COMMUNITY WORKS was founded in 1981 by Kip Tiernan, Fran Froehlich, and other community activists to provide funding and build community for grassroots organizations working to achieve environmental, economic, and social justice in Greater Boston. We are a cooperative; each of our 31 members has a seat on our board, members contribute a set number of hours a year to our operation and undesignated funds we receive are distributed evenly among them. We provide our members with an additional source of unrestricted funds, primarily through workplace giving campaigns around the state.

Over the years our members have been pioneers in domestic violence awareness and prevention, women’s health education, urban environmentalism, LGBTQ rights, and community development. Today, our members work on a grassroots level in neighborhoods throughout greater Boston by: empowering and teaching advocacy to traditionally overlooked communities including, seniors, the disabled, immigrants, and people living in poverty; working for institutional change to end systemic inequality in education, housing, transportation and health care; promoting inclusion and access by providing job training, arts education, ESL classes, platforms for cultural exchange and community involvement and more.

Some of our members at work:

- **Women's Center** (Cambridge) is innovative and instrumental in providing a space for women to find their voice and take action on issues that affect their lives. They work on women's health issues, provide job and skills trainings and foster a healthy, supportive, and inclusive community—paying particular attention to low-income women, who are more likely to experience devastating poverty and abuse.
- **Cooperative Artist Institute’s Partnership for Whole School Change** (Jamaica Plain) brings together teachers, administrators, parents, humanists, social scientists, artist/educators, and school change coaches to prepare students to humanely succeed in the global marketplace by merging education theory and practice, cultural anthropology, consensus decision-making, peace and justice strategies, and the arts to provide a framework that is used to develop school transformation technologies for today’s global reality.
- **Haley House** (Boston), in addition to being a soup kitchen and shelter, runs a Bakery and Café in Roxbury which provides job training, conducts cooking and healthy eating classes, and hosts a weekly pay-by-donation meal prepared by volunteers called Community Tables.

NAMI - THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS is a national organization with 50 state affiliates. NAMI Newton/Wellesley is grassroots not-for-profit organization and affiliate of NAMI Massachusetts. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of persons living with mental illness and their families. We do this by extending the education, support, and advocacy programs of NAMI Massachusetts to all the communities in our service area. NAMI:

- Has two active support groups run by trained facilitators: one in Newton the other in Wellesley. Both are free of charge.
- Provides 9 free education programs during the year, offering resources, insights, and information about research and the latest treatment methods at the Newton Wellesley Hospital.
- Offers a free 12 week evidence-based Family to Family program for family caregivers of adults and a 6 week program for family caregivers of children and adolescents, and is planning to provide an Educator to Educator program in the near future and a Peer to Peer course for persons affected by mental illness.
- Provides information and resources to university clubs such as Open Mind and NAMI Campus and Out of the Darkness, as well as to high schools and religious organizations.
- Advocates for Crisis Intervention Training for police departments to divert mentally ill persons in crisis from the criminal justice system and into services that they need.
- Participates in the NAMI Walk to promote awareness, fight stigma, and raise funds to provide educational programs for the community.
OXFAM AMERICA is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, and injustice. As one of 17 members of the international Oxfam confederation, we work with people in more than 90 countries to create lasting solutions. Oxfam saves lives, develops long-term solutions to poverty, and campaigns for social change.

Tackling world hunger by reforming the food system: In a world as rich as ours, 842 million people still do not have enough to eat. The overall trend during the past 30 years has been a massive reduction in investment in agriculture in the developing world. Imagine what headway we could have made in reducing hunger if there had been steady investment in agriculture. In 2014, Oxfam pushed for robust investment in agriculture development, fair farm labor practices, greater emphasis on food security, and responsible stewardship of natural resources.

Empowering citizens to hold their governments accountable: Because Oxfam believes in the power of people to overcome poverty, we support their efforts to hold their governments accountable: from calls on the US Treasury Department to allow Somalis to continue sending money home, to efforts by Ghanaians to ensure that their government invests in development. Despite the fact that natural resource revenue streams in developing countries could alleviate poverty, few mechanisms exist to allow people in these nations to hold their governments accountable to disclose how national monies are spent. In 2014, Oxfam continued to build on our proven ability to foster broad citizen engagement with governments to make significant advances in the fight against poverty.

