

Jones Partnership Fund Grant Awards 2022

African Cultural Services, Inc./Africano Waltham

Sponsor: Susan Weddig

Amount Awarded: \$3,000

The organization's project, "Africano Holistic Health Program" will run from April 2022-December 2022. With the project, Africano will seek professional services from a qualified social worker to help the served community - mostly immigrants from Uganda - to navigate issues like: mental health, food security, medical care access, housing, and various advocacies.

The Cat Connection

Sponsor: Martha Gallagher

Amount Awarded \$3000

Over the years, The Cat Connection has continued to encourage families with cats to neuter/spay their pets in order to reduce the number of stray cats in Waltham. In 2022, "Spay/Neuter Assistance Program," a.k.a CatNAPS, hopes to assist challenged families with the high costs related to spaying and neutering, by reaching over twenty-five cats. But, with a \$3,000 grant, more cats can be spayed/neutered - bringing the total to over 35 cats.

Chaplains on the Way (COTW)

Sponsor: Leslie Gildersleeve

Amount Awarded: \$4000

The successful "Breakfast and Warming" program administered by COTW continues to provide nourishment, a warm place to be, religious services, and a sense of belonging to unhoused men and women in the Waltham neighborhood. The program is run at FPW and is a great opportunity for the congregation to donate and volunteer services to a meaningful cause.

Chesterbrook Community Foundation

Funding for essential Snacks and Supplies for the students attending the Learning Centers at Chesterbrook and Dana Court.

Sponsor: Pam Penton

Amount Awarded: \$1,500

This project will build bridges between the two Learning Centers at Chesterbrook and Dana Court, by providing greatly needed support to pay for snacks and supplies. The Chesterbrook Foundation serves students living in these low income housing communities through the afterschool programs, which offer a safe place for the students to spend time after school. Many of the students' parents work multiple jobs and the learning centers provide the homework help and mentorship they might not otherwise receive.

Community Day Center of Waltham

Funding for the Case Manager's Helping Hands Fund 2022

Sponsor: Roberta Walz Trudeau

Amount Awarded:\$4,000

The Case Manager's Helping Hands Fund 2022 will focus on 1) providing transportation to homeless individuals who A) request immediate help for their addiction, i.e. transportation to detox facilities and long-term rehabilitation/recovery centers; B) request transportation to medical/dental facilities based on health concerns; C) request transportation to job interviews; 2) require IDs and birth certificates for employment and/or housing opportunities; and 3) need money to support a housing move-in. The fund will be managed by the Case Manager with the approval of the Executive Director.

Downtown Waltham Partnership – Steampunk Festival

Sponsor: Alice Taylor

Amount Awarded: \$1,000

The Watch City Steampunk Festival is a one-day free public event that uses the theme of "steampunk" to explore music, art, fashion and technology. "Steampunk" refers to a Victorian-style version of science fiction, as if we lived in a world where everything H. G. Wells and Jules Verne dreamed of came true. If there is something specific that FPW would like to do during the festival, Downtown Waltham Partnership would be happy to work with FPW.

Farmers' Market

Sponsor: Dan Taylor

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

The goal of the program is to promote health, nutrition and personal dignity in our community by offering matching funds to SNAP/EBT recipients at the Waltham Farmers' Market. The program will provide dollar-for-dollar matching of up to \$10 per customer per week to spend at the market. In 2021 the FM matched over \$17,000.

Food Link

Sponsor: Donna VanderClock

Amount Awarded: \$3,500

Food Link partners with other organizations to help combat the food insecurity problem. They “rescue” high quality excess food from donor restaurants, and a team of dedicated volunteers help deliver this food to places where it is most needed. They are addressing two major concerns at once: reducing food waste and feeding over 600 families each month – benefitting many Waltham based organizations.

Opportunities for Inclusion

Sponsor: Jon Taylor

Amount Awarded: \$1,500

Opportunities for Inclusion plans to continue and expand their efforts to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to volunteer in the Waltham community. This volunteer work gives the participants a sense of purpose, and the opportunity to “give back” to the community. They plan to run a combined community service/social/dance event in the Fall of 2022.

Waltham High School Show Choir

Sponsor: Rachel Learned

Amount Awarded: \$1,900

To provide the Waltham High School Show Choir with arrangements and copy-writes for their music competitions - held regionally and nationally. The Show Choir will also perform at First Parish during a Sunday service.

Waltham Open Studios

Sponsor: Joel Weddig

Amount Awarded: \$2,000

Twenty artists will interact with the community during the summer at the public library and the Museum of Industry, for an “interactive” art experience. The results of the program will be showcased at the annual Open Studio event in the fall. Also, Waltham Mills Artist Sarah Leon will give a live workshop at First Parish in the fall,

The Waltham Boys and Girls Club

Sponsor: Leslie Gildersleeve

Amount Awarded: \$3500

To continue Club Cafe - a year long program providing meals (mostly lunches) to Waltham youth. Last year 48,611 meals were provided to 2,800 youth. Participants would like to help with landscaping at the church and hope to attend a church service and engage in conversation concerning the food and nutritional needs of youth from low-income families in Waltham.

The Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra

Sponsor: Marianne Cutter

Amount Awarded: \$2500

To provide an increased opportunity for students (from Waltham High School and local colleges) to rehearse and perform with the orchestra. Two free chamber music performances are scheduled in Waltham, and there will be a performance held at First Parish.