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Dorchester nonprofit awarded portion of \$20 million in grants

Brookview House receives \$100,000 Cummings Foundation grant

BOSTON (June 8, 2018) – Brookview House is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Dorchester-based organization was chosen from a total of 597 applicants, during a competitive review process. Cummings Foundation has announced a total of \$20 million in grants to Greater Boston charities in the past two months alone.

Brookview House provides families experiencing homelessness with a safe place to live along with support services and programs on site to confront the root causes of homelessness and prepare for long-term stability and independence.

Representing Brookview, Brookview President and CEO Deborah Hughes joined approximately 300 other guests at a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston’s nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$220 million to Greater Boston nonprofits alone.

“We are grateful to the Cummings Foundation for supporting our work in eradicating family homelessness in Boston and Massachusetts,” said Hughes. “Family homelessness is a multi-faceted issue that is compounded by many factors, including domestic violence. But we know our formula works, and so we have a great deal of hope for what the future holds for the mothers and children who come to Brookview.”

With the grant funds from the Cummings Foundation, Brookview plans to continue to expand its programming and support services, both for the families it houses, as well as others in the nearby community. Last month, the organization celebrated the groundbreaking on its third affordable housing building, which will include 12 new units along with ground-floor space for programs and services, bringing Brookview’s total units to 54.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings of Winchester, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“We are indebted to the nonprofit organizations like Brookview House that have a meaningful positive impact on the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work,” said Joel Swets,

Cummings Foundation's executive director. "We are delighted to invest in their important programs and services."

This year's diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention and affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation announced an additional \$10 million in early May through its new Sustaining Grants, which extend "\$100K for 100" funding for previous winners for 10 more years. Beginning in 2019, the Foundation will increase its total annual giving through these two programs from \$20 million to \$25 million.

About Brookview

[Brookview House](#) is an independent, nonprofit organization for women and children experiencing homelessness that not only provides a safe place to live but support services and programs on site to confront the root causes of homelessness and transform lives. Its innovative approach addresses the distinct needs of each family member, preparing families for long-term stability and independence. Brookview's commitment to improving the lives of homeless and at-risk families extends beyond its own walls, offering its programs to families within the local community as well.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Bill Cummings released his self-written memoir, "Starting Small and Making It Big: An Entrepreneur's Journey to Billion-Dollar Philanthropist," in March 2018. The book may be purchased at cummings.com/book.

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