

Wareham Police raise funds to benefit “Cops for Kids with Cancer”

Saturday the Wareham Police Association hosted its second annual golf tournament at Little Harbor Golf Course in Wareham to benefit “Cop for Kids with Cancer.”

Here are some pics from this weekend. Thanks to all of the sponsors, donors, volunteers and golfers. Thanks again and we look forward to this event next year.





New Bedford family seeks public's help in finding a kidney for Pablo – a grandfather, father, coach, umpire

Here's Pablo's story:

"Hello everyone. My dad currently has two failing kidneys and his wife and 4 kids have tried to give him ours but we just were not compatible ?. We won't give up hope on him he's currently fighting this daily and still finds time to be a great husband father uncle and grandfather.

He works a lot with the community most of you probably know him as the umpire Pablo or coach Pablo. To us, he's our world and we are reaching out asking for help to spread the word to help find him a kidney to save his life.

I will post links below explaining The surgery and info you will need if you are interested. This is a big commitment and we understand. This man deserves people to fight for him he has the brightest soul. Thank you for your time and your shares to get his store across thank you from the bottom of my heart for the help and support.

His blood type is B+. Blood types he can receive B-, B+, O-, O+.

If you would like to see if you are a match for Pablo Zayas take the questionnaire. The link is below his birthday is May

7, 1963.

<http://www.mghlivingdonors.org>.”

Facebook Page: [facebook.com/Pablo-Needs-a-Kidney-101203008385065/](https://www.facebook.com/Pablo-Needs-a-Kidney-101203008385065/)

Email: dixiezayas2893@gmail.com



**New Bedford's Community
Preservation Act FY 2021
application round begins with**

virtual workshop

The New Bedford Community Preservation Committee (CPC) announces the launch of the FY 2021 Community Preservation Act (CPA) application cycle at an Application Technical Workshop, hosted by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The public is invited to attend this informational session on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

The CPC anticipates a budget of approximately \$1.9 million to fund CPA-eligible projects in FY21 and strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle attend the workshop to learn about the application process.

The Community Preservation Act was adopted by New Bedford voters through a ballot question in November 2014. This statewide enabling legislation allows communities to create dedicated funding for Open Space, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing activities in the city. Oversight is provided by the Community Preservation Committee, the body established by the City to manage the CPA program in New Bedford.

To date, New Bedford's CPA has funded 45 projects across the city, totaling over \$5.2 million dollars distributed to open space, recreation, historic preservation, and community housing projects. Projects funded include the exterior restoration of the Sgt. William Carney House by the Martha Briggs Educational Club, the acquisition of open space at the Acushnet Sawmill by Buzzards Bay Coalition, and the creation of the Sgt. Sean Gannon Memorial Playground at the Elwyn Campbell Elementary School. Additionally, this CPA funding has leveraged just over \$1.2 million dollars in private, state, and federal funding.

MEETING DETAILS:

Thursday September 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm

REMOTE MEETING

The public may participate via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/91781164899>

Password: 036434

Or by calling 1 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 917 8116 4899

Password: 036434

Translation services in both Spanish and Portuguese for the meeting are available by request only. Please contact the Community Preservation Act Coordinator 48 hours prior to the meeting if you require these services.

Questions concerning CPA and the application process can be directed to Jessica Bailey, CPA Coordinator by email: CPA@newbedford-ma.gov. On September 3, 2020, application materials will be available on the city website at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announces grant awards to southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced Wednesday that it will award four grants to community organizations in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts under the Grant Per Diem, or GPD, program.

The grants allow up to 97 Veterans experiencing homelessness

access to transitional housing, an increase of 10 beds to the area served by the VA Providence Healthcare System. The GPD program provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless Veterans, with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income, and obtain greater self-determination.

“No Veteran should have to worry about whether they will have stable housing,” said Lawrence Connell, Director of the VA Providence HCS. “These GPD grants are an important part of the services and resources VA offers to help Veterans exit homelessness.”

