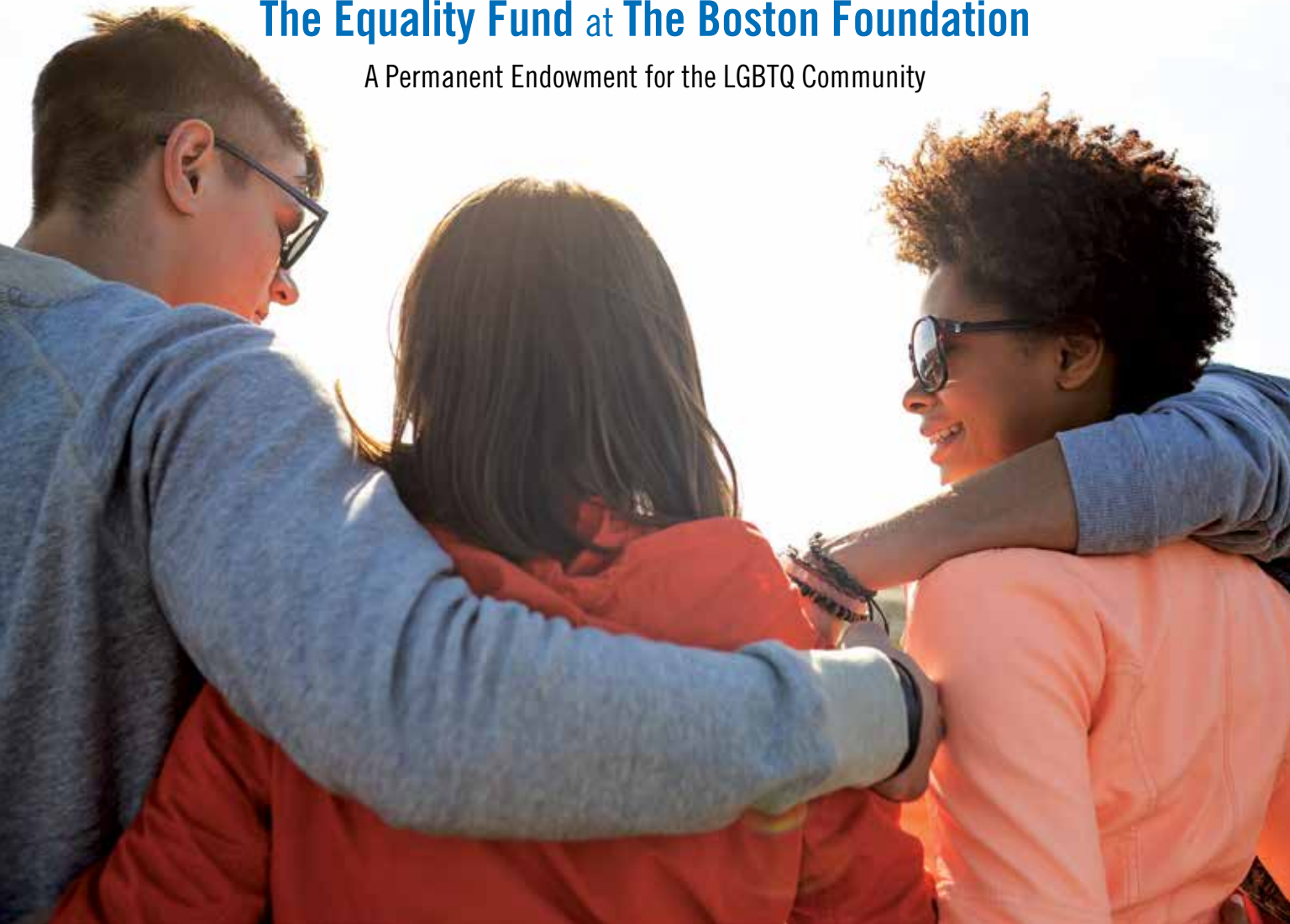


# The Equality Fund at The Boston Foundation

A Permanent Endowment for the LGBTQ Community



## About the Boston Foundation

### High-Impact Philanthropy

As Greater Boston's community foundation for more than 100 years, the Boston Foundation is dedicated to building and sustaining a vital and prosperous city and region, where justice and opportunity are extended to everyone. It fulfills this mission by working in partnership with donors and other funders, making grants, developing special initiatives and serving as a civic hub, convener and shaper of public policy.

