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**A TOTAL OF 25 CENTRAL/WESTERN MASS. NONPROFITS RECEIVED
NEARLY \$230,000 FROM HARVARD PILGRIM HEALTH CARE
FOUNDATION FOR COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS**

(Worcester, Mass.) -- A total of 25 central and western Mass. nonprofits have received nearly \$230,000 from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation for COVID-19 relief efforts.

Harvard Pilgrim Foundation awarded the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester with a \$10,000 grant in its initial round of funding starting in mid-March. Most other organizations in the region received a \$10,000 grant for supporting community needs during the pandemic, such as food access and meal delivery, services for older adults and immigrant families, social and community services, and emergency response.

“Now more than ever it is so critical to support our communities and organizations who are providing services to those residents of central and western Mass. impacted by COVID-19,” said Patrick Cahill, vice president, Mass. market lead for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, parent company of Harvard Pilgrim Foundation. “The impact of this pandemic is enormous and right from the start we responded to the immediate needs facing nonprofit partners and communities. We are very grateful to all who are helping to feed and care for our community members, and we are committed to supporting them in the weeks and months ahead.”

The following central and western Mass. organizations received funding as part of Harvard Pilgrim Foundation’s COVID-19 Assistance Fund:

Berkshire County Arc (*Pittsfield*)

Building Futures, Inc. (*Worcester*)

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging (*Worcester*)

Community Harvest (*Grafton*)

Dismas House of Massachusetts (*Worcester*)

Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center (*Worcester*)

Elder Services of Worcester (*Worcester*)

Gardening the Community (*Springfield*)

Greater Springfield Senior Services (*Springfield*)

Grow Food Northampton (*Northampton*)
Growing Places (*Leominster*)
Health and Social Services Consortium (*Sharon*)
Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (*Worcester*)
Just Roots Inc. (*Greenfield*)
Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry (*Chicopee*)
Making Opportunity Count (*Fitchburg*)
Mission E4 (*Hubbardston*)
Nuestras Raices Inc. (*Holyoke*)
Regional Environmental Council (*Worcester*)
Rooting Rises (*Pittsfield*)
Saint Paul's Elder Outreach (*Worcester*)
The Stone Soup Café, Inc (*Greenfield*)
United Way of Central Mass. (*Worcester*)
University of Massachusetts (*Amherst*)

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation committed more than \$3.5 million in initial grants for COVID-19 relief efforts in Maine, Mass., New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

About The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation

Created in 1980, The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation supports Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's mission to improve the quality and value of health care for the people and communities we serve. The Harvard Pilgrim Foundation provides the tools, training and leadership to help build healthy communities throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In 2019, the Harvard Pilgrim Foundation awarded nearly \$2.9 million in grants to 990 nonprofit organizations in the region. Since its inception in 1980, the Foundation has awarded \$155 million in funds and resources throughout the four states. For more information, please visit www.harvardpilgrim.org/foundation.

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