

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating **25** years of improving the quality of life in the communities we serve through impactful, strategic philanthropy.

2022 Impact

ABOUT GLCF

Established in 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) is a philanthropic organization comprised of more than 400 funds dedicated to improving the quality of life in 21 neighboring cities and towns. With financial assets of more than \$53.5 million, GLCF annually awards grants and scholarships to hundreds of worthy nonprofits and students. The generosity of our donors has enabled the Community Foundation to award more than \$35 million to the Greater Lowell community.



\$7.9 million
gifts received from
donors



The Center for
Hope and Healing



Alternative House



\$53.5 million
in total assets

\$418,500
in scholarships were
awarded to
243
students from
378
scholarship funds



Catie's Closet



\$5.5 million
distributed to
249
nonprofits

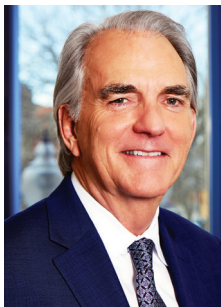


421
endowed
funds



OARS

Reflecting on 25 Years...



In 1995, the Parker Foundation, Newell Flather, president, and Karen Carpenter, funded a study in collaboration with community members, to determine if the greater Lowell area should establish a community foundation. The answer a resounding “yes.”

A couple years later, on June 2, 1997, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation was incorporated.

The incorporators were: George Duncan, president; Nancy Donahue, vice president; Peter Stamas, treasurer; Joc Pearson, Clerk; Dick Donahue, director, and Bob Hatem, director. A sincere thank you to these founders – and their commitment to improving the quality of life in the Greater Lowell.

In GLCF's 25th Year:

- GLCF remained the region's leader in charitable giving, granting over \$35 million to regional nonprofits since our founding.
- During the past 20 months, GLCF has granted more than \$8 million to battle the humanitarian distress caused by COVID,
- GLCF continues to lead, convene, and fund around key civic and social issues including racial equity, homelessness, food insecurity, mental health, waterways vitality, arts and culture, and more.

As GLCF celebrated 25 years of community leadership and philanthropic advocacy, I am honored to serve as President and CEO. Our impact on the region would not be possible without the unwavering and passionate support from donors like you.

Thank you for inspiring us to build a better future for Greater Lowell.

Jay Linnehan
GLCF President and CEO

1997	Endowment	# of Funds	Scholarships	Grants
	\$50K	47	\$65K	\$152K
2022	Endowment	# of Funds	Scholarships	Grants
	\$53.5M	421	\$418,500	\$5.5M

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Lowell Iron & Steel Co., Inc.
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER BILLERICA

GLCF awards additional grants to address mental health needs

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) announced it deployed a new round of COVID-19 related grants, providing an additional \$150,000 to seven nonprofits in Greater Lowell addressing mental health needs.

"GLCF received more than \$700K in grant requests for this cycle – the needs are enormous as the community deals with the mental health implications of COVID-19," said GLCF president & CEO Jay Linnehan. "We are grateful to our volunteer selection committee that used their collective expertise to review many worthy applications to make some hard decisions relating to grant funding."

The seven nonprofits receiving grants to address mental health needs are:

- **Adolescent Consultation Services** (Cambridge) for Direct Mental Health Services for Court-Involved Children in Greater Lowell
- **Alternative House** (Lowell) for Support for Child Survivors
- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica** for Club Social Worker
- **International Institute of New England** (Lowell) for Lowell Refugee Youth Mental Health Initiative
- **ThinkGive** (Concord) for SEL program expansion to five Greater Lowell sites serving under-resourced youth
- **UTEC** (Lowell) for Improving mental health for proven-risk adolescents
- **Westford Health Department** for applying under the shared grant service NorthWest Coalition (Lowell, Westford, Acton, and Dracut) Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica received a grant to support a club social worker as part of GLCF's funding to address mental health needs. From l-r: Jay Linnehan, GLCF president and CEO, Michelle Vichot, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica, and Jennifer Aradhya, GLCF vice president of marketing, programs and strategy.

financial report

2022 Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Cash and investments	53,149,722
Unconditional promise to give	313,209
Total assets	53,462,931

