their organizations and throughout the town.



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

\$497,000 in strategic grants AWARDED IN 2017

Boston Mobilization

\$5,000 • Project BTC: Building the Connection
Brookline Youth Fund

Brookline Arts Center

\$2,500 • ARTreach: Art and Food
Brookline Youth Fund

Brookline Center for Community Mental Health

\$120,000 • BCF Safety Net
BCF Safety Net Fund
\$1,000 • Women & Girls Thriving in Brookline
\$6,800 • Building Resiliency and Voice Among
Spanish-Speaking Women
\$1,900 • Women & Girls Thriving in Brookline
NETA Fund

Brookline Council on Aging

\$5,000 • Food Distribution for Low-Income Seniors
BCF Safety Net Fund

Brookline Department of Public Health & Human Services

\$25,000 • Brookline Youth Wellness Project-
Substance Abuse Prevention
NETA Fund

Brookline Early Education Program

\$750 • Annual Designated Fund Distribution
Fund for Young Children - Lauren Dunne Astley
\$3,000 • Launch: Summer Skills and
Enrichment Program
Brookline Youth Fund
\$20,000 • Making Early Education Accessible
Blyth Family Fund and BCF's Fund for Brookline

Brookline Extended Day Advisory Council

\$8,000 • Tuition Assistance for Extended Day

Brookline Food Pantry

\$20,000 • Organizational Capacity Building
Hoppin Family Fund and BCF Safety Net Fund
\$2,007 • Pass Through Grant to Food Pantry

Brookline High School

\$17,000 • Scholarships
Harold Brown Scholarship Fund
\$2,200 • Scholarships
BCF Scholarship Fund for BHS
\$1,700 • Scholarships
Thomas P. Hennessey Scholarship Fund
\$1,000 • Sojourn to the Past Trip

Brookline Housing Authority

\$10,000 • Brookline ESOL Program
\$50,000 • Resident Services Program
NETA Fund and BCF Fund for Brookline

Brookline Hub, Inc.

\$2,850 • "Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust
Witness Project"
*Vaule Fund for Arts and Culture and BCF Fund
for Brookline*

Brookline Interactive Group

\$7,500 • Brookline.Media
Brookline Youth Fund
\$5,000 • Brookline.Media - Expanded Program
*Emily Novick Fund for Teens and BCF Fund
for Brookline*

Brookline Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations

\$500 • Gender Identity/Gender Expression
Training
\$1,500 • Rapid Response to Fire at
252 Aspinwall Ave.
BCF Rapid Response Fund
\$2,000 • Recognition and Honoring of
Brookline Artist John Wilson
*Vaule Fund for Arts and Culture and BCF Fund
for Brookline*

Brookline Public Library

\$1,000 • Brookline Eats!

Brookline Recreation Department

\$8,000 • Summer Camp Subsidy
Brookline Youth Fund
\$7,000 • Campaign for Town Pool
Friends of Brookline Recreation Fund
\$14,000 • Locker Room Renovations Project
Friends of Brookline Recreation Fund

Brookline Teen Center

\$1,000 • Trade Up
\$25,000 • Middle School Mondays

Center Communities of Brookline

\$9,000 • Hello Brookline: The Dialogue Starts Here
NETA Fund

Emerald Necklace Conservancy

\$8,500 • Youth Leadership Program & Green Team
Brookline Youth Fund

Friends of the Public Library of Brookline

\$1,000 • 90 Second Newberry Film Festival

FriendshipWorks

\$6,000 • Brookline General Support
NETA Fund

Girls' LEAP

\$3,500 • Life Time Empowerment Program
Brookline Youth Fund

Interaction Institute for Social Change

\$4,875 • Advancing Racial Justice in Organizations
Workshop

MAB Community Services

\$1,000 • Technology Media Education Access
Project

MEDIAGIRLS

\$840 • Scholarships

National Institute on Out-of-School Time

\$30,000 • Out-of-School Time Work in Brookline

Project Citizenship

\$5,000 • Brookline Outreach

Science Club for Girls

\$7,000 • STEMInistas
Brookline Youth Fund

Steps to Success

\$4,278 • Telling Your Story
\$707 • Professional Development: Educational
Access
\$15,000 • Extended Learning Programs for
Low-Income Elementary Students

