



## 2019 STRATEGIC FOCUS GRANTEES

Six organizations received a total of \$48,269 in the form of Strategic Focus Grants through the Community Impact Grantmaking Program in 2019

### **Cape Cod Children's Place, \$10,000**

To support a technology audit to identify and ultimately purchase a new cloud-based data tracking system that will increase capabilities and efficiencies in all levels of the organization, provide IT security and encryption appropriate for the sensitive work involved, and minimize future IT support costs.

### **Cape Cod Literacy Council, \$9,200**

To support the personnel hours necessary to expand the number of English Language Learning Immersion Classes for Adults from four to seven and to add a fifth location. This program helps adult immigrants on Cape Cod learn to read, write, and converse in English so they can communicate more effectively in the workplace and in all areas of their lives.

### **Community Connections, \$5,000**

To support hiring a consultant to oversee the acquisition of Flower Angels by Community Connections. The consultant will review the current state of Flower Angels, identify improvement opportunities, recommend efficiency gains, and develop a comprehensive job description for the new director role.

### **Mass Audubon - Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, \$9,069**

To support start-up costs for a two-year pilot program for the first nature preschool on Cape Cod. The Nature Preschool Explorers program draws from the successful experiences of Mass Audubon Society's four existing nature preschools statewide.

### **Spaulding Cape Cod, \$10,000**

To create an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device lending library for children with autism spectrum disorders or developmental delays that affect speech and language abilities. The goal is to build each child's communication skills so they can convey basic needs and wants and ultimately learn to express ideas, emotions, pain and other feelings. AAC strategies include low-tech options (such as letter boards or communication books) and high-tech tools that produce speech. These computerized devices can be customized to meet a child's communication needs at home, at school, at work, and in the community.

### **WE CAN Corporation, \$5,000**

To increase the frequency of WE CAN's service offerings to Upper Cape residents. Since 2015, the organization has offered services to at least 8 women or men in this region every month through a strategic partnership with the Falmouth Service Center. However, because of the increased demand, there has been an ongoing waitlist in Falmouth. Funding will support weekly visits for services.