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable / accrued expenses	170,103
Grants payable	49,462
Fiscal agent and agency endowment funds	9,123,881
Total liabilities	9,343,446

NET ASSETS

Total net assets	44,119,48
Total liabilities and net assets	53,462,931

2022 Statement of Activities

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions, grants and gifts	5,963,619
COVID-19 contributions, grants, and gifts	1,272,306
Investment Income	(6,961,731)
Total support and revenue	274,194

EXPENSES

Program Services	4,799,833
Fundraising	275,162
General and administrative	245,855
Total expenses	5,320,850

Change In Net Assets	(5,046,694)
Net Assets At Beginning Of Year	49,166,179
Net Assets At End Of Year	\$44,119,485

Financial Stewardship

The goal of the Foundation's investment program is to preserve and enhance the value of donor gifts, maintain capital for the future, and meet community needs today. To accomplish this goal, we sustain a diversified portfolio overseen by multiple managers.

GLCF Endowed Funds Return

(through 12/31/22)

- 1 Yr. -15%
- 3 Yr. +6.5%
- 5 Yr. +7.3%



Photo 1: Ironstone Farm's Dave McCann, Veterans Retreat Facilitator and Kerri Whalen, Executive Director with GLCF's Jennifer Aradhya and Jay Linnehan. (Jessica the Haflinger in background.) Photo 2: Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) - Sewing Training Program. Photo 3: Mission of Deeds Team.

Founding Donors Acknowledgment

The generous support of private foundations is essential to furthering our work in the community. We appreciatively acknowledge our founding Foundations: The Theodore Edson Parker Foundation (Moses Greeley Parker Foundation and Mary Greeley Parker Morrison Foundation) for their initial and continued support. Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust Fund, and Massachusetts Environmental Trust.



GLCF Founders + Board Service Dinner

Rear row (l-r) - Dr. James N. Reichheld, John Duke (on behalf of Winslow), Jay Linnehan, Steven Joncas, Atty. Annmarie Roark, James C. Shannon III, CPA, Mr. Brian J. Stafford CPA, MST, Jacqueline F. Moloney Ed.D., and John P. Chemaly. Front row (l-r) - James F. Conway III, Nancy Donahue (on behalf of Richard), and George L. Duncan



Celebrating 25 Years of Community Service & Financial Support

For 25 years, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) has managed the charitable donations of hundreds of local donors to make a positive and enduring impact on life in Greater Lowell.

Founded in 1997 to “channel collective community investments for continuous community good,” GLCF has grown from an initial endowment of \$50,000 to almost \$60 million as we rolled into our 25th year.

Now celebrating our Silver Anniversary, GLCF was initially set up to benefit the people, institutions and communities of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro and Westford. Since then, its service area has grown to include a total of 21 neighboring cities and towns

According to George Duncan, a GLCF founder, the original concept of the Foundation was to bring Lowell-area assets back home to build better and stronger local communities. “Lowell has needed and deserved a community foundation for 150 years,” said Duncan at the time. “We’ve watched the money earned here go to build other cities like Boston — now it’s our turn.”

Over the years, what started as a modest pool of charitable assets, has grown in size and scope. In 1997, the Foundation’s initial 47 charitable funds awarded \$65,000 in scholarships and gave away \$152,000 in grants.

In 2022, GLCF manages and administers over 400 charitable funds, distributed \$418,500 in scholarships to area students, and awarded more than \$5.5 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

“For the past quarter-century, this Foundation has supported and helped our neighbors,” said Jay Linnehan, GLCF President and CEO. “We are grateful and fortunate that so many generous donors and community leaders have stepped up to collectively contribute their time, expertise and resources to enable GLCF to assist those in need.”

GLCF continues to focus on and provide financial support to address key civic and social issues, including racial equity, homelessness, food insecurity, mental health, waterways vitality, and arts and culture.

Over the past 20 months, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 million to battle the humanitarian distress caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. And it plans to distribute at least another \$2 million more in the coming months.

