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BROOKLINE **COMMUNITY**
FOUNDATION

year in review 2022

REPORT FROM THE BROOKLINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



vision

A better Brookline for all

mission

The Brookline Community Foundation creates opportunity and promotes equity through the transformative power of giving

values

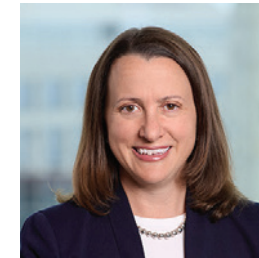
LEAD BY LISTENING • Listening helps us deeply understand community strengths, challenges, needs, and opportunities so we can be an effective collaborator and partner.

ANCHORED IN EQUITY • Equity is the vision we're working towards and the process we're using to get there that helps hold us accountable to our community and ourselves.

SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT • Sustainability is crucial for our nonprofits, our neighbors, and our own organization. Investing in Brookline lets us address needs today and well into the future.

COMMUNITY FIRST • Our community guides our work. We use your insights and guidance to design and refine our work so we can reach our shared goals together.

DEAR BROOKLINE COMMUNITY,



As a member of the Brookline Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, and our newly elected Board President, I couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished together over the last year.

Our most recent fiscal year has been truly a year of firsts for BCF. Last fall, BCF led community engagement efforts to learn more about how members of the Brookline community had been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and what investment areas community members most wanted to see supported through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

This year also marked several firsts for our grantmaking. We awarded our first-ever multi-year grants to help our partners sustain long-term work. We launched the Racial Equity Grant Program to support efforts aimed at anti-racism and racial equity work and programs in Brookline. Importantly, this program also represented our first participatory grantmaking process, in which a diverse group of community members and Town representatives joined the Racial Equity Grant Committee and reviewed and recommended proposals for funding. Through their efforts and the Town of Brookline's generous \$500,000 investment to seed the Racial Equity Fund, BCF awarded over \$300,000 to nine projects as part of the Fund's first round of grantmaking.

Beyond our external programs, we also launched the development of the next iteration of our flagship Understanding Brookline reports, and began an organization-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion training program so we can continue improving our practices and better address the systemic inequities that prevent everyone in our community from thriving.

While I am proud of what we accomplished together this past year, I am equally proud of how we've done this work. BCF's organizational values have been our north star, helping us ask ourselves how we can be a more effective collaborator, how we can better amplify community voices, how we can make transformative investments in our community, and how we can better work in partnership across Brookline to reach our shared goals.

This report provides a glimpse into what's possible when nonprofits, Town agencies, donors, and community members come together. All of us at BCF remain grateful for your support, and committed to being a trusted partner in the work ahead.

With gratitude,

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collective impact in grantmaking

\$1,200,747

was awarded to 47 organizations dedicated to supporting the Brookline community from 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

- 2Life Communities (formerly Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly)
- Abilities Dance Incorporated
- BCF Fund for Brookline (unrestricted)
- Boston Worker's Circle Center for Jewish Culture and Social Justice
- Brookline Arts Center
- Brookline Center for Community Mental Health
- Brookline Council on Aging/Brookline Multi-service Senior Center Corporation
- Brookline Early Education Program
- Brookline Food Pantry
- Brookline High School
- Brookline Housing Authority
- Brookline Hub, Inc
- Brookline Improvement Coalition, Inc.
- Brookline Interactive Group (BIG)
- Brookline Office on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations
- Brookline Recreation Department
- Brookline Robotics Initiative
- Brookline Teen Center
- Carroll Center for the Blind
- Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation, Inc.
- Emerald Necklace Conservancy
- Family ACCESS
- FOOD FOR THOUGHT
- FriendshipWorks
- Gateway Arts/Vinfen
- Heath Extended Day Program
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- Joana Chacon/ National Educator Anti-Racism Conference
- Kalliope Reed Quintet
- LEAP Self-Defense (dba Girls' LEAP)
- MAB Community Services, Inc.
- Martin Trust Partnership in Education for Early Learners
- Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange
- Organized Youth
- Parks and Open Space
- Public Schools of Brookline
- Ruffin Ridley Extended Day Program
- Springwell, Inc.
- Steps to Success, Inc.
- Studios Without Walls
- Temple Beth Zion
- Town of Brookline Finance Department
- Town of Brookline/Brookline Adult and Community Education
- Town of Brookline/Public Schools of Brookline
- VOICES Boston
- Women Thriving, Inc.
- Yachad

Working in partnership with the Brookline community, FY22 was our most impactful year to date, including many firsts for BCF:

firsts

We awarded our first-ever Racial Equity Grants totalling more than \$300,000 to support 9 community-led programs and initiatives aimed at expanding equity and justice in Brookline.

For the first time in our history, we held a participatory grantmaking process through the Racial Equity Grant Committee. The Committee, which is comprised of community members, Town representatives, and BCF leaders, reviewed proposals and recommended funding for The Racial Equity Grant Program.

Another first for BCF was our first-ever multi-year grants! Through our Community Grant Program, we awarded multi-year grants to several partners to support their work over time and help sustain their vital efforts.

Thanks to the generous support of community members, we established several new funds designed to support student literacy, provide need-based scholarships, sustain public health efforts, and more!

Working collaboratively with partners and community members across Brookline, we learned where you saw opportunities to invest the \$43M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for a more equitable recovery here in Brookline. Thank you to the entire community for your support and for sharing your ideas and insights with us through this process.



STATION STREET ART FAIR



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

collective impact from giving

\$2,121,248

Thanks to the generosity of 841 donors, we raised \$2,121,248 to fund critical community grantmaking, launch new research, and fuel community engagement and convenings:

total amounts raised

BCF SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

\$232,344

BCF SAFETY NET FUND

\$68,903

BCF FUND FOR BROOKLINE

\$564,952

BCF OPPORTUNITY & EQUITY FUND

\$33,781

BCF RACIAL EQUITY FUND

\$508,354

NEW/OTHER

\$712,914





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