



**PowerOptions**  
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*The following 20 non-profit organizations will receive \$10,000 gifts as part of PowerOptions 20 for 20 program, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of providing cutting-edge energy strategies and savings so more resources can be put toward the important missions of fellow non-profit organizations in the region.*

**Animal Rescue League of Boston**

Boston

"We are deeply grateful to PowerOptions for this most generous gift. These funds will help vulnerable animals escape cruelty and neglect, receive veterinary treatment and care, and once restored, be matched with a loving forever home. The impact of your philanthropy will be felt in the lives of animals and people for years to come." - Mary Nee, President, Animal Rescue League of Boston

**ArtSpace, Inc.**

Maynard

"As a nonprofit having to work within the constraints of a tight budget, it's a relief to have an organization like PowerOptions that recognizes the important work we do and helps us to focus on our mission," said Artspace Administrator Linda Spear. "This donation will allow us to make critical improvements to our re-purposed 100 year old building."

**Bay Path University**

Longmeadow

"Bay Path University is grateful to have been chosen as a recipient of this generous gift from PowerOptions. We have been a member of PowerOptions since it was established 20 years ago. I have valued the expertise PowerOptions has provided me in making decisions on energy. We will use this gift to undertake some important efficiency projects that will help us to meet our goal of reducing energy usage on our campus." - Paul Stanton, Director of Facilities, Bay Path University

**Charles River Center**

Needham

"We are thrilled to receive this award for \$10,000 from PowerOptions as part of its 20th anniversary celebration. The PowerOptions donation will directly affect our clientele and help us keep pace with

technology advancements to enhance access to assistive technology for those we serve,” states Anne-Marie Bajwa, president of the Charles River Center.

### **Community Servings**

Jamaica Plain

"Community Servings is thrilled to partner with PowerOptions to provide home-delivered medically tailored meals to our clients and their families who live with hunger and critical illness. PowerOptions' generous donation will help us prepare, package and deliver 650,000 medically tailored meals to 2,300 individuals this year alone." - David Waters, Community Servings' CEO.

### **EcoTarium**

Worcester

This grant will support accessibility initiatives that improve museum access for underserved and otherwise in-need populations. In particular, the grant will allow the EcoTarium to increase access to City Science, an exhibit that invites guests to investigate the science they encounter every day in the modern city.

"The grant from Power Options will directly impact some of the most in-need families and children in the area, giving them access to the EcoTarium's newest exhibit, City Science, where they can explore how we live in and build our communities, encouraging them to consider choices that result in healthier, more sustainable cities." - EcoTarium Interim Executive Director, Patricia Crawford

### **Fitchburg Public Schools**

Fitchburg

"Fitchburg Public Schools is thankful for Power Options' award to help us with the costs to improve our heating system (specifically steam traps) to make Longsjo Middle School a more comfortable place for learning for our 576 students, and help the district be more energy efficient." - Robert Jokelar, Assistant Superintendent Finance & Operations, Fitchburg Public Schools

### **Harborlight Community Partners**

Beverly

This gift from from PowerOptions will support renovation needs throughout our family affordable housing portfolio. These family units are essential in a time when the need for affordable housing far outpaces availability. Central to this commitment is ensuring all of our units are dignified, safe, and in the best condition possible. It is no secret that access to good housing in safe areas with quality schools has the power to change the trajectory of not only a child's life, but that of an entire family. With close to 200 names on our family housing waiting lists, every unit we provide is critical. This is what PowerOptions helps Harborlight Community Partners accomplish every day and this unexpected but much needed funding will directly impact families in need by supporting our revitalization of this affordable housing.

"We are honored to have been chosen for this grant by PowerOptions among so many outstanding nonprofits, all doing important work for people in need," states Andrew DeFranza, Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners. "Our partnership with PowerOptions is essential every day to our

ability to sustain our affordable housing offerings throughout the North Shore of Massachusetts. We are deeply grateful for this contribution which will further support these efforts.”

### **Landmark School and Landmark School's Outreach Program**

Prides Crossing

The Landmark School Outreach Program's mission is to empower students with language-based learning disabilities by offering their educators meaningful and effective professional development grounded in theory and practice. One way in which Landmark Outreach fulfills its mission is by providing a variety of online courses, and this grant will allow Outreach to develop a new reading course. This new course will provide educators with strategies and skills to support their students' reading development.

"Landmark School is grateful for its long-time relationship with PowerOptions," said Headmaster Bob Broudo. "This grant support will enable the Landmark School Outreach Program to further grow its online professional development course offerings and serve an even greater number of local educators."

### **Malden YMCA**

Malden

"PowerOptions has once again stayed true to their motto of 'Powering the Mission of Nonprofits' by supporting the Malden YMCA with this donation to help fund our Full STEM ahead program. We appreciate all that they do." - Deborah Amaral, CEO, Malden YMCA

### **MANET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

North Quincy

The health center is a non-profit health and social services provider serving Quincy, Hull and Taunton with a mission to provide accessible, affordable, quality health care for all, without regard to health insurance status or ability to pay. This past winter season was particularly challenging for Manet as it lost power for multiple days during the blizzards and storms. Because Manet does not have generators the health center was in danger of losing refrigerated vaccines and other medicinal products. The PowerOptions 20 for 20 gift will be used to help pay for five new generators at its sites.