“Since 1997, GLCF has brought people together to explore important issues and collectively find solutions to communal problems,” said Linnehan. “We are proud to continue our mission to enrich community capital, empower nonprofit organizations, strengthen our connections to each other, and come up with innovative solutions to the challenges facing Greater Lowell.”

“Lowell has needed and deserved a community foundation for 150 years. We’ve watched the money earned here go to build other cities like Boston - now it’s our turn.” - George Duncan, a GLCF Founder



GLCF Timeline: 1997 - 2022

GLCF Board
of Directors
1999



October 2000

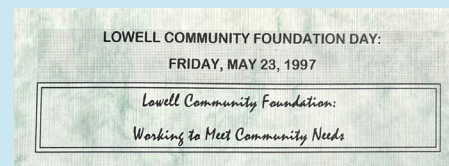
\$5M community endowment milestone reached and move to new location celebrated

The Merrimack River
Watershed Grant
Support 2010



May 1997

First Lowell Community Foundation Day



April 2004

Founded and funded by women, the Women Working Wonders Fund was established to allow women to take advantage of their unique motivation to impact their community



June 2013

\$1M donation from Richard K. Donahue Sr. to establish Permanent Fund for GLCF. This fund was established to honor his wife, Nancy L. Donahue



LHS Honors
Night scholarship
recipients



November 2017

New Drug Court Transportation Program launched in partnership with Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and Community Teamwork Inc.



March 2020

GLCF established GLCF COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to support low income and marginalized people in its communities



GLCF Board
Members and
leadership with St.
Paul's Soup Kitchen
founders



Annual Meeting

A Conversation with Doris Kearns Goodwin



Jay Linnehan and Doris Kearns Goodwin

On Thursday June 2, 2022, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation hosted its 25th annual meeting event at UMass Lowell's Inn and Conference Center. The event featured a conversation with presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin.



Doris Kearns Goodwin with artist Janet Lambert Moore



GLCF Board Chair Chet Szablak with Bill and Marie Sweeney

Since its inception in 1997, countless donors and businesses in Greater Lowell have trusted the Greater Lowell Community Foundation to provide leadership, education, and financial support to improve the quality of life in the 21 communities served through impactful, strategic philanthropy.

"As we celebrated GLCF's 25th anniversary, we were honored to welcome world-renowned historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. Her work brought to life some of our most successful presidents and provides insight for today's leaders," said Jay Linnehan. "As we reflected on a quarter-century, we are thankful for our supporters, partners, and grantees who have helped to make our work possible."



2022 GLCF Board of Directors

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker, and Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times #1 best-selling author. Her seventh book, *Leadership in Turbulent Times*, was published in September 2018 to critical acclaim and became an instant New York Times bestseller. A culmination of Goodwin's five-decade career of studying the American presidents focusing on Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Baines Johnson, the book provides an accessible and essential road map for aspiring and established leaders in every field and all of us in our everyday lives.



Sara Bogosian, Philip Donahue, Nancy Donahue and Joseph Pyne



John Thibault, Jack O'Connor and Elaine Zouzas Thibault

More than 200 people attended GLCF's in-person event with many others spread far and near logged onto the virtual event live stream. GLCF is grateful for the generous community including sponsors and partners who made this event possible.



Celebrate Giving

The Power of Philanthropy

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation hosted its annual Celebrate Giving event at UTEC.

The event featured panelists: Nancy Huntington Stager, President & Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Bank Foundation; Sophy Theam, Trustee of the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation and DEI and Leadership Program Specialist at Enterprise Bank; John Flanagan, Senior Director, Westford Corporate Citizenship for Red Hat; and Siddhi Shah Chheong, Head of Strategy Development, MilliporeSigma and representing the Shruti N. Shah Memorial Scholarship Fund.

WinnCompanies, a proven housing partner in the greater Lowell community, received the 2022 GLCF Business Philanthropy Partner Award for their exemplary work collaborating with people during the pandemic to help keep them in their homes, treating them with respect and dignity. Lawrence H. Curtis, the President and Managing Partner of WinnDevelopment and member of the Board of Directors of WinnCompanies accepted the award.

The 2022 Steven Joncas Community Connector Award recipient was Bopha Malone, Interim Executive Director of Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell. The award recognizes an individual or organization in our community that has advanced the power of philanthropy in Greater Lowell. Malone's dedication to serving local nonprofits was highlighted with this award.

