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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
RECORD 2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

BOSTON, Dec. 3, 2018 --The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) announced today that the MBA Charitable Foundation has set a new record in its annual year-end community grant season. The 45 grants in 2018 total \$163,000, a record number of awards this year. The foundation has now provided gifts totaling approximately \$2.5 million over its 22-year history. The foundation, supported by the 150 member banks of the MBA throughout Massachusetts and New England, is distributing the grants over eight geographic regions in Massachusetts. Of the many well-deserving social service agencies, we particularly attempted to craft some special awards to those aiding in the battles of opioid/drug addiction, homelessness/women shelters and empowerment, and hunger. In addition, through the encouragement of our member banks, special awards were also provided to the Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund and Cor Unum to assist in the effort to support those affected by the Merrimack Valley gas explosions.

“We are thrilled to be able to give these gifts,” said Donald P. Gill, chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation, and president and CEO of Coastal Heritage Bank, Weymouth. “This foundation has done so much good work over the years, yet each gift-giving season we see more need. That’s why each year, we rededicate ourselves to this effort to help in any way we can.”

The recipients, the grants, and the award schedules follow:

## 2018 AWARD WINNERS

### Group I

#### **Lovin' Spoonfuls Food Rescue**

1304 Commonwealth Avenue

**Boston, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. Mass Bankers Association at One Washington Mall,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

#### **Maria Droste Counseling Center/ Madonna Hall**

1354 Hancock Street

**Quincy, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. Mass Bankers Association at One Washington Mall,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

#### **Strong Women, Strong Girls**

555 Amory Street Suite #3R-3

**Jamaica Plain, MA**

\$5000

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8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

### Group II

#### **Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham & Wakefield**

15 Dale Street

**Stoneham, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. Mass Bankers Association at One Washington Mall,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

#### **Bread of Life**

54 Eastern Avenue

**Malden, MA**

\$5000

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8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

#### **James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn**

One Charles Gardner Lane

**Woburn, MA**

\$5000

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8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston

### **Group III**

**Emmaus Inc.**  
127 How Street  
**Haverhill, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 20, 11:00 a.m., 127 How Street, Haverhill MA

**Pathways for Children Inc.**  
29 Emerson Avenue  
**Gloucester, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 20, 1:00 p.m., 29 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester MA

**Habitat for Humanity – North Shore**  
14 Park Street  
**Danvers, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Thursday, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m., 14 Park Street, Danvers MA

### **Group IV**

**Hanover Special Needs Athletic Partnership**  
P.O. Box 742  
**Hanover, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m., 188 Broadway, Hanover MA

**Our Daily Bread Taunton, Food & Resource Center**  
111 High Street  
**Taunton, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 14, 11:15 a.m., 111 High Street, Taunton MA

**Golden Opportunity for Independence**  
323 High Street  
**Walpole, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Friday, Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m., 323 High Street, Walpole MA

### **Group V**

**The Island Food Pantry**  
P.O. Box 1874 Church Street  
**Vineyard Haven, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Rd, Westport, MA

**Southeastern MA Veteran's Housing Program**

344 County Street  
**New Bedford, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Rd, Westport, MA

**United Neighbors of Fall River**

209 Bedford Street  
**Fall River, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Rd, Westport, MA

**Group VI**

**Thrive Support & Advocacy**

65 Boston Post Road West  
**Marlborough, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 19, 10:00 a.m., DoubleTree, 5400 Computer Dr, Westborough, MA

**Worcester Youth Center**

326 Chandler Street  
**Worcester, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 19, 10:00 a.m., DoubleTree, 5400 Computer Dr, Westborough, MA

**Abby Kelley Foster Home, Inc. (Abby's House)**

52 High Street  
**Worcester, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, Dec. 19, 10:00 a.m., DoubleTree, 5400 Computer Dr, Westborough, MA

**Group VII**

**Girls Inc. of Holyoke**

6 Open Square Way  
**Holyoke, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m., 6 Open Square Way, Holyoke, MA

**The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts**

97 North Hatfield Road  
**Hatfield, MA**  
\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, 9:45 a.m., 97 North Hatfield Road, Hatfield, MA

**Thrive Financial Success Center**

1441 Main Street

**Springfield, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, 3:30 p.m., 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA

**Group VIII**

**Berkshire Family & Individual Resources**

771 South Church Street

**North Adams, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, Pittsfield, 1:30 p.m., Hotel on North, 297 North St, Pittsfield, MA

**Berkshire Center for Justice Inc.**

284 Main Street Suite 7

**Great Barrington, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, Pittsfield, 1:30 p.m., Hotel on North, 297 North St, Pittsfield, MA

**The Brien Center**

359 Fern Street

**Pittsfield, MA**

\$5000

Award Ceremony: Monday, Dec. 10, Pittsfield, 1:30 p.m., Hotel on North, 297 North St, Pittsfield, MA

In addition to the 24 primary award recipients, 19 nonprofits are receiving \$2,000

“Honorable Mention” awards along with the two agencies receiving special \$2,500 awards to

aid in the Merrimack Valley gas explosion relief earlier this year.

**Group I**

**Julie's Family Learning Program**

133 Dorchester Street

**Boston, MA**

**Pine Street Inn**

444 Harrison Avenue

**Boston, MA**

**Self Esteem Boston Inc.**

8 Lakeside Road Suite 3

**Jamaica Plain, MA**

## **Group II**

### **REACH Beyond Domestic Violence**

P.O. Box 540024

**Waltham, MA**

### **The Community Family Inc.**

106 Wyllis Avenue

**Everett, MA**

### **MetroWest YMCA Inc.**

280 Old Connecticut Path

**Framingham, MA**

### **Little Sisters of the Poor - Jeanne Jugan Residence**

186 Highland Avenue

**Somerville, MA**

## **Group III**

### **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc.**

280 Merrimack Street Suite 400

**Lawrence, MA**

### **The Megan House Foundation Inc.- Megan's House**

32 Berry Road

**Lowell, MA**

## **Group IV**

### **Schultz's Guest House**

13 Burgess Lane

**Dedham, MA**

### **South Shore Peer Recovery**

51 Cole Parkway

**Scituate, MA**

## **Group V**

### **Heidrea for Heroes, Inc.**

36 Cordage Park Circle

**Plymouth, MA**

### **The Literacy Center**

80 N. Main Street

**Attleboro, MA**

**Vineyard House**  
56 Short Hill Road, P.O. Box 4599  
Vineyard Haven, MA

**Group VI**

**Doctor Franklin Perkins School**  
971 Main Street  
Lancaster, MA

**HOPE, House of Peace & Education**  
29 Pleasant Street  
Gardener, MA

**Group VII**

**Caring Health Center**  
1049 Main Street  
Springfield, MA

**LifePath Inc.**  
101 Monson Street Suite 201  
Greenfield, MA

**Riverside Industries Inc.**  
One Cottage Street  
Easthampton, MA

The Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation awards are symbolic of the many individual donations banks make on a regular basis to organizations and causes in their local communities. In addition to the nearly \$89 million a year given by Massachusetts banks to local charities, MBA member bank employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours across the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 150 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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**Media Note: Reporters are invited to attend all of the scheduled award ceremonies.**

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