The award period begins Oct. 1 to support three different types of grants to address the unique needs of Veterans who are homeless:

1. Per Diem Only grants are used to provide transitional housing beds and operate service centers for Veterans experiencing homelessness. These grants provide funding in the form of per diem payments to reimburse grantees for the cost of care provided to Veterans during the award period.
2. Special Need grants provide funding to organizations that incur additional operational costs to help Veterans with special needs who are experiencing homelessness, including women, individuals with chronic mental illnesses and Veterans who care for minor dependents.
3. Transition in Place grants provide funding to community agencies that place Veterans experiencing homelessness in transitional housing, while also providing them with supportive services. These services are designed to help Veterans become more stable and independent, with the ultimate goal of Veterans assuming full responsibility for the lease or other housing agreement. When that goal has been achieved, the transitional residence becomes the Veteran's permanent

residence and supportive services come to an end.

The GPD program has provided Veterans who are homeless with community-based transitional housing and supportive services since 1994. The number of Veterans experiencing homelessness in the U.S. has declined by 50 percent since 2010 – resulting from the GPD program and other VA efforts.

More information about the GPD program and a list of grantees is available at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.

New Bedford's Community Foundation awards \$55,000 to 25 nonprofits providing youth summer programming

The SouthCoast Community Foundation awarded a total of \$55,000 in August to 25 local nonprofit organizations for summer programs serving youth in the region.

The awards were made from the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund, which the foundation established in March 2020 to support nonprofit organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak. To date, the fund has raised more than \$5.58 million and granted more than \$4.78 million to nonprofits providing emergency support for vulnerable populations, including the homeless, immigrant families, and those facing food insecurity in our region.

A wide range of corporations, foundations, and individuals have donated to the fund, responding to the Community

Foundation's call to come together on behalf of our community. The partnership with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund has come to a close, but the SouthCoast Community Foundation continues to make emergency grants of their own in response to growing community needs. Please consider making a donation on our website www.southcoastcf.org.

"Many of us have powerful memories of summers on Buzzards Bay and throughout the region, given the year we are all having, we owe it to our youth to help them create memories, make friends, breathe fresh air, learn a skill, and have a summer" said John Vasconcellos, President of the SouthCoast Community Foundation.

Among the recipients of the summer program grants is Gnome Surf, of Fall River. "We are a 501c3 nonprofit Surf Therapy program that provides an alternate and innovative form of healthcare that addresses both physical and mental health as well as, emotional well-being. We aim to create a world where kindness, love, happiness, compassion and self-confidence are available to All Kids of All Abilities." Said Chris Antao, Founder of Gnome Surf. "The SouthCoast Community Foundation has been instrumental in helping us to provide life altering services to over 750 families throughout Massachusetts. It has helped attract tourism and more support to small businesses in the area as well."

Details of each grantee's work can be found listed below. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 were distributed to the following organizations:

Grantees:

- Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative
- Attleboro YMCA
- Bay Coast Rowing Center, Inc.
- Boys and Girls Club of Fall River
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham

- Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South
- Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc.
- Buzzards Bay Coalition
- Citizens for Citizens
- Community Boating Center
- Dennison Memorial Community Center
- Dream Out Loud Center
- Gnome Surf
- New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!
- NorthStar Learning Centers
- Old Colony YMCA
- Old Dartmouth Historical Society
- On Stage Theatrical Productions, Inc.
- Our Sisters' School
- PAACA
- United Neighbors of Fall River
- YMCA Southcoast
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.
- YWCA of Southeastern MA

How to give

You can help those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting our region's nonprofits on the front lines. Donations to the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund may be made online at on our website www.southcoastcf.org.

For general questions and inquiries about the Fund, please direct your inquiry to emergencyfund@southcoastcf.org. For any questions regarding making a donation, please contact the Community Foundation's Development Manager, Tricia Grime at pgrime@southcoastcf.org. Lastly, for media inquiries and interview requests, please contact Jasmyrn Baird at jbaird@southcoastcf.org.

The SouthCoast Community Foundation is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common goal of improving the quality of life through philanthropy throughout the region. More information about the Foundation can be found at <https://southcoastcf.org/>

Ocean State Job Lot donates masks, shields, and hand sanitizer to New Bedford Police Department

"The COVID-19 pandemic is not over and we're fortunate to have community partners that know this too.

Chief Joseph Cordeiro stopped by Ocean State Job Lot recently to receive a generous donation of 1,600 protective KN95 masks, 3,000 surgical masks, 10 face shields, 20 gallons of hand sanitizer and 15 infrared non-contact thermometers from Team Leader Mike Reardon.