The inaugural GLCF Newell Flather Legacy Fund Grant was awarded to Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) for Health Access Programming in Lowell. The Newell Flather Legacy Fund was established by the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation in 2022 at GLCF to support nonprofit projects focused on the arts, immigrant, and refugee communities, and/or advancing equity and inclusion in the city of Lowell.



Event panelists: Nancy Huntington Stager, Sophy Theam, Siddhi Shah Chheong and John Flanagan



WinnDevelopment's Lawrence H. Curtis with Jay Linnehan



Steven Joncas, Bopha Malone and Jay Linnehan



Karen Carpenter from the Parker Foundation, with CBA's Yun-Ju Choi, Cecilia Gutierrez Yapur and Ivana Dauwer

2022 List of Grantees

In 2022, GLCF awarded \$5.5 million in grants: \$2.9 million from donor funds and scholarships as well as \$2.6 million from COVID response and discretionary funds. The recipients of the 2022 COVID response and discretionary grant awards are listed below.

COVID Response Support

- Adolescent Consultation Services
- Alternative House, Inc.
- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
- Boston Area Gleaners Inc.
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica, Inc.
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Catie's Closet, Inc.
- Coalition for a Better Acre
- Community Teamwork, Inc.
- Dignity Matters, Inc.
- Dwelling House of Hope
- Gaining Ground, Inc.
- Incompass Human Services
- International Institute of New England
- Life Connection Center, Inc.
- Lowell Community Health Center
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
- Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.
- Mill City Grows
- Northeast Legal Aid, Inc.
- Open Table, Inc.
- The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.
- ThinkGive, Inc.
- UTEC, Inc.
- Westford Health Department
- YWCA of Lowell

GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund

- Aaron's Presents
- Andover Islamic Center
- Open Table, Inc.

GLCF Children's Discretionary Fund

- Adolescent Consultation Services
- Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.
- Dignity Matters, Inc.
- Discovery Museum, Inc.
- Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- Mission of Deeds, Inc.
- Seven Hills Extended Care at Groton - Seven Hills Pediatric Center
- Wish Project, Inc.

GLCF Community Needs Fund

- Alternative House, Inc.

- Coalition for a Better Acre
- Community Teamwork, Inc.
- Fortaleza, Inc.
- GLCF Children's Discretionary Fund
- GLCF Presidents Fund
- History UnErased, Inc.
- Lowell Community Health Center

GLCF Homelessness Fund

- Eliot Presbyterian Church
- Life Connection Center, Inc.

Juniper Networks Foundation

- Boston Area Gleaners Inc.
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Gaining Ground, Inc.

Leclair Elder Services Fund

- Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
- Clear Path for Veterans New England
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell
- Open Pantry of Greater Lowell
- Power of Flowers Project
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc.

Moses Greeley Parker and Mary Greeley Parker Morrison Fund for Greater Lowell

- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Coalition for a Better Acre
- Free Soil Arts Collective Fiscal Sponsor
- Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Inc.
- Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership
- Mill City Grows
- Project LEARN, Inc.
- The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.

Nashoba Valley Health Care Fund

- Able To Serve - New England, Inc.
- Alternative House, Inc.
- Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging
- Clear Path for Veterans New England
- Doctor Franklin Perkins School
- Gaining Ground, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell
- Kids in Disability Sports, Inc.
- Our Father's House
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Inc.

Newell Flather Legacy Fund

- Coalition for a Better Acre

NETSCOUT Heart of Giving Grant

- Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
- Hidden Battles Programs
- The Edinburg Center

Northern Middlesex Water Resources Grant

- OARS, Inc.
- Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc.
- Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc.