“Manet is part of the critical health care infrastructure in the City of Quincy and the surrounding region. Having new, reliable generators will help us ensure continuity of operation during power outages and emergency situations, such as the devastating March nor’easters,” says Manet chief executive officer Cynthia Sierra. “On behalf of the nearly 17,000 patients under our care, we thank PowerOptions for their support and assistance in helping us obtain this essential equipment.”

### **MetroWest YMCA**

Framingham

“We are grateful for the thoughtful and generous support of PowerOptions and for our partnership with them. Their grant will help us provide after-school programming, summer camp experiences, and quality early education for local children and families in need. Together, we are strengthening our community while reducing our footprint throughout the MetroWest region.” - Rick MacPherson, President & CEO, MetroWest YMCA

### **New Bedford Housing Authority**

New Bedford

This key New Bedford housing agency provides a home to approximately 800 youth between the ages of nine and 15. Many of them are part of single parent households and lack viable options to participate in multi-faceted enrichment activities. With the help of the PowerOptions 20 for 20 gift, the NBHA, in partnership with Community Boating Center, will incorporate summer learning through the program, Sailing into Knowledge. The program is designed to be a step by step process in character development, by using boating as a tool to help instill important life lessons.

### **Rogerson Communities**

Boston

Rogerson Communities provides safe, affordable housing and supportive services for our community's most vulnerable residents. Contributions like this help residents such as Linda, a low-income elder who was on the verge of homelessness when Rogerson was able to offer her a welcoming, affordable home near her family. Today, her stress is alleviated and she is participating in Rogerson Fitness First – a premier fitness program designed for elders.

“Our longterm partnership with PowerOptions has resulted in tremendous savings for our programs. These savings directly impact our success in developing and maintaining critically needed affordable housing and health care services for low- and moderate-income elders.” Jamie Seagle, President, Rogerson Communities

### **Shriners Hospitals for Children—Boston**

Boston

“For 50 years, we have cared for burned children from around the world regardless of their families' ability to pay,” said Eileen Skinner, MHA FACHE, administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston. “This gift from PowerOptions will go directly toward supporting that mission so that any child in need of our services receives the care they need and deserve. We give kids their childhoods back and we could not do it without the support of our generous donors like PowerOptions.”

“Being able to partner with another nonprofit in support of our shared missions of helping those in need is particularly rewarding,” said Jean Maginnis, director of donor development, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston. “We are grateful for this gift from PowerOptions which will ensure our children with severe burn injuries get the physical and emotional support services they require to eventually return to their daily activities.”

### **VNA of Eastern Massachusetts**

Somerville

On January 7th of this year, the Visiting Nurses Association in Somerville suffered a catastrophic sprinkler freeze and burst at its assisted living facility, destroying 18 apartments (25% of the building) as well as the commercial kitchen. The residents were forced to evacuate in the middle of a Saturday night and relocate to another VNA facility. The PowerOptions 20 for 20 gift will help residents replace furniture, clothes and equipment, as well as help upgrade the insulation of the exterior of the building to prevent another pipe freeze.

"The VNA has been a loyal member of PowerOptions since its inception and has been the grateful recipient of its many benefits, including saving tens of thousands of dollars in energy costs over the years. We have also participated in several initiatives including their Demand Response and solar programs. Being a member has truly been a major asset to the VNA and has enabled us to continue our mission of community service to those most in need with the least resources." - Linda Cornell, President and CEO, VNA of Eastern Massachusetts

### **Winchendon Housing Authority**

Winchendon

This local agency serving the housing needs of low-income residents and low-income senior citizens has been a PowerOptions member for several years. The PowerOptions 20 for 20 gift will be used to build a gazebo at a senior citizens housing development, giving residents a place to socialize on-site.

"The Winchendon Housing Authority thanks everyone that was involved in selecting us to receive this grant award. This grant will help fund a new Gazebo for our residents in the Hyde Park Drive elderly/disabled community. The WHA has been working over the years to find funding for the Gazebo which will allow our residents an opportunity to sit and relax while not having to walk far from their homes. This will improve the resident's social activities while also helping the disabled residents a comfortable place to sit and enjoy all the beauty Hyde Park Drive has to offer. The WHA Board of Commissioners, Staff and residents thank you very much." - David P. Connor, Executive Director of the Winchendon Housing Authority.

### **WORK Inc.**

Dorchester

The funds received through this grant will be used for WORK Inc. to evaluate its readiness, through a feasibility study, to bring its employment strategies to scale in Massachusetts through the use of a Pay for Success Model (PFS). This will be the first time in the country that this innovative contracting model would be used to serve individuals with disabilities and we believe it has the potential to provide a roadmap for national replication.

"WORK Inc. has been involved with PowerOptions for over 15 years and are thrilled to have been chosen for this initiative. Not only does WORK Inc. believe in supporting individuals with disabilities and other challenges, we also believe in the mission of PowerOptions, allowing us to save time and money in order to focus more on the individuals we serve. We are extremely grateful and excited to be chosen and recognized for this grant by a champion and friend of WORK Inc., Congressman Joe Kennedy." - Jim Cassetta, President of WORK Inc.

### **Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc.**

Worcester

YOU, Inc. is one of the leading behavioral health and education agencies in Massachusetts. The non-profit offers a range of services across central Massachusetts, including therapeutic, clinical educational, and vocational services all supporting a mission to provide youth and families with bright and healthy futures. YOU plans to use the PowerOptions 20 for 20 gift funds to support its programs for

access and opportunity to education, helping prepare low-income and first-generation high school students for success at four-year colleges and universities.

\* One other donation to a Connecticut PowerOptions member will be announced on May 15<sup>th</sup>.