New Grant Program

In 2012, Cummings Foundation launched a major new grant-making affiliate with the aim of giving back to the areas from which most of its assets were derived. The grants program directs funds to charities in eastern Middlesex, southern Essex, and Suffolk counties. Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation’s executive director, noted, “The funding comes mostly from the real estate side of the organization, and so we felt strongly about supporting charitable organizations in the communities that were the original source of the available funds.”

In June 2012, the Foundation awarded 60 grants of $100,000 each to area charities, with additional grants of $1 million to national and international causes, primarily serving Rwanda. The grants, which will be paid over one to five years, benefited a wide variety of causes, including healthcare, education, social justice, and underserved populations. (See sidebar for complete list of area grant recipients.)

In 2013, the Foundation expects to award $10 million in local area grants. More information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org. The Foundation’s largest single grant to date was $50 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

Holocaust and Genocide Education

In October 2009, Joyce and Bill Cummings visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem where they met the late Eliezer Ayalon. Born in Poland, Ayalon was imprisoned in five different Nazi concentration camps before his liberation, near death, in May 1945. Deeply moved by his story, the Cummings returned to the States determined to raise awareness about all forms of prejudice and injustice. As a forum for this work, they established the Cummings/Hillel Program for Holocaust and Genocide Education at Tufts University.

With guidance from Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Neubauer Executive Director of Tufts Hillel, Tufts students plan the annual activities sponsored by the Cummings/Hillel Program. Officially launched in the fall of 2011, the Program has hosted guest speakers for intimate dinners with student leaders, panel discussions open to the entire student body, and standing-room-only events drawing hundreds from the broader community.

In addition to Mr. Ayalon, the Program’s notable speakers have included Dr. John Saunders, a Holocaust survivor and Tufts Hillel graduate; Father Patrick Desbois, a Catholic priest on a mission to uncover mass graves of Jews killed in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust; and Clemantine Wamariya, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and a Presidential appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. In April 2013, the Program welcomed human rights activist and best-selling author John Prendergast for a major lecture.

The Cummings/Hillel Program has also sponsored interfaith groups of 20 Tufts students each year on a service-learning visit to Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in eastern Rwanda. Inspired by Israeli youth villages that took in Holocaust orphans, Agahozo-Shalom houses, educates, and cares for more than 500 high-school-aged students, all of whom are orphans of the Rwandan genocide, or are otherwise very vulnerable.

2012 Grant Recipients - $100,000 each
American Islamic Congress, Human rights
Angel Flight N.E., Air transport for patients
Armenian Heritage Foundation, Belmont
Beverly Hospital, Operating room expansion
Boston Architectural College, Huxtable Fellowship
Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Boston
Brookview House, homeless assistance
Catholic Charities – North, Social services
Catholic Charities, Boston, Social services
Conversation Project, Ellen Goodman
Cure Alzheimer’s Fund, Wellesley
Emmanuel College, Woburn
Empower Peace, Anti-bullying program
Endicott College, Beverly
Facing History and Ourselves, Brookline
Family Service of Greater Boston
Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Boston
Germaine Lawrence School for Girls
Giving Camp, For kids with disabilities, Medford
Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester
Hallmark Health, Breast center, Stoneham
Harvard, Research on Roma (Gypsy) youth
Hebrew SeniorLife, Healthy Housing for Seniors
Home for Little Wanderers
Irish International Immigrant Center
Inner-City Scholarship Fund, Boston
Marlborough Hospital Cancer Pavilion
MFA, Ori Gerstht: History Repeating exhibit
Middlesex Canal Commission, Woburn
Mission of Deeds, Family aid center, Reading
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly
Museum of Science, Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit
Mystic Valley Elder Services, Malden
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Woburn
Nativity Preparatory School, Boston
Neighbors Who Care, Homebound senior support
North Shore Community College, Beverly
OpenAirBost, Technology assistance
Our Place Daycare for Homeless Children
Pine Street Inn, Veterans services, Boston
Salem State Univ., Holocaust & genocide studies
Social Capital Inc., Woburn
Solutions for Living, Medford
Spaulding Hospital, Adaptive sports, Salem
Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Tufts Osher Lifelong Learning Center, Medford
Tufts University, Holocaust & genocide program
United Way of Mass Bay, Project BOOST
Wilmington TOPS Youth Soccer
Winchester Field Development
Winchester Hospital Cancer Center
Winchester Multicultural Network
Woburn (North Suburban) YMCA
Woburn Boys & Girls Club
Woburn Council of Social Concern
Woburn Historical Society
Woburn Supportive Living
Woburn VNA Hospice Care
Youth Villages, transitional living, Woburn
Zoo New England, Stoneham
Giving Pledge

In May 2011, Joyce and Bill Cummings became the first couple in Massachusetts to join The Giving Pledge, founded by Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates. The organization is comprised of billionaires (or those who would be such but for their previous charitable donations) who have publicly declared their intention to donate the majority of their wealth to philanthropic causes. The Cummings have already donated more than 90 percent of their assets, primarily through Cummings Foundation.