Red Hat Technology Award

- Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology
- Billerica Memorial High School
- Boston Children's Museum
- Discovery Museum, Inc.
- Friends Advancing Music Education, Inc.
- Gifts for Kids, Inc.
- Groton Hill Music
- Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race Fiscal Sponsor
- Lowell Sun Charities, Inc.
- Lowell Transitional Living Center, Inc.
- Massachusetts Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.
- Project Ellie
- UTEC, Inc.
- Westford Academy
- Westford Education Foundation

Women Working Wonders Fund

- Alternative House, Inc.
- Coalition for a Better Acre
- Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Lowell Art Association, Inc. dba Whistler House Museum of Art
- Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
- Megan House Foundation, Inc.
- Mission of Deeds, Inc.
- The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.
- University of Massachusetts Foundation, Inc.
- Wish Project, Inc.
- Women Accelerators

GLCF Awards Multi-Year Water Resources Grants

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) awarded \$45,000 in grants to three local nonprofits for three-year \$5,000/year GLCF Water Resources Initiative Grants. The GLCF Water Resources Initiative Grants for nonprofits that support water-resources projects, with a preference for organizations whose primary mission is to protect, improve and preserve the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord (SuAsCo) River, Merrimack River, or Nashua River watersheds.

“These multi-year grants fund incredible nonprofit organizations that protect our valuable area water resources. Water-related projects supported include biological conservation, habitat restoration, and clean-ups,” said GLCF President & CEO Jay Linnehan. “These grants are made possible from a 1998 grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust to GLCF. The Foundation was able to create an endowed fund to protect the water resources in Greater Lowell.”

Among the grantees was the Merrimack River Watershed Council, who received a grant to support their Clean Water for Greater Lowell Program. “Through a multi-year commitment from GLCF, the Merrimack River Watershed Council will continue to grow our capacity to fill gaps in water quality data, analysis, and solutions in Greater Lowell,” said Matthew Thorne, executive director of Merrimack River Watershed Council. “Although the Merrimack River, which provides public drinking water for the City of Lowell, is much cleaner than when we began our work in the 1970s, we have significant challenges with contamination issues that are as critical as ever to address.”

2022-24 Water Resources Initiative Grants

The following nonprofit organizations received three-year \$5,000/year funding:

- **Merrimack River Watershed Council** (Lawrence) for Clean Water for Greater Lowell Program
- **Nashua River Watershed Association, Inc.** (Groton) for Citizen-Supported Water Quality Monitoring, and Expanded Bacteria Sampling
- **OARS, Inc.** (Concord) for Tracking down pollution to restore clean water in the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed

Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) Board Member and water quality scientist Hamed Majidzadeh tests various water quality parameters on the Merrimack River. MRWC was one of three nonprofits that received multi-year grant funding for GLCF's Water Resources Initiative Grant.



GLCF FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Fiscal sponsorship provides a valuable tool for charitable entrepreneurs to realize their vision by working with an established charity that takes in tax-deductible donations and private foundation grants to fund their charitable activities. GLCF supports the following Fiscal Sponsorships:

- Aiken Street Bridge Lighting Project
- Emily Edwards Memorial
- Franco American Stations and Grotto
- Free Soil Arts Collective
- Hidden Battles Programs
- Hildreth Cemetery Capital Improvements
- Kerouac Centennial
- Leaders in Lowell
- Lowell: A City of Learning
- Lowell Chamber Orchestra
- Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race
- Lowell Police Youth Services Program
- Lowell Storytelling
- Lowell Walks
- Lowell Waterways Lighting Initiative
- Lowell Welcoming Week
- Lowell Women's Week
- Marty Meehan Educational & Charitable
- Matt Kitner Memorial Charity
- Moody Street Flood Relief Fund
- Mosaic Lowell
- NETSCOUT Systems, Inc. - Hackathon
- Non-Profit Alliance of Greater Lowell
- Rachel Morrison Memorial
- Refugee Art School
- Refugee and Immigrant Support and Engagement
- The Twin Cities Rail Trail
- We Are America Project
- Westford Family FunFest
- Women Accelerators
- Women Working Wonders Events

Joseph R. Ouellette Bridge Lighting

On October 21, 2022, Lowell Waterways Vitality Initiative celebrated the lighting of the Joseph R. Ouellette Bridge (Aiken Street). The celebration included a small reception prior to “flipping the switch” and viewing of the bridge light’s special programming and effects. The lighting program was also live streamed on Facebook.