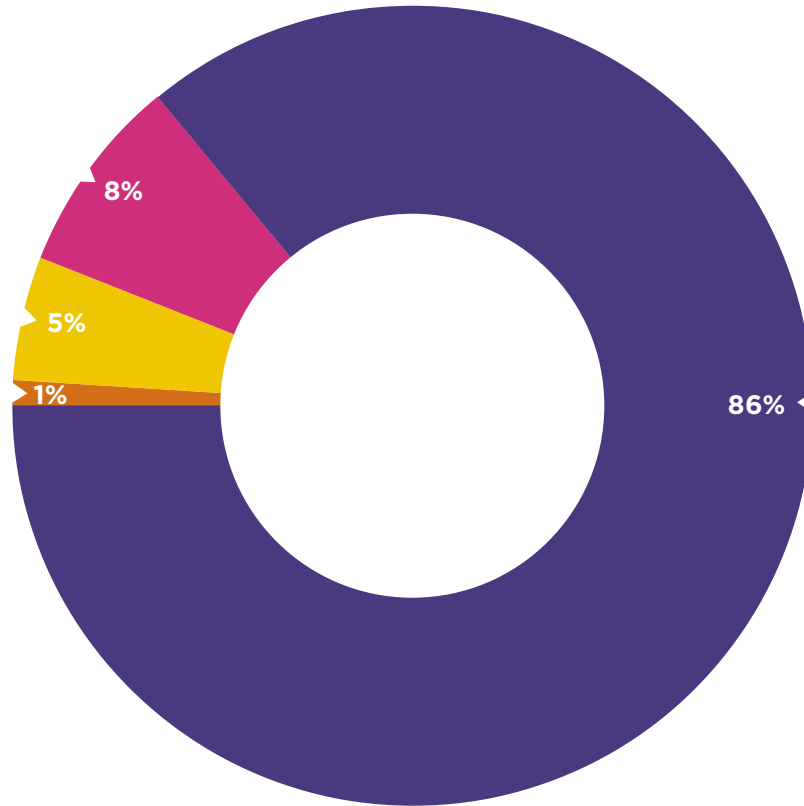
The City School

\$5,000 • Summer Leadership Program
Brookline Youth Fund



REVENUES: 2017
\$1,937,014

- INDIVIDUAL
- FOUNDATION
- SPECIAL EVENT
- CORPORATE



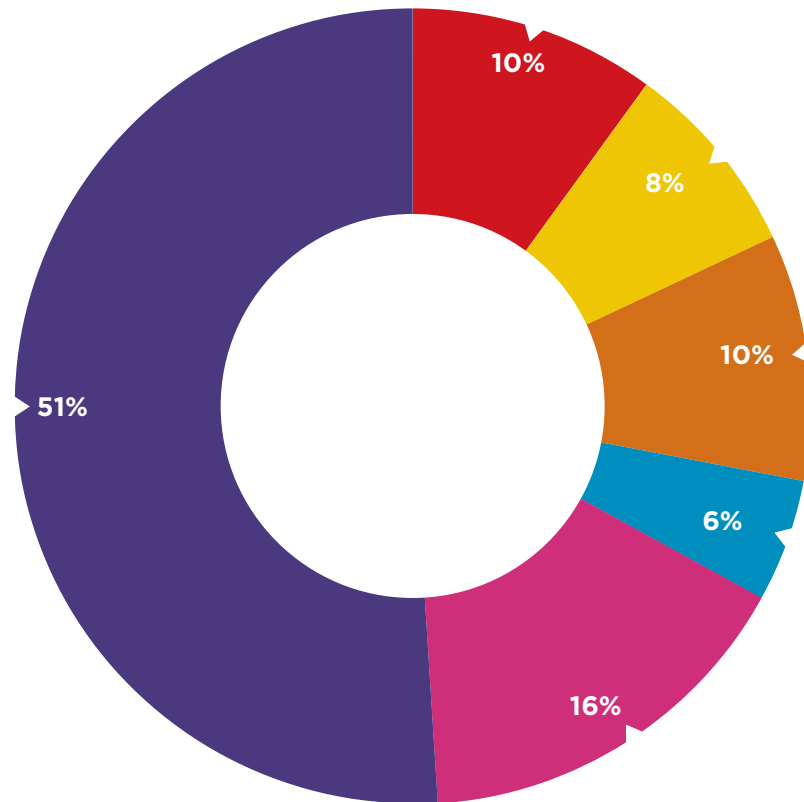
EXPENSES: 2017
\$1,303,960

PROGRAM EXPENSES

- PROGRAMS AND GRANTS
- COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
- BUILDING SERVICES
- FUND SERVICES

SUPPORTING EXPENSES

- ADMINISTRATION
- FUNDRAISING





UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are endowed and direct support to where it is needed most.

BCF Fund for Brookline

To carry out BCF's mission, which is to shine a spotlight on community needs, inspire philanthropy and award strategic grants to build a more vibrant, engaged and equitable Brookline.

Hoppin Family Fund

To respond to varied and changing needs of the community.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated funds provide support to one or more specific organizations or agencies that benefit from the fund.

Friends of Brookline Recreation Fund

To allow the Friends of Brookline Recreation to achieve their goals to provide equitable recreation opportunities, financial aid for recreation programs, and awareness for Brookline Recreation as well as the Friends.

John Wilson MLK Fund

To purchase and install the John Wilson Martin Luther King, Jr. sculpture.

Lauren Dunne Astley Fund

To enable young children from low-income families to attend the Brookline Early Education Program (BEEP).

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are assets or income that are restricted in use, in the types of organizations that may receive grants, or in the process used to make grants.

BCF Rapid Response Fund

To help address short-term, emergency needs in our community in the aftermath of a disaster or other unforeseen event.

BCF Safety Net Fund

To provide temporary emergency assistance to organizations that support Brookline residents in times of financial crisis and unexpected need and to support pathways to economic security.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

Donor Advised funds are flexible and provide support to organizations or agencies with the recommendation by the donor.

Brookline Youth Fund

To provide equal access to opportunities for underserved Brookline youth.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interests funds provide support to the donors' areas of interest.

Blyth Family Fund

To support the health and welfare of children in Brookline from low-income families.

Brookline Tuberculosis and Health Society Fund