Keeping our officers and community safe is our #1 priority." - New Bedford Police Department.

Massachusetts State Police

participates in multi-state relay to bring tricycle to 6-year-old boy with special needs

On Wednesday, Hampden County Deputy Bob “The Bike Man” Charland, who runs Pedal Thru Youth, received a Facebook message with an article of a 6-year-old boy in need of a tricycle for special needs.

Deputy Charland knew he had two such trikes, so he looked at the article and realized that it was not a local child in Massachusetts but a boy in Elyria, Ohio. So he reached out to the Massachusetts State Police Springfield barracks commander Lieutenant Jon Provost for help. Lt. Provost then contacted the State Police Office of Media Relations to see if they could help with arranging a relay to Ohio. A message was sent to New York and Pennsylvania State Police and Ohio State Highway Patrol asking for assistance in delivering the tricycle to the boy. All three departments immediately agreed to help and Thursday arrangements were made to use Route 90 for a relay of the trike in the back of cruisers from Springfield, Massachusetts, to Elyria, Ohio.

At 6:30 a.m. on Friday the trike was loaded into Trooper Moran’s cruiser in Springfield. Trooper Moran and recent 85th RTT graduate Trooper Torres headed west, meeting Trooper Chandler of the New York State Police at the Massachusetts-New York line, where the trike was transferred to Trooper Chandler’s Cruiser. Trooper Chandler then drove west, meeting Trooper Johns in Syracuse, New York, and the trike was transferred to Trooper John’s cruiser. Trooper Johns drove his portion of the route and then handed the trike off to Sergeant Rhoney in Victor, New York, who brought it to the

Pennsylvanian-New York state line.

There he meet Trooper Arrington of the Pennsylvania State Police who took custody of the trike and brought it across the top of Pennsylvania to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. There he met Lieutenant Jackson, the station commander for the Ashtabula, Ohio State Highway Patrol Post. The final handoff was made to Lieutenant Dunbar and Trooper Castillo, Elyria Post, who drove it to Elyria. The bike traveled almost 600 miles in 12 hours through 4 States.

The bike was delivered to Silas Oliver along with a helmet from the Ohio State Police. Thanks to the efforts of all those involved from Deputy Charland who built the bike and started the ball rolling to all the Troopers, Sergeants and Lieutenants who assisted in the relay and those who helped organize this joint venture to bring some happiness to a little boy. Also thanks to Fox 8 news who published the story which set off the chain of events.

The effort was assisted by First Sergeant Kevin Flynn of the New York State Police and Sergeant Ray Santiago of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Both helped coordinate the efforts in their respective States with Sergeant Santiago helping in the final delivery.

All photos by Massachusetts State Police:



New Bedford's Community Foundation awards over \$4.7 million to 82 nonprofits to

the region's most vulnerable communities

NEW BEDFORD – The SouthCoast Community Foundation launched the SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund in March 2020 to support nonprofit organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak. To date, the fund has raised over \$5.5 million and granted over \$4.7 million to 82 nonprofits providing emergency support for vulnerable populations, including the homeless, immigrant families, and those facing food insecurity in our region.

The Community Foundation selected 34 local nonprofit organizations to receive a total of \$1.26 million for the final round of grants made possible through the Community Foundation's partnership with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund supports those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focusing on essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities and those facing food insecurity. The Fund works in concert with regional community foundations and non-profit leaders who partner with local leaders to understand the response and relief landscape, strategically filling in where gaps are pronounced. For more information, visit MACovid19ReliefFund.org.

"The challenges to the health and well-being of our community during this time has been ever shifting. Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, we have been able to put food on people's tables, keep people in their homes, protect our frontline workers, support those struggling with mental health issues, get kids into safe and engaging summer programs, and help our most vulnerable neighbors during this uncertain time." said John Vasconcellos, President of the SouthCoast Community Foundation.

To date, the Fund has raised over \$5.5 million from a wide range of corporate donors, foundations, and individuals, in response to the Community Foundation's call to come together on behalf of our community. The SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund will continue to make grants to support the region's nonprofits on the frontlines of the pandemic. Please consider making a donation on our website www.southcoastcf.org.

