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NORTH SHORE UNITED WAY AWARDS NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS

The North Shore United Way has awarded close to one million dollars in community impact grants to 39 programs on the North Shore. The grants invest in programs that are targeting important community needs, including financial stability, affordable housing, health care, child and youth development in schools, teen and child care centers and basic needs.

Included in this year's grant awards is funding to expand the school-based Student Assistance Program (SAP) with CAB Health & Recovery and Health and Education Services, Inc. The North Shore United Way funded the very first SAP with a grant in 2006. Funding this year will expand the Program to Rockport and provide continued funding to schools in Beverly, Hamilton-Wenham, Ipswich, Gloucester and Manchester-Essex. The Program places counselors in each school to work with students, teachers and parents to provide a comprehensive range of prevention, education and referral services to help increase student success in school. The Student Assistance Program is highly valued by local superintendents and principals. NSUW funding means the programs can remain intact even amidst tightening school budgets.

Additional new grants this year go to Wellspring House in Gloucester, Beverly Children's Learning Center, the Earned Income Tax Credit Program at Beverly Bootstraps Community Services and an additional location of The Open Door's Mobile Market.

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to invest nearly one million into local programs that support the critical building blocks of our North Shore communities," said North Shore United Way Executive Director Margo Casey. "The measure of the North Shore United Way ultimately is not just in the fundraising campaign, but in the ways we come together as a community with our resources, expertise and passion to create opportunities for all."

The full list of programs funded with the 2011 North Shore United Way grant awards are as follows:

American Red Cross, Northeast Division—Disaster Assistance
Beverly Children's Learning Center—Happy, Healthy, Fit Kids
Beverly Bootstraps Community Services—Outreach Services; Earned Income Tax Credit
CAB Health & Recovery/Health & Education Services—Student Assistance Programs in Beverly, Hamilton-Wenham, Ipswich, Gloucester, Manchester-Essex and Rockport schools
Catholic Charities North—Basic Needs
Cerebral Palsy Association—Adult Vocational Work Program



Children's Friend & Family Services—Child & Family Counseling; Mentoring Program
Girl Scouts—Leadership Development Experience
HAWC—Cape Ann Outreach Program
Health Quarters—Cervical Cancer Screening
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center—S.A.F.E. Studio, Gloucester & Ipswich sites
Northeast Arc—Recreational Programs; Advocacy; Volunteer Support
North Shore Health Project—Wellness Program
NS Community Development Coalition—Affordable Housing & Community Development
The Open Door—Food Pantry; Meals Program; Mobile Market
Pathways for Children—School Lunch Program; Services to Children with Special Needs
Salvation Army, Beverly—Emergency Assistance
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Beverly (2)—Emergency & Family Assistance
Strongest Link AIDS Services—HIV/AIDS Case Management
VNA Care Network & Hospice—Care for the Underserved
Wellspring House—Adult Education
YMCA of the North Shore—Low Income Scholarships; Beverly, Rockport and Cape Ann Youth & Teen Centers

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