



Jones Partnership Fund 2018 Grant Recipients

Total Distribution for 2018:	23 <i>Grants</i> \$ 35,350
Total Disbursements to Date:	138 <i>Grants</i> 34 <i>Organizations</i> \$ 225,332

Jones Partnership Fund - Grant History

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 Total Recipients to Date: 34
 Total Grants to Date: 138

Recipient	Total for Recipient to Date	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,350	\$ 37,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,182	\$ 24,800	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Acacia in Kenya	\$ 2,500			\$ 750			\$ 1,750					
African Cultural Services	\$ 4,500			\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500							
Cat Connection	\$ 5,750			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	\$ 1,000				
Chaplains on the Way	\$ 9,625			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 1,500		
Chesterbrook Community Foundation	\$ 11,500			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
Community Day Center	\$ 21,200			\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
Diaper Depot	\$ 3,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500							
Downtown Waltham Partnership (Riverfest)	\$ 11,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
First Parish of Waltham (Board of Managers)	\$ 25,292			\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,182	\$ 1,910	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,900	\$ 2,500
Greater Waltham Arc	\$ 10,200			\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000
Healthy Waltham	\$ 14,500			\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500			\$ 4,000
Jewish Family Children's Service	\$ 1,000						\$ 1,000					
More Than Words	\$ 4,200								\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 700	\$ 1,500
Reagle Players	\$ 1,500											\$ 1,500
Thom/Charles River Early Intervention	\$ 9,550						\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,650	\$ 3,500
Leland Home	\$ 1,200			\$ 1,200								
Neighbors Who Care	\$ 500			\$ 500								
UU Mass Action Network	\$ 5,300			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 800	\$ 500	\$ 1,500				
Waltham American Legion Band	\$ 3,750			\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 500		\$ 750	\$ 900			
Waltham Boys & Girls Club	\$ 11,375			\$ 2,500	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000				
Waltham Council on Aging	\$ 500						\$ 500					
Waltham Family School	\$ 3,600						\$ 1,500		\$ 2,100			
Waltham Farmers' Market	\$ 11,000			\$ 2,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500		\$ 2,600	
Waltham Fields & Community Farm	\$ 1,750										\$ 1,750	
Waltham High School Coffee House	\$ 1,900				\$ 1,900							
Waltham High School Show Choir	\$ 4,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,000					
Waltham Land Trust	\$ 1,800			\$ 1,000				\$ 800				
Waltham Mills Artists' Assoc	\$ 12,400			\$ 2,500	\$ 2,800		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500		\$ 2,000
Waltham Partnership for Youth	\$ 6,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500		\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000		
Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 7,100			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 900		\$ 700	
Waltham Symphony Orchestra	\$ 1,840					\$ 500		\$ 1,340				
Waltham YMCA	\$ 1,500										\$ 1,500	
Watch City Bike Lab	\$ 2,000					\$ 2,000						
WATCH Community Development	\$ 12,500			\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		
Total Disbursed To Date:	\$ 225,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$35,350	\$37,000	\$25,000	\$23,182	\$24,800	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<i>number of grants awarded</i>		0	0	23	20	16	18	16	14	11	11	9

Acacia in Kenya

\$750

Sharing Stories

Project Director: Joyce Mohr

Sponsors: Pam and Chandra Penton

The Project: This project aims to collect stories: those of some of the students sponsored by the Acacia in Kenya project; and those of First Parish members, focusing on how Acacia in Kenya has impacted their lives. We also hope to invite the wider community to participate and share in the telling of Acacia in Kenya stories. Many of the African immigrant population in Waltham come from East Africa and may enrich the telling.

Partnering Opportunities: Exploring the richness of African and American cultures with some of the immigrant population in Waltham.

African Cultural Services Inc.

\$2,000

African Community Engagement (ACE)

Project Director: Juliet Najjumba

Sponsor: Susan Weddig

The Project: Director Julie Najjumba is working with the leaders of several local agencies to develop partnerships. This grant will allow Julie to expand her role as a community engagement expert and to open up more doors. Objectives of the program include creating strong, mutually beneficial relationships between ACS's stakeholders and at least five local resources, publishing an ACE brochure that lists and describes local resources, and hosting at least one workshop or "edutainment" event connecting African community members and members of First Parish church to exchange ideas and support.

Partnering Opportunities: Attending and/or volunteering at various events, participating in the Sharing Stories project.