Details of each grantee's work can be found listed below. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$79,000 were distributed to the following organizations:

Grantees:

Early July: (\$600,000)

- Angels Anonymous Inc.
- Attleboro Interfaith Area Collaborative
- Catholic Social Services Diocese of Fall River, Inc.
- Citizens for Citizens, Inc.
- Coastal Foodshed, Inc.
- Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Mass
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Inc.
- Hockomock Area YMCA, Inc.
- M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc.
- People Acting In Community Endeavors (PACE) Community Housing Corporation
- Round the Bend Farm, Inc.
- Seven Hills Behavioral Health, Inc.
- South Shore Community Action Council, Inc.
- The Marion Institute Inc.
- The Women's Center
- United Neighbors of Fall River
- United Way of Greater Fall River, Inc.

Late July: (\$660,000)

- Amego, Inc.
- Bristol Community College Foundation, Inc.

- Cambodian American Rescue Organization, Inc.
- Centro Comunitario De Trabajadores
- Citizens for Citizens, Inc.
- Community Action for Better Housing, Inc.
- Greater Fall River Community Food Pantry, Inc.
- Health Imperatives, Inc.
- Hebron Food Pantry, Inc.
- Hockomock Area YMCA, Inc.
- Immigrants' Assistance Center
- Kennedy-Donovan Center, Inc.
- Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Inc.
- My Brother's Keeper, Inc.
- Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness
- Saint Anne's Food Pantry
- SouthCoast LGBTQ Network, Inc.
- Southeastern Massachusetts SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc.
- The Salvation Army
- United Neighbors of Fall River
- United Way of Greater Fall River, Inc.

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Massachusetts Gov. Baker signs “Breakfast After the Bell” bill to provide breakfast to 150,000 students in 600 schools

While Massachusetts already requires high-poverty schools to provide breakfast to eligible students, that has left those kids who show up late to school late without a meal.

On Tuesday, Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill that will help high-poverty schools serve breakfast after the start of the school day – something that could potentially provide breakfast to 150,000 students in approximately 600 schools. Massachusetts Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), and State Reps. Andy Vargas (D-Lawrence) and Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke) filed the bills that became the Breakfast After the Bell law.

This means that starting in 2022, any school where at least 60% of the students are eligible for free or reduced meals must also offer breakfast *after* the bell with the option to pick up the meal later in the day and even eat it in class.

The ability to have breakfast before the school day starts is said to not only improve a child’s health but improve attendance, the ability to focus or concentrates which will lead to better academic achievement.

Southern New England Brotherhood Ride departs in honor of fallen first responder

From Thursday, August 6th through Sunday, August 9th, 2020, the Southern New England Brotherhood Ride will conduct a 4-day 200-mile bicycle ride through over 50 communities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to honor 12 first responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice to the communities in which they served and protected. This year's ride will begin in Rochester, MA, and will travel through several communities before completing our mission. Due to the current state of the pandemic, we were unsure how to make the ride possible as we were unable to secure overnight accommodations. To honor and ride in the memory of the 12 heroes that paid the ultimate sacrifice in 2019 we have decided to make day trips. Each day we will be starting at different locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island to honor the 12 heroes and show the support to the families, departments, and communities of the loved ones lost that they will NEVER be forgotten.

The Brotherhood Ride takes place one year after the death of a first responder in MA, RI, or CT to show the communities where they served, their department, and their family that their acts of bravery will never be forgotten. SNEBHR is a nonprofit organization established in 2018 as a chapter of the Brotherhood Ride of Florida. We are a team of active and retired firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians who ride bicycles to honor the memories of fallen first responders who suffered a line of duty death from the previous year. The SNEBR is entirely made up of volunteers. No one collects a paycheck or compensation for their time. Everyone who participates does so on either their

own personal time or vacation time. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Other than the cost of the ride itself, all of the proceeds and monies raised, from fundraising and donations will go directly back to the families of the fallen.

It is not a race, it is not a competition, we do not ride for us, we ride to remember our fallen heroes, our brothers and sisters, we ride in their memory and to let their families know that we truly will “never forget” they paid the ultimate sacrifice.

“So stand down my brother, you have completed your shift. Let our legs carry your memory and remind all who will listen that you gave your life to save a total stranger”.

– Jeff Morse Founder Brotherhood Ride Florida

Honorees who we are riding in honor of this year:



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