Saving lives by changing the nature of emergency response: In recent years we have witnessed natural disasters of greater scale and intensity than ever before. Faced with this new context—shaped in part by climate change—the international humanitarian community must fundamentally change. Although organizations like Oxfam will always need to assist in major crises, governments and citizen groups must develop the capacity to serve as first responders, and as leaders of basic relief efforts. In 2014, Oxfam responded to major crises from the Philippines to Syria, but we also deepened our investment in the expertise of communities most vulnerable to catastrophes—preparing them, with help from local governments, to lead their own response efforts.

Ensuring women’s inclusion & leadership: Women’s ability to advance within any society depends on their ability to participate fully in the political, social, and economic sectors of their countries and to live without fear of violence. We know that judicious investments in women can be transformative in the battle to reduce poverty. For a girl, the chance to attend an extra year of primary school can increase her future wages by 10 to 20 percent, money which is typically reinvested in the well-being of her community. In 2014, Oxfam continued to champion the basic rights of women: to own property and businesses, to have access to quality health services and education, and to live free from violence.

ROSIE’S PLACE was founded in 1974 as the first women’s shelter in the United States, with a mission to provide a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security in their lives. Today, Rosie’s Place, with the help of Wellesley College, makes an impact in the lives of more than 12,000 women a year in these ways:

- We serve 90,000 nutritionally balanced breakfasts, lunches, and dinners annually in our warm and cheery dining room.
- Rosie’s Place Groceries enables more than 1,900 women per month to take home 20 to 40 pounds of foods that their families prefer and enjoy.
- Rosie’s Place advocacy staff schedule 1,000 appointments with guests each month. Advocates assist with housing, educational and employment opportunities, clothing, wellness care, legal advice, transportation, and emergency funds for eviction prevention and medication.
- Approximately 220 women find sanctuary in our emergency housing, while advocates work with them to find permanent homes and services they need.
• Our Outreach Program works to break the cycle of chronic homelessness by providing monthly in-home supports to more than 100 guests who are at risk of becoming homeless.
• Our Outreach Van provides services and support Monday-Friday evenings to as many as 340 women per month on the streets of Boston.
• The Women’s Education Program enables 314 women each semester to improve skills and increase self-sufficiency through free ESOL, computer, and literacy classes and one-on-one tutoring.
• More than 1,900 women participate annually in arts@rosiesplace, which offers guests workshops, museum field trips, and music performances.
• Our Wellness Center provides close to 6,600 guest visits each year for blood pressure and blood sugar screenings; assessment of health problems such as colds and flu; chiropractic and alternative interventions; and immunizations.

Rosie’s Place relies solely on the generous support of individuals, foundations, and corporations and does not accept any city, state, or federal funding. Thanks to these donations, 86 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to essential services for poor and homeless women.

UNIVERSITY WAY OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY AND MERRIMACK VALLEY brings our communities together to help improve people’s lives and strengthen the neighborhoods in our region. Thousands of nonprofits and foundations work to target the problems that affect our region. United Way was built on the idea that if we are to make meaningful, lasting change, we have to make it easier for these efforts to come together. To make the greatest impact possible, United Way aligns a network of more than 160 independent health and human service agencies under the same set of community goals:

• Children will be nurtured and enter school ready to learn.
• Youth will have adult guidance and positive options for the future.
• Families will have safe permanent homes, and the skills and opportunities to build better futures.

To ensure that it is truly a unified effort, United Way also draws on its history and reputation to forge groundbreaking partnerships with government, businesses, and foundations. Working with key partners, we facilitate the mutual exchange of research and best practices so that proven strategies shape our work and the work of all nonprofits in the region. This is how progress happens – United efforts, measurable objectives, accountability at all levels, and a consistent eye on the reason we’re here: to get at the root causes of problems and find lasting solutions that build a better life for us all.

United Way remains one of the only local organizations that provides agencies with unrestricted operating support. United Way has pioneered an approach that combines the flexibility of providing unrestricted operating support to agencies with the accountability of asking them to report progress against measurable goals. In 2012, 75% of United Way partner agencies reported that the primary reason they apply for funding from United Way is because of the opportunity to receive unrestricted funds for agency operations. United Way’s policy of providing unrestricted operating support in concert with accountability for outcomes was hailed in recently by local organization Root Cause as “one of the most promising practices in philanthropic giving” in Massachusetts. It also aligns with best practices in philanthropic giving noted by national think tanks such as the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy and Independent Sector.

Your support helped United Way achieve these results in the past year:

• 36,000 children were screened for developmental delays.
• 7,000 youth were matched with a mentor.
• 5,000 homeless families were placed in permanent housing.

This year’s Charitable Giving Drive will run from March 30th to April 15th. For more information, visit our website: www.wellesley.edu/cares or email us at cares@wellesley.edu