2024

Commonwealth Cares Annual Report



Thank You

We're grateful for and honored by the generous contributions from all of you — our donors!

Your support enabled us to help communities rebuild, children dream, and families heal.

Every dollar donated went directly to the cause.



Simply put, we couldn't do it without you!

Our Mission

Commonwealth Cares Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to maximize the impact of our many and varied efforts to give back to the communities in which we work, live, and visit.

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A Message from Our Executive Director

In 2024, thanks to your generosity, Commonwealth Cares expanded its reach, offering more grants to more organizations than ever before. From local food banks to global relief efforts, your support brought comfort, opportunity, and hope where it was needed most.

This year also marked a leadership transition. In June, Joni Youngwirth stepped down after years of devoted service to Commonwealth Cares. Her passion and dedication helped shape the foundation of who we are. I'm honored to follow in her footsteps and continue this vital work.

One of the most moving moments of the year came when we received an anonymous \$50,000 donation — an extraordinary act of generosity that enabled us to support food banks in every community with a Commonwealth corporate office. It was a reminder that when one person steps forward with purpose, lives are changed.

Whether we were helping families recover from hurricanes, supporting sick children, or bringing joy to underserved communities, one thing remained constant: 100% of every dollar you gave went directly to the organizations we support — no overhead, no redirection, just pure impact.

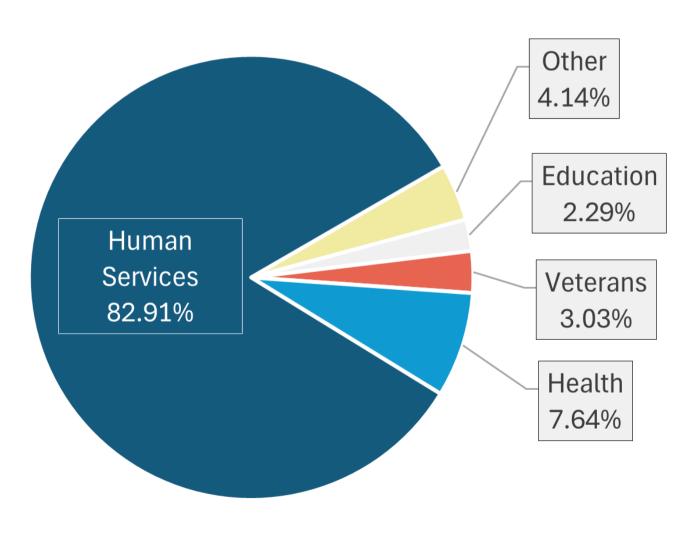
Thank you for believing in this mission and showing up, year after year. I'm excited to continue this journey with you.



2024 Impact Summary

\$529,400 in grants disbursed

442grants sent to180 organizations



Grant Recipients

22 Mohawks A Precious Child Adult Congenital Heart Association All Faiths Food Bank **ALS Association** ALS Therapy Development Institute Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society American Heart Association American Parkinson Disease Association American Red Cross **ASPCA** Angels at Risk Animal Pad Animal Rescue League of Boston **Ararat Association** Asian American Civil Association Autism Society of America Foundation **Autism Speaks** Bentley University Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Massachusetts & Metrowest Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle Bikes Fight Cancer **Border Kindness** Boston Children's Hospital **Bottom Line** Boys & Girls Clubs of San Deigo Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County Breakthrough T1D Bubbles Dog Rescue Center for Hope & Healing Charlton Youth Soccer Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation Children's Miracle Network Hospital Civil Air Patrol Clean Ocean Action Coalition for a Better Acres Commission 127 Community Assistance Center Community Servings Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation Cradles to Crayons Creative Kindness Curebound - Padres Pedal the Cause Dana Farber Cancer Institute Danbury Grassroots Academy Daniel F Ryan Foundation Del Norte High School Music Boosters DiMatteo Family Charitable Foundation Doctors without Borders USA Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center Dorothy's House **Dwell Orphan Care** East County Animal Rescue Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky

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YMCA Waltham

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Oxfam America

Featured Grant



Make-A-Wish

Meet Maddy - a bright 15-year-old with a dream of exploring the stars.

This summer, the Commonwealth Waltham office was transformed into a galaxy of celebration in honor of Maddy. Hundreds of employees lined the catwalks in the building's atrium, welcoming Maddy and her family to an overwhelming round of cheers and applause.

Maddy and her crew spent an afternoon exploring the many personalized activities created by Commonwealth employee volunteers. There were games and trivia, puppies and pampering, and even a personalized message from Scott Patterson ("Luke Danes" from Gilmore Girls).

Your donations and the time and creativity of the employees gave Maddy an unforgettable send-off, as she embarked on her wish trip to the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab and Gilmore Girls set in California.

This is what your support does. It creates joy. It fuels dreams.

Featured Grant



American Red Cross

In September, the Commonwealth Cares Board approved a \$50,000 matching grant to support those affected by Hurricane Helene.

When Hurricane Milton struck during the Commonwealth National Conference in Orlando, their community rallied.

Together, an additional \$150,000 was raised.

Thanks to Commonwealth employees, advisors, affiliates, and guests, a \$200,000 donation was sent to the American Red Cross to provide immediate disaster relief.

Commonwealth Cares was proud to support many of Commonwealth Financial's Give Back initiatives. Thank you to the Commonwealth employees and teams who volunteer their time and resources throughout the year!

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