



Cape Cod Foundation Distributes Over \$3.4 Million in 2017!

The Cape Cod Foundation's total grant and scholarship distributions for 2017 exceeded \$3.4 million. That's an increase of more than \$500,000 from the previous year. What's the secret? There's power in numbers.

Quite simply, more people are creating permanent endowment funds to support the nonprofits they care about, and more people are donating to these very same funds to increase the overall impact we can make by working together. The Foundation's job is to invest wisely, leverage resources, forge collaborations, and fuel initiatives that make our community better. This year. And the years to come.

Here are a few things we powered up together in 2017:

- 424 students from the Cape or Islands received over \$850,000 in scholarships from the Foundation and our supporting organization, The Cape Cod Association. That's \$55,000 more than in 2016.
- Grants to local nonprofit organizations, included in the \$3.4 million distribution, were at an all-time high and helped support all aspects of Cape Cod life: health and human services, education, arts and culture, the environment, community and economic development, housing, and children, youth and families.
- Together the Town Funds (Falmouth, Chatham & Sandwich) of The Cape Cod Foundation awarded more than \$109,000 to nonprofit organizations serving their residents.
- The Foundation used its discretionary resources to award \$53,950 in Strategic Focus Grants to six local nonprofit organizations: Center for Coastal Studies, Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, HopeHealth, The Family Pantry of Cape Cod, WE CAN, and YMCA Cape Cod.
- We also invested \$20,000 in the Community Housing Partnership to educate members of the Cape community about affordable housing development and management to effect change.
- We awarded another \$50,000 to the Breast Cancer Reconstruction Surgery Patient Assistant Fund of the Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation
- Thanks to a unique funder collaborative, we brought the award-winning Institute for Nonprofit Practice's Core Certificate Program to the Cape. Sixteen nonprofit leaders graduated from the inaugural leadership development class in May; another 16 leaders entered the second class in the fall.