The Cat Connection

\$1,500

"CAT NAPS" Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

Project Director: Elisif Brandon

Sponsor: Evelyn LeBlanc

The Project: The Cat Connection hopes to improve its Spay/Neuter Assistance Program ("CAT NAPS"), targeting First Parish members and Waltham low-income and immigrant populations. The program was successfully initiated in 2017 and the new grant will reflect lessons learned. This two-part campaign will integrate education about the benefits of spaying/neutering with the opportunity for low-income and immigrant cat owners to have subsidized spay/neuter procedures through their veterinary partner (Commonwealth Vet).

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners can take advantage of the program and help spread the word about the benefits.

Chaplains on the Way

\$1,500

Women's Spiritual Arts Group

Project Director: Tina Walker-Morin

Sponsor: Leslie Gildersleeve

The Project: The goal of the Women's Spiritual Arts Group is to bring emotional and spiritual support to women experiencing the crisis and isolation of homelessness, and to offer a connection to First Parish and other faith communities. It does this by providing a weekly opportunity to knit, and/or to participate in meditative coloring, prayer beads or other new art practice, introduced through a circle of care and conversation. COTW volunteers teach beginners and encourage all participants. A staff chaplain organizes and attends, offering spiritual companionship and helpful resources.

Partnering Opportunities: FPW members donate supplies, volunteer time, and offer a special welcome to women who attend church services or events.

Chesterbrook Community Foundation, Inc.

\$1,500

Community Party for Low-Income Children and Funding for Snacks and Supplies

Project Directors: Joan Atlas and Brian Shea

Sponsor: Joan Bone

The Project: The church will host a party in Whitcomb Hall for the children of the Chesterbrook, Dana Court and Prospect Hill low-income housing developments in the fall of 2018. The board of the Chesterbrook Community Foundation (CCF), with help from others, including the Friends of CCF and staff and students from the Bentley Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center, will plan the party. Church members will be involved in the party preparations as well, as has been the case in the past. In addition, the grant will allocate funds to the Chesterbrook and Dana Court Learning Centers to help pay for snacks and supplies for their regular programs.

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners, especially youth, can once again participate in the party. Donations of snacks and supplies can also be collected.

Community Day Center of Waltham

\$1,900

Transportation and Advocacy

Project Director: Carolyn Montalto

Sponsor: Roberta Walz Trudeau

The Project: This project addresses a major need in the homeless population —transportation to and from medical appointments, urgent care, and rehabilitative services. An account will be set up with a taxi service or Uber for transport of individuals who are homeless in Waltham (referred by the Day Center or any of the partnering organizations); the account will be managed by the Community Day Center. A second part of this project involves advocacy where volunteers from the community accompany the individuals to scheduled doctor's appointments and serve as their advocate in terms of relaying information between the physician and the patient; taking notes; and reporting follow-up procedures to case managers.

Partnering Opportunities: Volunteers from the church can accompany and advocate for this population.

Diaper Depot

\$1,500

Feminine Hygiene Products at Diaper Depot

Project Director: Maureen Bagge Fowler

Sponsor: Jennifer Patton

The Project: This will fund the monthly distribution of feminine hygiene supplies to mothers eligible for a program of financial assistance. Products are purchased in bulk and re-packaged into a monthly amount for distribution. Donations are also accepted from individuals.

Partnering Opportunities: Diapers and feminine hygiene supplies can be dropped off at the Grandma's Pantry cupboard at First Parish. Volunteers for packaging and distribution are welcome.

Downtown Waltham Partnership

\$1,500

10th Annual Waltham Riverfest

Project Director: Sarah Hankins

Sponsor: Scott Shurr

The Project: A celebration of the Charles River, Music, Art, Food and Culture will take place on Friday June 15 and Saturday June 16. Sponsored by the Downtown Waltham Partnership, the Waltham Tourism Council, and various local organizations, the festivities include music, children's entertainment, a parade on Moody Street, and a pet parade, among many other activities.

Partnering Opportunities: Church attendees are encouraged to attend the events and/or volunteer in various capacities.

First Parish Waltham Board of Managers

\$3,000

Chancel Accessibility Project (Year 2 of 2)

Project Director: Barry Stearns

Sponsor: Dan DeHainaut

The Project: The Board of Managers proposed to improve the accessibility and safety of the chancel by extending the existing railings down both sides of the broad steps in a way that complements and enhances the aesthetics of our 85-year-old sanctuary. The project gives more people the opportunity to navigate the steps and speak from the lectern without undue concern for their safety and dignity.

