



Thriving People. Vibrant Places.

A Five-Year
Progress Report
from the
Boston Foundation

About the Boston Foundation

The Boston Foundation, Greater Boston's community foundation, is one of the largest community foundations in the nation, with net assets of some \$1 billion. In 2015, the Foundation and its donors made more than \$110 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and received gifts of nearly \$122 million. In celebration of its Centennial in 2015, the Boston Foundation has launched the Campaign for Boston to strengthen the Permanent Fund for Boston, the only endowment fund focused on the most pressing needs of Greater Boston. The Foundation is proud to be a partner in philanthropy, with more than 1,000 separate charitable funds established by donors either for the general benefit of the community or for special purposes. The Boston Foundation also serves as a major civic leader, think tank and advocacy organization, commissioning research into the most critical issues of our time and helping to shape public policy designed to advance opportunity for everyone in Greater Boston. The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI), an operating unit of the Foundation, designs and implements customized philanthropic strategies for families, foundations and corporations around the globe.

The Mission of the Boston Foundation

As Greater Boston's community foundation since 1915, the Boston Foundation devotes its resources to building and sustaining a vital, prosperous city and region, where justice and opportunity are extended to everyone. It fulfills this mission in three principal ways:

- 1:** Making grants to nonprofit organizations and designing special funding initiatives to address this community's critical challenges;
- 2:** Working in partnership with donors to achieve high-impact philanthropy; and
- 3:** Serving as a civic hub and center of information, where ideas are shared, levers for change are identified, and common agendas for the future are developed.

Values Statement

In everything we do, we seek to broaden participation, foster collaboration and heal racial, ethnic and community divisions.

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