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THE DANA HOME FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS SUPPORTING PROGRAMMING FOR LEXINGTON OLDER ADULTS

The Dana Home Foundation distributed over \$206,000 in grant money to fund projects that benefit senior residents in Lexington during its seventh annual award distribution. This year we were not able to hold an in-person celebration due to COVID-19. The awards included two named grants, one to honor former Board member Kevin McGuire and the other in memory of board member Jim Wong.

Kevin stepped down from the Board in November 2015 following twenty years of combined service to the Board of the Dana Home Foundation and its predecessor, the Board of The Dana Home of Lexington. In addition to holding the office of President of the Board of The Dana Home of Lexington, Kevin also served on the Finance Committee for many years. **The Kevin McGuire Family Grant was awarded to Supportive Living, Inc.** for its “**SLI Wellness Center**” program, which will provide as assisted exercise program through the Neuro Wellness program.

Jim served on the Board of The Dana Home of Lexington for many years and on the Board of the Dana Home Foundation. Jim was instrumental in developing the current mission and financial endowment of the Dana Home Foundation. **The Jim Wong Grant was awarded to the Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry,** to fund increasing the capacity for fresh items.

The following organizations also received Dana Home Foundation program grants this year:

Cary Memorial Library “Dana Home Resources for Seniors” The Grant is for the Dana Home Resources for Seniors Program to augment material of interest to seniors.

Cooperative Elder Services “Best Practices: Modernizing Training & Service Techniques” The Grant is to support in service training for staff to modernize training and service techniques.

Foodlink “Accessibility of Food Link Operations Hub” The Grant is to fund capital improvements that will increase accessibility of Foodlink Operations Hub.

Lexington Housing Assistance Board “Low Income Unit Accessibility Program” The Grant will be used to make capital improvements to improve bathroom accessibility in its Lexington units for low and moderate income tenants.

Lexington Human Services “Caregiver Respite Program (continuation of pilot funding for senior transportation services)” The Grant is to continue support for the Lexington Senior Transportation Services program (Lexpress bus passes and LexConnect senior taxi program); to help fund its senior respite care program

Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry “Increasing Capacity for Fresh Items” The Grant is to increase storage capacity and increase the budget to provide more fresh foods at the Lexington Food Pantry.

Medford Visiting Nurse Association “Visiting Nurse & Community Care Program” The Grant is to support the Medford VNA in developing its Palliative Care Program for seniors in Lexington and surrounding communities.

Minuteman Senior Services “Healthy Connections in Lexington” The Grant is to fund a variety of programs such as the Senior Nutrition Program (including Meals on Wheels, congregate dining and nutrition counseling) and SHINE health benefits counseling.

The Perkins School for the Blind “Thriving with Vision Loss” The Grant is to support the Thriving with Vision Loss program which provides resources and outreach programs for Older Adults with vision loss in Lexington.

Power of Flowers “Two New Flower Coolers” The Grant will maintain and expand the outreach efforts to Seniors and Veterans in Lexington by continuing to deliver the signature bouquets to 400+ seniors living in care communities. It will also increase monthly Flower Therapy workshops to care communities.

Supportive Living, Inc. “Senior Neuro Assist Exercise” The Grant is to continue support of an ongoing fitness program, which engages a small group of disabled seniors and those living with chronic brain injury in an assisted, accessible and affordable fitness program.

Town of Lexington Recreation Department “Forever Fit Wellness Program” The Grant is to support the Forever Fit program which is designed to address the physical fitness and wellness needs of Lexington’s senior population.

About The Dana Home Foundation

Following years of fundraising and a generous bequest by Lexington resident Ellen Dana, The Dana Home of Lexington opened in 1916. It operated as a home for seniors for ninety-five years before closing its doors in October 2010. Following the sale of the home, the Board of the Dana Home voted to use its endowment to fund programs that provide benefits to seniors with a connection to Lexington. Through partnerships with local organizations that provide impactful services to older adults in the Lexington community, The Dana Home Foundation continues to honor the legacy of Ellen Dana. To date, The Dana Home Foundation has awarded over \$1.8 million in grants for the benefit of Lexington seniors. For more information about The Dana Home Foundation, visit www.danahomefoundation.org