Partnering Opportunities: The church has made strides in improving access to both floors of the building. This improvement broadened the range of people who can participate fully and comfortably in activities in the sanctuary.

Greater Waltham Arc (GWArc)

\$1,200

GWArc Volunteering and Community Connections

Project Director: Roslynn Rubin

Sponsor: Alice Taylor

The Project: GWArc's funding will expand opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to volunteer in the community. Participating in service projects can provide a sense of purpose, pride and accomplishment and builds connections. Individuals with disabilities are not typically asked to give back, but are ready, able and eager to help others, with the proper support. We will expand community service activities through our Recreation Program and adult day programs. Grant funds will be used for transportation and staffing to support individuals as they volunteer for other non-profits and service projects in the community.

Partnering Opportunities: Participants can provide valuable assistance to other Jones Partnership Fund grant recipients, in which church members can also volunteer.

Healthy Waltham

\$2,000

Healthy Kids Summer Program

Project Director: Maria DiMaggio

Sponsor: Muffy Young

The Project: Healthy Waltham will conduct its innovative healthy living youth program focused on healthy eating and physical activity at the Waltham Public School's Middle School summer program for special education students. Healthy Waltham's Nutrition Educator will teach Waltham kids about healthy eating and nutrition, and growing and harvesting vegetables and herbs. They will then prepare a healthy snack, connecting knowledge of where our food comes from to healthy ways to prepare it. Healthy Waltham's Fitness Educator will lead lessons on beneficial physical activity and movement. Waltham Fields Community Farm will provide locally grown vegetables to use in the classroom.

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners can volunteer in monthly "Watch City Market" healthy food distribution. Healthy Waltham may hold a presentation of activities and initiatives of its programs to the congregation.

Leland Home

\$1,200

Friends Together: Memory Cafe

Project Director: Christine Battisti Keane

Sponsor: Emily Weidman

The Project: The Leland Home will continue the monthly Memory Café events previously held in conjunction with GWArc, which provides a welcoming place for people with disabilities and cognitive challenges. The inclusive Memory Café that will unite residents who have disabilities and memory loss with people of the community - all with volunteers and staff together in one 'safe space' with the common goals of acceptance, socialization, and activity. Events include a snack and beverage, time to socialize and then an inclusive activity. This could be music, yoga, games, arts and crafts, or discussion topics.

Partnering Opportunities: Some First Parish families and family members reside at the Leland Home and may continue to attend the events. Parishioners are invited to participate as well.

Neighbors Who Care

\$500

Funding That Will Keep on Giving

Project Director: Nancy Mulvihill

Sponsor: Sue Adams

The Project: Neighbors Who Care provides volunteer companionship to underserved older adults who have outlived family/friends and who find themselves alone/isolated.. NWC matches a volunteer with that person at no charge, as most are too poor to afford services. In 2016 NWC opened a thrift store at 709 Main Street to help fund the mission. It is staffed by volunteers but could be a better source of income with a knowledgeable part-time paid manager in place to build the "business," oversee volunteers, set policies, market, hold special events, etc. Grant money will go toward funding this initiative.

Partnering Opportunities: Church members may become volunteer companions, and patronize and/or volunteer at the thrift shop.

UU Mass Action Network

\$1,000

Resistance and Solidarity with Our Immigrant Neighbors

Project Director: Laura Wagner

Sponsor: Dimitry Zarkh

The Project: UU Mass Action is continuing to build on its Sanctuary & Solidarity work in support of our immigrant neighbors. There is now a statewide sanctuary network in Massachusetts and three adults and one mother and two small children are in sanctuary. Funding will continue this work by building a network of organized congregations and community groups in the Burlington region. This cluster will support actions and accompaniment of immigrant neighbors at the Burlington ICE Facility.

Partnering Opportunities: Church members can join the Waltham Immigrant Solidarity Committee and/or attend demonstrations on behalf of the immigrant community.

Waltham American Legion Band

\$ 800

Waltham American Legion Band Concert

Project Director: Shelley Drowns

Sponsor: Scott Tougas

The Project: The Waltham American Legion Band will perform a benefit concert for the Community Day Center of Waltham at a mutually decided and beneficial date in 2018. John O'Toole will conduct 20-30 musicians with a repertoire including show, military, pop, and other familiar music from the Great American songbook.

Partnering Opportunities: Church members can attend the concert for the WDC and other performances throughout the season.