The placement of the 250 white, LED lights was designed to highlight the architecture of this historic, lenticular truss style bridge. It is the second bridge lighting project completed by the Waterways Vitality Initiative and was completed thanks to the generosity of a private, anonymous donor. No public funds were involved.

The Ouellette Bridge is named in honor of PFC Joseph R. Ouellette, a Lowell native killed in action on Sept 30, 1950 during the Korean War. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



From L to R: Tony Barry (Lowell Central Electric), Dennis Scannel (Lowell Iron and Steel), Dan Adams (Landing Studio), Fred Faust (Lowell Waterways Vitality Initiative), Jay Linnehan (Greater Lowell Community Foundation), Matteo Forgione (Forgione Engineering), John Maria (Lowell Central Electric)



Mosaic Lowell Plan Kick-Off

Members of Lowell's arts and cultural community, gathered on Oct. 21 to celebrate the launch of the much-anticipated creative economy plan, Mosaic Lowell. The event, held in the Hall of Flags at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, marked the completion of a two-year planning process that focused on extensive community engagement and public outreach. The event also announced a \$1M commitment from the Barr Foundation to support the plan's implementation.

The Barr Foundation was the premiere sponsor of the planning initiative, and their additional support helps ensure that the implementation phase is off to a running start.

San San Wong, Director of Arts and Culture for the Barr Foundation, said: "At Barr, we believe that arts and creativity are essential for vibrant, vital, and engaged communities. I particularly love the Mosaic principle of DREAM BIG! Lowell has a plethora of dreamers. And, importantly, Lowell has many leaders committed to making those dreams a reality. So, to support this next phase in your journey, we're pleased to announce a grant of \$1 million to support the initial three years of Mosaic Lowell."

Jay Linnehan, President and CEO of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, which serves as the fiscal sponsor of Mosaic Lowell, added, "This plan can transform Lowell's cultural economy and help elevate the City as a vibrant destination for many, both near and far."



Scan to view the Creative
Economy Plan



Mosaic Lowell Steering Committee with State Senator Edward Kennedy and San San Wong of the Barr Foundation



San San Wong, Director of Arts and Culture, Barr Foundation



Student Drummer from the Lowell Community Charter Public School



Performers from the Angkor Dance Troupe

Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell
received a 2022 grant to fund a
social emotional learning (SEL)
program.



2022 GLCF Donors

\$25,000+

Barr Foundation
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Community Foundation of North
Central Massachusetts
Community Foundation of Western
Massachusetts
Digital Federal Credit Union
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Donahue
Eastern Bank Foundation
Ms. Christine L. Edwards
Enterprise Bank
Greater Lowell LGBTG+ Fund
Hidden Battles Programs
Jachaly, LLC
Klarman Family Foundation
Lowell Plan, Inc.
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Massachusetts Alliance of
Portuguese Speakers
Red Hat, Inc.
Swimming with a Mission, Inc.
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Foundation
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Wealth Management
Women Workings Wonders Events

\$10,000 to \$24,999

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Foundation Trust
Juniper Networks Foundation Fund
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NetScout Systems, Inc. Charitable
Giving Program
Mr. David Parker and Ms. Janet
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Pershing: A BNY Mellon Co.
Regulus Group
Richard K. and Nancy L. Donahue
Charitable Foundation Trust
Mrs. Marina Schell
Mrs. Beatriz D. Schinness
Mr. Thomas Wourgiotis

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Advanced Cultivators, LLC
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Mr. Daniel J. Donahue
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Everett High School Class of 1970
Scholarship Fund
Genworth Financial
GLCF Racial Equity Action Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Hanson
Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union
Mr. and Mrs. Corey R.
Lewandowski
Local Roots NE, Inc.
Lowell Community Charter Public
School
Lowell Five
Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race
Mr. Denis McHugh
Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. McKenzie
Mr. William M. Nickles
Atty. Steven C. Panagiotakos
Ms. Jodi Paris Anastos
PrideSTAR EMS, Inc.
Dr. Akhilesh Sastry and Dr.
Deeptha Sastry

Thibault Foundation
UMass Lowell
Women Accelerators, Inc.