### A Record of Support for the LGBTQ Community

The Boston Foundation has a history of deep commitment to the LGBTQ community. Since the late 1980s, the Foundation has made some \$4.6 million in grants through its competitive grant making to organizations addressing a broad array of issues—from advocacy to health, housing, arts and culture and more.

## A Current and Enduring Resource

The Equality Fund at the Boston Foundation was established in 2012 with two primary goals: making high-impact grants today to the most innovative nonprofits serving the diverse members of the LGBTQ community; and building a permanent endowment that will benefit the LGBTQ community of Greater Boston forever. The Fund is guided by an Advisory Committee made up of members of the LGBTQ community and allies who possess a breadth of understanding about the most pressing issues affecting our community today.

“The Equality Fund is visionary. It is about the future and whatever it may bring for LGBTQ individuals, communities and families. Having a permanent, dedicated pool of funds to invest in our well-being is a stunning accomplishment.”

*Diane M. Felicio  
Director of Development, Community Catalyst  
Member, Equality Fund Advisory Committee*



## Impact Today

The Equality Fund is already having an impact on the LGBTQ community of Greater Boston, with a focus on innovative programming aimed at pressing and emerging issues. Some 32 grants totaling \$245,150 have been made to 25 different LGBTQ organizations and those with a focus on LGBTQ programming. A grant of \$14,000 is helping *GBLTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders* ensure transgender prisoners have equal access to health care. Ethos is using \$4,100 to provide LGBTQ cultural competency training for elder home-care workers. And \$7,000 is supporting *BAGLY*, a youth-led social support organization for LGBTQ youth.

“The Equality Fund is an outstanding and timely resource for our community. And, as part of the Boston Foundation, it will provide permanent financial resources for the LGBTQ community for years and years to come thanks to the generosity of individual and corporate donors.”

*Catherine D'Amato  
President and CEO, The Greater Boston Food Bank  
Co-Chair, Equality Fund Advisory Committee*





## Building the Equality Fund for the Future

The Equality Fund is on track to meet its goal of raising \$500,000 by 2017. Already, more than \$330,000 has been raised from some 50 individual and corporate donors, including leadership gifts from BNY Mellon, Eastern Bank and Northern Trust. In addition, many donors are including the Equality Fund in their estate planning. Some \$6 million has been committed through legacy gifts toward a goal of \$10 million. To ensure the success of this important fund, the Foundation has pledged \$250,000 as a 2:1 challenge grant—meaning that for every \$100,000 raised in outright gifts, the Foundation will make a \$50,000 grant to the endowment portion of the Fund.

“Having the Equality Fund at the Boston Foundation, one of the premier community foundations in the country, means that it will always be solid, professionally run and administered thoughtfully and wisely.”

*Charles Walsh  
Principal, Federal Street Advisors  
Member, Equality Fund Advisory Committee*

## How You Can Participate

The Equality Fund presents a unique opportunity for donors who want the flexibility of supporting a broad range of organizations and initiatives and are also interested in meeting the future needs of the LGBTQ community. You can support current grant making through gifts by check, credit card, distributions from Donor Advised Funds or gifts of appreciated stock or other assets. You can also provide future support by naming the Equality Fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or as a successor to a Donor Advised Fund or by including it in your estate plan.

“As dedicated members of the LGBTQ community are thinking about the future of our community, we hope they will consider making the Equality Fund a priority in their philanthropy and estate planning. The Equality Fund enriches the present and ensures the future.”

*Scott E. Squillace, Esq.  
Principal and Founder, Squillace & Associates P.C.  
Co-Chair, Equality Fund Advisory Committee*





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