To provide grants to the town's Health and Human Services Department and nonprofits working to improve the health and wellbeing of Brookline residents.

Emily Novick Fund for Teens

To support the enrichment of teens who live or go to school in Brookline.

Environmental Stewardship Fund

To support environmental programs that benefit Brookline and surrounding areas.

Flip and Toddy Mason Family Fund for Brookline's Neediest

To provide emergency assistance to Brookline's financially neediest people.

Fund for Young Children

To provide scholarships and other necessary supports for early childhood education and afterschool care in Brookline.

NETA Fund

To support health and wellness in Brookline.

Vaule Fund for Arts and Culture

To support arts and culture related initiatives that are undertaken by BCF.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Fiscal sponsorship is an arrangement between the Foundation and a project that does not have its own 501c3 status, allowing the project to accept donations while the Foundation maintains fiscal oversight.

Bountiful Brookline Fund

To assist Bountiful Brookline to achieve its goals to promote growing healthy food, provide healthy fresh food and create a sustainable local food system.

Brookline Open Studios

To allow Brookline Open Studios to accomplish its goals and purposes.

Jennifer Lynch Fund

To support forums on domestic violence awareness and education and to help maintain the Peace Garden in Brookline.

JFK Centennial Fund

To support the JFK Centennial Celebration.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship funds provide support to students to further their education.

BCF Scholarship Fund for Brookline High School

To help Brookline High School students who have a financial need with scholarships to pursue their dream of a post-secondary or college education.

Harold Brown Scholarship Fund

To award BHS graduating seniors who are in good standing academically and who have financial need with scholarships to pursue post-secondary education, including those who want to attend vocational education or technical programs approved by Brookline High School Scholarship Committee.

Thomas P. Hennessey Scholarship Fund

To award scholarship(s) and support a student(s) who has financial need and who exemplifies some or all of the key characteristics of Thomas P. Hennessey.



In 2017, BCF raised more than \$1.9 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.

BCF Leadership Fund

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Young women reviewing award recipients at the annual Brookline High School Scholarship Breakfast.



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