



## **Yawkey Foundation Announces \$4 Million Commitment to COVID-19 Response**

DEDHAM, July 8, 2020 – The Trustees of the Yawkey Foundation today announced \$4 million in grant funding to more than 60 Massachusetts nonprofit organizations responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants, which have been paid since the beginning in March, are focused on providing equitable access to critical human services and health care to the most vulnerable individuals and families impacted by the pandemic.

“Our Trustees took great care to ensure that we invested this \$4 million in effective, trusted organizations, inspired leaders, and heroic front-line teams who are delivering critical support, resources, and hope to the community,” said Maureen H. Bleday, CEO of Yawkey Foundation. “We know that Tom and Jean Yawkey would have felt passionate about responding to the many challenges facing nonprofits who are not only struggling to deliver on their core missions, but doing so much more to keep those they serve safe, healthy, and treated with dignity and respect as our community works toward eventual recovery and healing.”

As part of this effort, Yawkey Foundation made grants to Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Boston Medical Center, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Duffy Health Center, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center and several other organizations providing critical health care access for their communities. The Foundation made grants to Community Servings, Cor Unum, Fall River Mobile Food Market, Food for Free, Greater Boston Food Bank, Lovin’ Spoonfuls, Merrimack Valley Food Bank, and Project Bread, among many other impactful food assistance programs in Eastern Massachusetts. Grants were provided to organizations providing shelter and housing assistance, including Bridge Over Troubled Water, Father Bill’s & Mainspring, Lazarus House, My Brother’s Keeper, Pine Street Inn, Rosie’s Place and several others. The Foundation also reached out to provide support to numerous organizations such as Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Chelsea Collaborative, La Comunidad, UTEC and several Boys and Girls Clubs in Southeastern Massachusetts who have been playing a critical support role in their communities for a broad range of services during the COVID-19 crisis.

In addition to program and operating support, the Yawkey Foundation awarded a \$1 million charitable grant to Brockton Hospital to support the organization’s mission of providing high-quality and accessible healthcare to individuals in Brockton and the surrounding areas, with particular focus on economic mobility workforce opportunities at the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of this support, the [Brockton Hospital School of Nursing Building will be re-named the Yawkey Center.](#)

“Yawkey Foundation Trustees reflected upon the ways in which COVID-19 revealed and exacerbated the deeply entrenched structural inequities that have plagued so many of our most vulnerable communities, and we approached this grantmaking deliberately and strategically,” said Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond, Trustee of the Yawkey Foundation. “We believe that these grants are solid investments in supporting nonprofits that are dedicated to partnering with individuals, families and communities in overcoming those inequities.”

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Among the organizations receiving grants from the Yawkey Foundation COVID-19 response initiative are the following Massachusetts nonprofits:

#### Health Care Organizations

Boston Children's Hospital (*Martha Elliot Health Center, and pediatric programs at health centers in Quincy, Brockton, Chelsea, Fall River and New Bedford*)

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Boston Medical Center

Brockton Hospital

Brockton Neighborhood Health Center

Community Health Center of Cape Cod

David's House

Dimock Health Center

Duffy Health Center

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Franciscan Hospital for Children

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Health Care Without Walls

Massachusetts General Hospital (*Chelsea and Revere HealthCare Centers*)

The Boston Home

#### Organizations Providing Food Access

American Red Cross of Massachusetts

Catholic Charities (*Brockton, Lowell, Somerville, Lynn, Boston*)

Cape Cod Council of Churches-Faith Family Kitchen

Charity Guild

Community Servings

Cor Unum

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Food for Free Committee

Greater Boston Food Bank

Fall River Mobile Food Market (GBFB)

Lovin' Spoonfuls

Massachusetts Military Support Fund-Food4Vets

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

My Brother's Table

Project Bread

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod

Women's Lunch Place

#### Organizations Providing Housing and Shelter

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Caritas Communities

Casa Myrna Vasquez

FamilyAid Boston

Father Bill's & Mainspring

Housing Assistance Corporation

Housing Families

Lazarus House

Lucy's Hearth

Mission of Deeds

My Brother's Keeper

New England Center & Home for Veterans

Pine Street Inn

Project Place

Rosie's Place

St. Francis House

St. Mary's Center for Women and Children

#### Organizations Providing Multiple Assistance Services to Youth and Families

Boys & Girls Club of Fall River

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence

Boys & Girls Club of Metro South-Brockton Club

Boys & Girls Club of Metro South-Taunton Club

Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford-New Bedford Club

Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford-Wareham Club

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association

Chelsea Collaborative

Emmanuel Gospel Center

House of Possibilities

Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción

Interfaith Social Services

La Comunidad

People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)

Progreso Latino

Ron Burton Training Village

UTEC

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## About the Yawkey Foundation

Yawkey Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey, whose eight decades of quiet generosity supported individuals and families in the communities that were closest to their hearts – Massachusetts and Georgetown County, South Carolina. Having awarded more than \$500 million to-date in charitable grants to organizations focused on Health Care, Education, Human Services, Youth and Amateur Athletics, Arts and Culture, and Conservation and Wildlife, Yawkey Foundation is committed to preserving and sustaining the charitable values of the Yawkeys by investing in impactful nonprofits providing resources, opportunity, and dignity to the vulnerable and underserved. For more information, please visit [www.yawkeyfoundation.org](http://www.yawkeyfoundation.org)

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