



A Path in The Woods Foundation, Inc.

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Helping Kids Find Their Own Path in Life

A Path In The Woods Foundation, Inc. is a Massachusetts' not-for-profit, charitable corporation that was created in 2009 in memory and honor of Daniel McCabe of Wellesley. Dan's playful and generous nature towards others inspires our work. His interest in local jobs for young people, in the knowledge required to perform the work, and the human relationships necessary to enjoy the work-life experience, define our mission.

We are organized as a 501(c)(3) private foundation exclusively for charitable and educational purposes; all donations are tax deductible under code section 170. We are dedicated to opening new doors of opportunity and exploration for the young men and women in our community who are searching for their own path in life and need assistance, financial or otherwise, in beginning their journey. The funds we raise are used to provide grants for training and education related to developing job skills, in a hands-on, on-the-job environment.

Currently our grants support the Wellesley High School work-study internship program with various town departments and related organizations. The program is coordinated by the WHS Guidance and Counseling Department and the Wellesley Youth Commission. The emphasis of the program is on personal and career development, job training, academic achievement, financial compensation, and mentoring relationships. The program also allows students to experience the variety and quality of careers available in local government.

Our foundation has also established the Path in the Woods Fund, a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a community foundation, as a means to provide grants to the Town of Wellesley to support work-study internships. The amount of the grant can vary based on the fund's balance and anticipated needs. An internship for one student for one semester requires a grant of approximately \$1,500, or \$3,000 for a full school year. There are currently five students in the program. The Path in the Woods Fund is a Field of Interest Fund open to donors, see www.foundationformetrowest.org for more information.

We also co-sponsor, with the Wellesley Youth Commission and Positive Leaders, LLC, *Thrive Wellesley*, a movement to engage community leaders and citizens in an effort to create a culture that supports and encourages every child to develop their innate gifts and self-efficacy. *Thrive Wellesley* is supported by a separate Board of Advisors. For more information on *Thrive Wellesley* and its efforts see the Path Foundation's web-site at www.apathinthewoods.org

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