



MAKEPEACE NEIGHBORHOOD FUND

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MAKEPEACE NEIGHBORHOOD FUND ANNOUNCES GRANTS

WAREHAM – The Makepeace Neighborhood Fund has awarded \$115,000 in grants to 29 local organizations. The awards were announced at a ceremony at the Tihonet Village Market, on the grounds of the A.D. Makepeace Company, on May 13.

Christopher Makepeace, chairman of the Makepeace Neighborhood Fund Board of Trustees, announced that an additional special grant of \$10,000 will be made to the Cranberry Research Station in Wareham in celebration of that organization's 100th anniversary.

Beginning next year, agriculture-related projects will be eligible for funding through the regular grant program, along with projects in education, historic preservation, community housing, health care, and the environment.

“Despite our diversification, the cranberry industry remains the heart and soul of the A.D. Makepeace Company,” Mr. Makepeace said. “This change in our charitable foundation enables us to extend further support to projects that benefit farmers throughout the region.”

The grant to the Cranberry Research Station will be used towards the purchase of a mobile testing van. Half the \$10,000 will be an outright grant, and the other half will be a challenge, matching contributions by other growers.

The Makepeace Neighborhood Fund, created by the A.D. Makepeace Company, provides grants to non-profit organizations and municipal agencies. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded 119 grants totaling \$960,000.

This year, 85 proposals, requesting a total of \$625,000, were received.

In announcing the awards and distributing ceremonial checks to participants, Michael P. Hogan, president and CEO of the A.D. Makepeace Company, noted that the company contributes an additional \$60,000 annually to youth groups, local events, chambers of commerce, and other programs.

The A.D. Makepeace Company, based in Wareham, is the world's largest cranberry grower, the largest private property owner in eastern Massachusetts, and a recognized leader in environmentally responsible real estate development and land stewardship.

Grantees were:

A.L.S. Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. Patient Services Coordinator	Region	\$2,000
Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth SMART Moves for Under-served At-risk Children	Plymouth	\$3,000
Buttonwood Park Zoological Society Zoo in the School Environmental Program	Region	\$2,000
Cape Cod Child Development Technology for Early Education	Onset	\$4,300
Carver Public Schools Summer Intensive Reading for Students in Gr 6 -12	Carver	\$9,280
Community Nurse & Hospice Care, Inc. Keeping Patients Home	Wareham/ Rochester	\$2,500
Evergreen House Inc.	Wareham	\$2,000

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Friends of Myles Standish State Forest Pine Barrens Community Initiative	Plymouth	\$5,000
Good Shepherd Food Pantry Here's To Your Health	Wareham	\$2,160
Habitat for Humanity, Buzzards Bay Minot Avenue	Wareham	\$2,000
Junior Achievement of Southern MA "Seeds of Success: Growing Hope in Classrooms"	Wareham and Rochester	\$4,000
March of Dimes Grand Rounds	Region	\$5,000
Oak Grove Cape Verdean Cultural Center Association Oak Grove Cape Verdean Cultural Center Project	Onset	\$5,000
Partners Home Care Bringing Healthcare to Patients in their Homes	Plymouth	\$4,000
Plymouth County Intermediate School Camp Bournedale	Plymouth	\$5,000
Rochester Land Trust, Inc Carr Family Bogs addition to East Over Reservation	Rochester	\$5,000
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. Healthy Harvests Program	Plymouth	\$4,000
Southcoast Health System, Tobey Hospital IV "Smart" Pump Replacement Project	Wareham	\$5,000
Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless, Inc. Baby Point Program	Wareham	\$5,000
Wareham Early Education & Development Learning is Fun Out of School Time Enrichment Prog	Wareham	\$9,975
Wareham Historical Society WHS Pamphlet	Wareham	\$ 500
Wareham Public Schools Assessible Garden, Wareham High School	Wareham	\$ 928
Wareham Public Schools Implementing Graphing Calculators for Algebra 1	Wareham	\$5,000

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Wareham Public Schools Minot Forest: "Involve me and I'll Understand"	Wareham	\$7,500
Wareham Public Schools Project Team - Year 2	Wareham	\$3,000
Wareham Public Schools Taking Learning Outdoors	East Wareham	\$2,155
Wareham Public Schools WHS: Mini Addition will have a Major Impact	Wareham	\$1,098
YMCA, Gleason Family Y-Care Scholarship Fund	Wareham	\$5,000
YMCA, Old Colony Fitness - Food - Fun	Plymouth	\$4,000

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