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**The Fund for Sandwich Awards Inaugural Grants
to Five Nonprofit Organizations Serving Town**

SOUTH YARMOUTH—The Fund for Sandwich of The Cape Cod Foundation recently awarded a total of \$2,500 to five nonprofit organizations serving the town’s residents.

“This is the fund’s inaugural year of grantmaking,” said Dr. Madeleine Wing Adler, member of the Advisory Committee. “The recipients we have chosen have projects and programs that will impact a large cross-section of our community in very meaningful ways. We are thrilled to support them.”

Adler was among the group of residents who established the fund in 2015 to build a permanent endowment for the town through private donations. Each year, the fund will award grants to nonprofit organizations that improve and enhance the quality of life in the community.

This year’s recipients each received \$500 from The Fund for Sandwich:

Calmer Choice

To support Calmer Choice training at the Oakridge Elementary School in Sandwich. Calmer Choice is a universal prevention program committed to teaching young people how to effectively and safely manage stress and resolve conflict so that they live happy, healthy, and successful lives.

Cape Cod Military Support Foundation

To support the purchase of food gift cards for Sandwich military/Coast Guard families who are in need.

Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network

To create an 8-week arts program at Sandwich High School to support the Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network (CapeCodCAN), a program of the Cotuit Center for the Arts. The mission of the program is to give individuals with disabilities opportunities to actively engage in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

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Friends of the Sandwich Town Archives

To support student volunteers to enter data and digitize the town's collections, which include historic photographs and maps, obituaries, and historical asset files, featuring historic properties.

Sandwich Council on Aging

To support a Temporary Homemaking and Respite program for senior citizens who no longer receive Medicare-paid services and do not qualify for the program with Elder Services of Cape Cod. The program is designed to provide temporary homemaking, home health assistance or respite service to clients who may still be frail after hospitalization, but can improve. The goal is to prevent re-hospitalization.

"This is an important milestone for the fund's leaders and supporters," said Kristin O'Malley, President and CEO of The Cape Cod Foundation. "It's also a great opportunity for the town residents to come together."

O'Malley said there are two other Cape towns with similar endowment funds with the Foundation: Chatham and Falmouth. Both started as grassroots movements by residents who wanted to ensure there would be financial resources to invest back into their communities every year. In 2016, The Chatham Fund awarded \$27,000 in grants; The Falmouth Fund distributed \$74,990.

For additional information, contact Dara Gannon, the Foundation's Program Officer, at 508.790.3040 or dgannon@capecodfoundation.org. Anyone interested in donating to any of the Town Funds can call The Cape Cod Foundation at 508.790.3040, donate online at capecodfoundation.org or mail a check, payable to the appropriate fund, to: The Cape Cod Foundation 261 Whites Path, Unit 2, South Yarmouth, MA, 02664.

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PHOTO: Thomas Rockwell, member of The Fund for Sandwich Advisory Committee, awards a \$500 grant to Katy Paul from the Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network, a program of Cotuit Center for the Arts, dedicated to giving people with disabilities opportunities to actively engage in the arts. (Photo courtesy of Olivia Rowe)

The Cape Cod Foundation is a community foundation whose mission is to build permanent charitable resources for community betterment through informed grantmaking and civic leadership. The Foundation has distributed more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships since its founding in 1989. www.capecodfoundation.org