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Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund Announces Donation Match Challenge
All Donations Will Be Matched Up to \$12,500 Until May 18

May 5, 2020 (Wellesley, MA) – The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund that is providing grants for critical programs to residents during the ongoing Coronavirus crisis is poised to double its impact in the next two weeks. Today, organizers announced two anonymous contributors have pledged to match all donations to the Relief Fund, up to \$12,500 between now and May 18, 2020, in hopes that this effort will generate up to \$25,000 in additional emergency funding.

On April 29, 2020 the COVID-19 Relief Fund awarded \$12,800 in an initial round of grants to local non-profits, funding programs to connect long-term care residents to loved ones, support remote learning for vulnerable school-aged children, and support Wellesley restaurants while serving COVID-19 affected residents. A second round of grant funding will be announced later this week.

The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund was established less than three weeks ago as a partnership between The Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, and the Wellesley Board of Selectmen. Up-to-date information on the COVID-19 Relief Fund and photos of the grant recipients and programs, are regularly shared on the [Town of Wellesley website](#) and on the Community Fund for Wellesley's Facebook page [@CFFWellesley](#).

Grants are reviewed by the members of the COVID-19 Relief Fund Committee, which is comprised of community members, elected officials and staff from the Town of Wellesley, and are awarded on a rapid and rolling basis.

Voting Members (4):

Jamie Ebersole, Chair, Community Fund for Wellesley
Wendy Paul, Marketing Chair, Community Fund for Wellesley
Mike Stephens, Grants Chair, Community Fund for Wellesley
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Amy Frigulietti, Asst. Executive Director, Town of Wellesley
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Maura Renzella, Youth Commissioner & Chair, Housing Authority, Town of Wellesley
Beth Shedd, Marketing Committee, Community Fund for Wellesley
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen, Town of Wellesley

The Committee is assisted by Stephanie Hawkinson, Communications & Project Manager, Town of Wellesley and Mary Crowley, Operations Director, Foundation for MetroWest.

Donate to the Match Challenge Now

To take part in the two-week match challenge and donate to the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund or learn more, please visit: www.CFFW-covid.org

Donations are accepted electronically using the link above or by sending checks made out to the Foundation for MetroWest; please specify in the memo line 'Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund' and mail to:

Community Fund for Wellesley
c/o Foundation for MetroWest
3 Eliot Street
Natick, MA 01760

About the Community Fund for Wellesley

The mission of the Community Fund for Wellesley is to promote the common good and to benefit all residents of our Town. The Fund serves as a permanent source of funding to foster innovation and collaboration in support of community needs and opportunities. The Community Fund for Wellesley was established in 2008 in celebration of Wellesley's 125th birthday. A dedicated group of Town residents had a vision to create a fund that would exist to benefit members of the Wellesley community for generations to come. In the past 11 years, the Fund has made grants of over \$400,000 to more than 30 local non-profits and Town of Wellesley departments.

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