\$2,000 to \$4,999

Acre Family Child Care
Align Credit Union
Mrs. Jennifer M. Aradhya
Mr. and Mrs. William Barnstead, Jr.
Catania Oils
Circle Health
Mrs. Brenda J. Costello
Mr. Pierre de Villiers
Mrs. Carol S. Duncan
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Golden Jr.
Kids in Tech, Inc.
Legacy Financial Advisors, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lemaire
Lowell Festival Foundation
Lowell National Historical Park
Lowell Sun Charities, Inc.
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Expanding Access to Period Products in Greater Lowell

It's a formerly taboo subject that is getting some of the community awareness needed: period poverty.

Many economically disadvantaged women and girls in Massachusetts receive no assistance when it comes to accessing the menstrual products that they need every month.

Not covered by federal food-stamp programs, these expensive products are a regular necessity that can cripple low-income family budgets. Consequently, many women and girls often do without and just stay home during their periods – which impacts their ability to attend school or hold down a job.

However, Dignity Matters -- with support from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) -- has stepped up to help women “manage their whole periods with dignity.”

Each month, 15,000 women in Massachusetts receive period products through Dignity Matters, explained Meryl Glassman, Development Director. “We are the largest provider of menstrual care products in the state.”

The Framingham-based nonprofit is also educating the public about this under-recognized issue. “We tell people all the time, ‘Look, we don’t talk about menstrual periods. And we don’t talk about what can go wrong with periods. And that’s why so few people are aware that period poverty is happening here in Massachusetts,’” said Glassman.

“But more and more people are starting to realize this is an area of great need for women. And the financial impact of the pandemic and rising costs have only made it worse.”

“Families struggling with food insecurity in our community rarely have enough money to keep their households fully fed, much less to purchase period care supplies,” added Jennifer Aradhya, GLCF’s Vice President of Marketing, Programs & Strategy.

“The Foundation wants to create awareness that period poverty does exist, and we are working to fund this important need in Greater Lowell.”



Dignity Matters' Maureen Winkler Belger, Foundation Relations Officer and Meryl Glassman, Director of Development at the Dignity Matters warehouse/offices in Framingham.



During the pandemic, UTEC delivered food to create equal access to healthy, culturally appropriate food for young adults and community partners in Lowell

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Please note the specific fund you are giving to in an attached note or your check's "For" section.

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Resettlement Fund Provides Additional Critical Support to Afghan Refugees

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF) announced it had granted additional funding to three nonprofits in Greater Lowell that are working to address the immediate needs of new refugees from Afghanistan resettling in the community.

These grants were disbursed from the GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund, which was created last fall, to assist nonprofits who support refugees arriving from Afghanistan to Greater Lowell and ensures that those in need are welcomed and connected with housing, employment, transportation, food, acculturation, and other related support. No administrative fee was charged by GLCF, so that all donations to the fund supported local nonprofits who were optimally positioned to provide immediate assistance and support.

“Our generous donors who gave to the GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund provided area nonprofits with the critical support needed to welcome and resettle our new Afghan neighbors,” said Jay Linnehan, GLCF’s President and CEO. “This grant funding complemented the work of local nonprofits and expanded our community’s capacity to meet the needs of Afghans who fled their homeland to come to the U.S. seeking safety.”

Recipients of 2022 grants from the GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund include:

- **Aaron’s Presents** (Andover) – to fund projects for Afghan refugee families
- **Andover Islamic Center** – for bridging the gap for new Afghan arrivals to Greater Lowell for clothing, technology, assistance with resume writing, career placement, and transportation
- **Open Table** (Maynard) – for Afghan Groceries Program in Greater Lowell

Overall, state officials say 1,887 Afghans have relocated to Massachusetts. International Institute of New England (IINE), who received a previous round of grant funding, reports that they have settled 228 Afghans in Greater Lowell.