Waltham Boys and Girls Club

\$2,500

Power Packs – Club Café’s Free Weekend Take-Home Food Program

Project Director: Erica Young

Sponsor: Sue Genser

The Project: Power Packs is an initiative created by the Waltham Boys & Girls Club (WBGC) staff to ensure that local youth have nutritious food to eat on the weekends – when school lunches and Club dinner is not available. A Power Pack is a free lunch bag filled with items that are healthy, child-friendly, long-lasting, and easily consumed. In addition to food, Power Packs will often feature educational enhancement and recreational items.

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners can help prepare and/or distribute the packs.

Waltham Farmers’ Market

\$2,000

SNAP Match: Building Community through Healthy Food Access

Project Director: Martha Creedon

Sponsor: Dan Taylor

The Project: The goal of the program is to promote health, nutrition and personal dignity in the community by offering matching funds to SNAP/EBT recipients at the Waltham Farmers’ Market. Since 2011, volunteer organizers at the market have dedicated countless hours in support of its program to provide dollar-for-dollar matching of up to \$10 per customer per week to spend at the market. In this time, the market has seen steady growth in the program both in terms of dollars spent and in the number of people who come to the market specifically to use their SNAP dollars on fresh, local food.

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners can patronize the market. Several current church members are involved in running the operation as well.

Waltham High School Show Choirs

\$1,500

Show Choir Competition Musical Scores

Project Director: Alyssa Navarro

Sponsor: Rachel Learned

The Project: The grant allows the Waltham High School Show Choirs to purchase copyrights to competition show music. This will boost their performance level and increase the variety of music pieces they can select.

Partnering Opportunities: Members of the Show Choir will perform at a church function(s).

Waltham Land Trust

\$1,000

Pollution Solution: Community Action for a Cleaner Charles River

Project Director: Sonja Wadman

Sponsor: Martha Creedon

The Project: The Waltham Land Trust will partner with First Parish to educate people about the contamination risk that storm water runoff poses to our watershed. An educator from the Charles River Watershed Association will come to First Parish with a presentation on the history of the Charles River, the condition of its waters, and the ways in which human actions impact the river. On a following Saturday, the Waltham Land Trust will conduct a community project to apply metal markers with “DO NOT DUMP – DRAINS TO RIVER” next to storm water drains in the neighborhood to increase awareness and promote individual action for a cleaner Charles.

Partnering Opportunities: Participation in the lecture and subsequent project to mark storm drains.

Waltham Mills Artists' Association

\$2,500

Waltham Mills Open Studios: Print and Media Campaigns

Project Director: Ann Miller

Sponsor: Joel Weddig

The Project: Funds will support covering partial costs of publicizing the annual event through various media. This event has attracted large numbers of attendees during its forty-year tenure in the city.

Partnering Opportunities: Volunteering at the event is encouraged, and artists will conduct print making workshops at Spirit Spark events at the church.

Waltham Partnership for Youth

\$1,500

Youth Service Providers Network of Waltham

Project Director: Kathleen Dowcett

Sponsor: Deborah Wild

The Project: The Youth Service Providers Network will establish a coordinated system of supports for students by providing regular, structured opportunities for providers to communicate and collaborate. This project will allow WPY to strengthen critically important partnerships between several youth-serving organizations so that all students have access to a continuum of support in and out of school designed to help them thrive.

Partnering Opportunities: The group welcomes an opportunity to visit First Parish in order to engage in discussion around the strengths, needs, and opportunities for youth in Waltham.

Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra

\$1,000

Community Outreach Program

Project Director: Haig Iskenderian

Sponsor: Michael Levin

The Project: The Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra will continue to develop its Community Outreach Program to attract student players to the orchestra, host a Student Concerto Competition, offer an exceptional young musician the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the orchestra, partner with the Plympton Elementary School chorus, and produce free chamber music performances for the community in partnership with a variety of other local organizations, including First Parish Church.

Partnering Opportunities: Members of the orchestra will perform at a church service.

WATCH Community Development Corporation

\$1,500

The Immigrant Experience

Project Director: Daria Gere

Sponsor: Deb Jose

The Project: The Immigrant Experience project is aimed at increasing understanding of, appreciation for, and integration of the immigrant population in Waltham with the community at large. This project will build on those of previous years, in which church and WATCH members partner in planning and carrying out a multi-cultural dinner, conversations and discussion of the status of immigrants in our community.

Partnering Opportunities: Parishioners can volunteer for and attend the event, as well as participate in other WATCH initiatives.