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Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University Announces 2018 Service Fund Recipients

Eight local nonprofits receive grants in the program's eighth year

NORTH GRAFTON, MASS., July 12, 2018– Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University today announced the local nonprofit organizations that will receive Cummings School Service Fund grants for the eighth year of the program. These organizations will address a variety of needs, from promoting literacy and outdoor education for K-3 students to enriching the community through the arts. The eight grant recipients this year are:

- Fales Parent Group for a “Storywalk Project” of laminated children's books mounted along a playground path to promote literacy and encourage outdoor education for Westborough K-3 students;
- Benjamin Franklin DeMolay in North Grafton to enable three local young men to attend a leadership training conference at Lion’s Pride Camp in New Hampshire;
- The Westborough Education Foundation for their Annual 5K Turkey Trot to promote health, fitness and fun and benefit district-wide initiatives in the Westborough Public Schools;
- MA State Police Museum & Learning Center for a Kids Safety Fair, which will offer art projects, and trooper-led talks on texting and impaired driving, along with other activities;
- The Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation, Inc., to host an outdoor summer wind-instrument concert on the Grafton Common in August 2018;
- Congregation B'nai Shalom for their 40th Anniversary Festival, a family-friendly music event to be held in May 2019, featuring local talent, along with eight food trucks.
- Appletree Arts for The New Stones Festival of Arts on the Grafton Common in November 2018, a collaboration of three regional arts organizations that will feature photo and painting exhibitions; and
- Westborough Early Childhood Center for the purchase of *Second Step*, a social-emotional curriculum for the Westborough Public Schools’ pre-school program for children with special needs.

“We are happy to continue the tradition of recognizing outstanding local organizations with our annual Cummings School Service Fund grants,” said Joyce Knoll, V.M.D., Ph.D., dean *ad interim*, of Cummings School. “Their initiatives and programs greatly enrich our host communities, and we are pleased to be able to support them.”

Cummings School established the fund to support organizations in its host communities of Grafton and Westborough, Mass. Applications are reviewed annually by the School and given priority based on their ability to address community-identified needs. Grants typically range from \$200 to \$500.

Activities funded or supported in previous years of Cummings School Service Fund awards include a St. Andrew's Episcopal Church program to provide breakfast and lunch for eligible campers at Worcester Area Mission Society (WAMS) Day Camp; Grafton Fire Department for equipment for first responders to effectively treat companion animals within the Central Massachusetts emergency response area; a free concert put on by The Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation in recognition of service of Vietnam War veterans; and the Lion's Club of Grafton July 4th Celebration.

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About Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Founded in 1978 in North Grafton, Mass., Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University is internationally esteemed for academic programs that impact society and the practice of veterinary medicine; seven teaching hospitals and clinics that combined log more than 80,000 animal cases each year; and groundbreaking research that benefits animal, human, and environmental health.