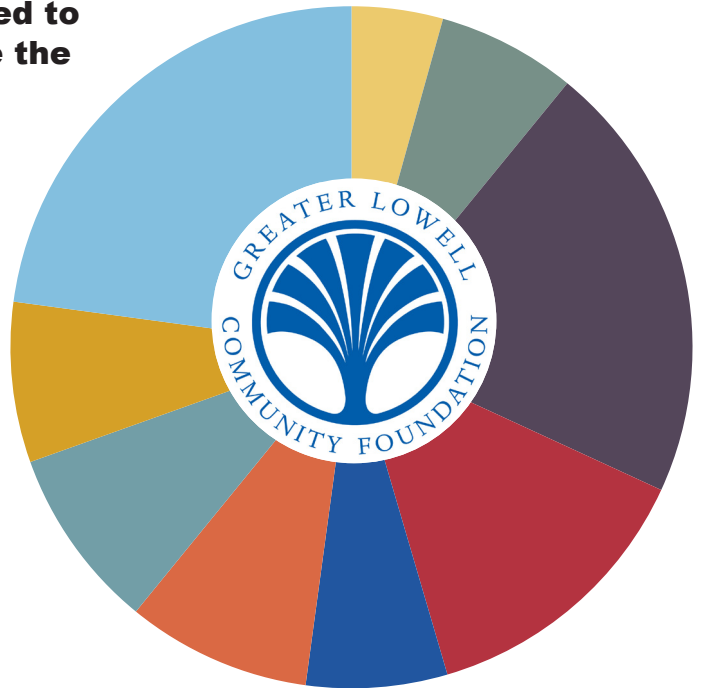
Afghan refugee youths playing in the park. Aaron’s Presents received a GLCF Afghan Resettlement Fund grant to support socialization opportunities with Afghan refugee families.

2022 Impact

2022 Grant and Scholarship Distributions

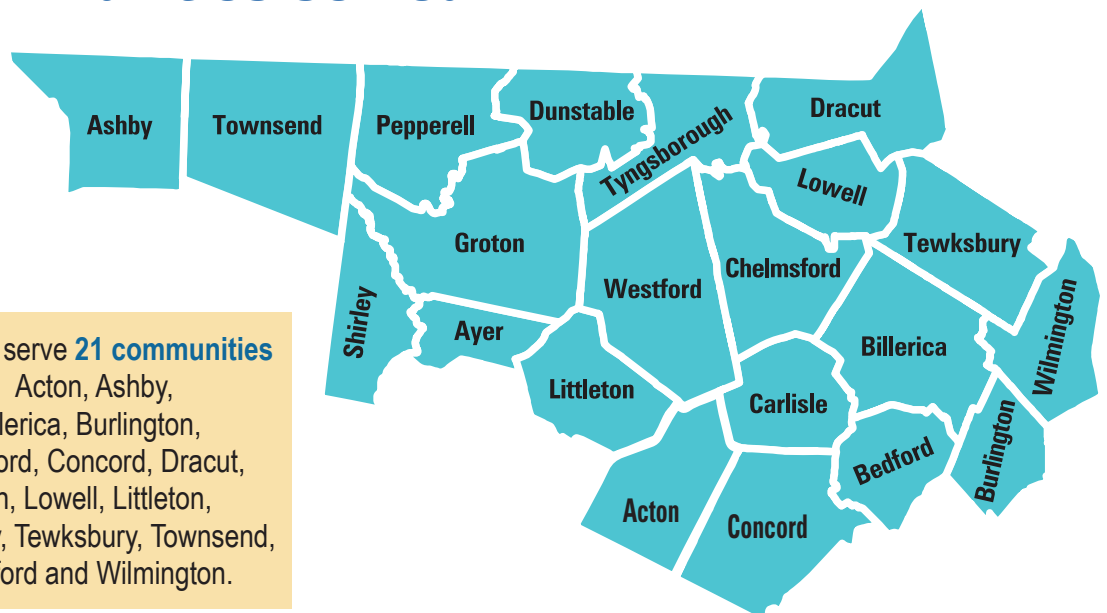
In 2022, **\$5.5 million** was distributed to Greater Lowell nonprofits to improve the quality of life.

Arts & Culture	6.58%
Community & Neighborhood Development	20.96%
Environmental & Other	4.33%
Family Social Services	22.86%
Food Security	8.65%
Health	6.69%
Housing and Homelessness	8.74%
Human Services - Youth	7.60%
Scholarships & Education	13.59%



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