Since becoming part of The Giving Pledge, Joyce and Bill have attended the organization’s annual gatherings, during which members share strategies for making the greatest impact through philanthropy. They also attended a July 2011 meeting at the White House, where members talked for two hours with President Obama and some of his top advisors about how government and philanthropists can work together more effectively. In February 2012, the Cummings and Bill Gates co-hosted a dinner at Beacon Grille with New England philanthropists.

“After about 15 successful years in commercial real estate, we came to recognize and believe that no one can truly ‘own’ anything. With that in mind, it was easy to give things away.”

- From the Cummings’ Giving Pledge statement

Rwanda

Since 2009, the Foundation has sponsored annual service-learning trips for 20 Tufts students each year to Rwanda’s Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village. After receiving dozens of student letters describing their life-changing experiences at the village, Joyce and Bill Cummings were inspired to see for themselves the extraordinary work being done there to educate and care for some of the ravaged country’s most vulnerable youth.

A January 2012 trip solidified the Cummings’ interest in supporting Rwanda, which is in the process of healing and rebuilding from the devastating 1994 genocide. After spending time at Agahozo-Shalom, the Kigali Genocide Memorial, and Partners In Health hospitals in Butaro and Rwinkwavu, Joyce and Bill committed to investing a total of $400,000 with these organizations. Since then, they committed an additional $400,000 for cancer care, as well as veterinary and dental training programs, in Rwanda. Joyce and Bill expect to return to Rwanda in August 2013.

Sharing Their Story

In the past year, Joyce and Bill Cummings have received many invitations to speak to groups about their backgrounds, personal ideals, and philanthropic activities. They have given presentations to audiences of several hundred attendees at The Boston Foundation’s Giving Common Launch at the John F. Kennedy Library in May 2012, and The Essex County Community Foundation’s Institute for Trustees in March 2013, among other events. Joyce and Bill will jointly give the commencement speech at Salem State University in May 2013. Videos of some of the Cummings’ speeches are available at www.CummingsFoundation.com/videos.

Real Estate Donations

Most recently, the Cummings family donated 8 Cabot Road and 10 and 12 Gill Street in Woburn, to the Foundation. With these latest gifts, the Foundation owns a total of 60 major commercial properties, with a combined value of nearly a half-billion dollars.
CFI Builds New Convent for Sisters of the Good Shepherd

In October 2012, Cummings Foundation completed construction of a brand new convent for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd on the grounds of CFI’s New Horizons at Marlborough retirement community.

For nearly a century, the Sisters ran the House of the Good Shepherd on Mission Hill in Boston. They moved their school to the Marlborough countryside in 1964, where they provided a therapeutic school to the Marlborough countryside in Mission Hill in Boston. They moved their school to the Madonna Hall School for Girls. After the school closed, the Sisters sold the facility to Cummings Foundation, and since 1993, have lived rent-free on the property.

The Sisters’ presence at the continuing care retirement community has enriched the spiritual well-being of many seniors, as the Sisters coordinate daily Catholic Mass in the stained-glass Cushing Chapel and offer pastoral counseling to residents. Kathy Chinappi, RN, lay administrator for the convent for the last 10 years, noted, “The relationship with Cummings Foundation has always been wonderful. New Horizons truly is home for the Sisters.”

The 12,000-square-foot new convent combines traditional features, such as a sewing room and parlor, with modern touches, including granite finishes, energy-efficient construction, and an elevated, indoor bridge to connect the Sisters with services in New Horizons’ main building. The much larger space vacated by the Sisters will undergo a full renovation to accommodate additional assisted living residents. Executive Director Robert O’Connor anticipates the establishment of a comprehensive new program, currently under design, to address the growing care needs of the community’s residents.

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In March 2012, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (TCSVM) received full re-accreditation for another seven years from the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA/COE), the accrediting authority to 28 veterinary schools within the United States. Known throughout the world for its high educational standards and curricula development, AVMA/COE sets the “gold standard” in veterinary care.

An internationally acclaimed leader in veterinary medicine, the Cummings School is the only veterinary school in the six-state New England region. It offers a four-year professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree program, as well as five other graduate programs. In its first 25 years, the school graduated more than 1,500 students into careers ranging from clinical practice and biomedical research to international positions in medicine, conservation, and public health.

In early 2012, the Cummings School announced a collaboration with Worcester Technical High School to provide a low-cost primary care clinic for pets in underserved local areas. Broadening its reach globally, it is currently in the planning phase of a Foundation-supported program to bring veterinary education and services to Rwanda. In addition to piloting curriculum at Umurara Polytechnic University, the School will establish an ambulatory clinic to bring veterinary care to the areas where it is most needed. Such services are critical to the success of the country’s “One Family, One Cow” initiative.

For additional information about the Cummings School, visit www.Tufts.edu/vet.

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