

To the editor:

The Medfield Foundation (www.MedfieldFoundation.org) is our town's community foundation, created in 2001 to effect private philanthropy for public purposes in the Town of Medfield. To date this entirely volunteer run entity has raised over \$1 m., and sponsored several community events. One such community event was the symphony concert ("A Symphony of Community Support") that both celebrated the opening of the new schools and Medfield's many volunteers.

This year the Medfield Foundation continues its celebration of volunteer efforts with the recognition of individuals whose extraordinary volunteer activities have made a special marked difference to Medfield. The Medfield Foundation is pleased to announce that over the next two weeks it will recognize two such special individuals amongst us - one exceptional volunteer from a private group, and a second exceptional volunteer from town committees. Please join the Medfield Foundation in proudly congratulating and recognizing all of Medfield's many volunteers, whose tremendous efforts and varied work makes Medfield a better place for all of us. Also, over the next two weeks, as the Medfield Foundation's two special volunteers of the year are announced, please extend a special thanks to them for all that they have done.

In approximate descending order of magnitude, the monies the Medfield Foundation has raised to date have funded the High School's new evergreen football field, the High School's new track and bleachers, the Dale Street School's new playground and outdoor classroom, the Natasha Domeshek Fund and its Angel Run (www.AngelRun.org), the Medfield Night Fireworks, the Council on Aging bus, the Middle School auditorium's lighting and sound system, and general support for the Medfield Youth Outreach workers, the Medfield Youth Community Council, the Zullo Gallery (www.zullogallery.org), and the Friends of Recreation. Donors are allowed to target the categories of Medfield town needs that interest them.

Since the Medfield Foundation is entirely volunteer run, without any paid staff, almost all of the monies contributed are delivered to the projects being supported. Currently only 1% of collected funds are used to cover expenses, and 99% is directly used on each project. The Medfield Foundation has started a tradition of distributing free water and information to attendees of the Medfield Town meeting.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hern, President
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Stephen Phillips, Clerk
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