



## A Path in The Woods Foundation, Inc.

124 Washington St. Wellesley, MA 02481

*Helping Kids Find Their Own Path in Life*

### 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO DONORS

#### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year we hosted our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wellesley High Alumni & Friends Golf Championship and fundraiser auction on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland. It was another great day; we had 74 golfers and 18 tee-box sign sponsors. We again included a sleeve of Titleist Path Foundation golf balls as player gifts. We had two teams score 57 and six more in the 60's. Next year's tournament will be held on Friday July 24, 2020 at Sandy Burr Country Club.



#### FINANCES

Our Wellesley Bank account balance at 12/31/2019 was \$21,066.88. All of our bills are paid and we have no accounts receivable. A Path in the Woods Fund, our donor-advised field of interest fund at The Foundation for MetroWest (FMW) had a balance at 9/30/2019 of \$63,064.93.

#### GRANTS & OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

Our financial support for the Work-study Internship Program at Wellesley High School continues to provide students who are interested in working and need an opportunity to gain hands-on work experience in a supporting environment during after-school hours assistance in getting started. Since our first grant in 2010 we have dispersed over \$60,000 to the Wellesley Youth Commission to manage the program, with all of the money going to the student interns based on a minimum hourly wage for approximately 6,000 hours of work in total. The work assignments are at various Town Departments and coordinated by the Town's Youth Director. We have funded approximately 60 students at an average of 100 hours per student during a semester. We are also able to expose students to the work of local government and potential career choices.

Our financial support for the Work-study Internship Program is directed through our donor advised, field of interest fund, A Path in the Woods Fund, at the Foundation for MetroWest, a community foundation. We are very appreciative of Foundation's support and guidance in managing our fund. Distributions from our Fund are made at our direction, but approved by the

Foundation's board of directors. Donations to A Path in the Woods Fund can also be made directly to the Foundation for MetroWest. <https://www.foundationformetrowest.org/>

## NEW PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Wellesley Media Corporation Internship**

We have a new internship partner with the Wellesley Media Corporation, a private non-profit organization that operates out of a studio and offices in rented space above Green's Hardware on Washington Street in Wellesley Hills. Wellesley Media is formerly known as Wellesley Community Access Cable Television. They broadcast Wellesley High School sporting events and Wellesley town government meetings on local cable TV. They produce other programs of public interest as well as public service announcements (PSA's). They are funded in part by the license fee that local cable TV providers pay the Town of Wellesley. Their funding may be reduced in the future based on changes in the FCC regulations controlling local CATV licensing agreements. We have worked previously with Wellesley Media when we filmed a PSA for a program we called Thrive Wellesley a few years ago. Wellesley Media has also hosted several of our Wellesley High School work-study interns in the past on an intermittent basis. Under this internship Wellesley Media's Executive Director, James Joyce, will design a schedule that works for him and the intern over a longer period of time. I have a great deal of confidence in James' ability to make the internship opportunity fruitful for his organization and the student we support through our grant.

This last summer, Wellesley Media's Kegan Shiner produced three videos for us. The first one helps us tell our story and talk about our mission. The second video is an interview with the people that oversee the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University and the NITEO Program that we support (see below for more information). The third video is filmed at our annual golf tournament and barbeque lunch following the tournament. The video links are in the Thrive Talk Blog of our Web-site at: <http://apathinthewoods.org/blog>

Wellesley Public Media is a non-profit, digital mass-media access center serving the town of Wellesley, Massachusetts. Their mission is to support the education and informing of Wellesley citizens with regards to Town civic, educational, cultural, and community matters, and to enable them to use the latest tools and technologies for producing, managing and distributing video and digital media. <http://www.wellesleymedia.org/>

### **Providing a Scholarship to the NITEO Program at Boston University**

We also have a new partnership with the NITEO Program at the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University's Sargent College. Their relatively small facility is located at 940 Commonwealth Ave. West on the Brookline/Boston line.

NITEO is an intensive; one-semester program supporting young adults who live with a mental health condition develop wellness tools, academic skills, resilience, and work-readiness. NITEO

was established in 2014, and over 120 students have graduated from the program and moved on to valued roles in their communities.

The NITEO curriculum provides students with opportunities to:

- Practice and develop resiliency skills to help them live well at school and work,
- Examine their educational, vocational, and social strengths and values, and,
- Develop an individualized path to choose, get and keep the valued roles of their choice.

All classes are held at the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University; Sargent College and enrolled students have access to various other University resources including the Fitness and Recreation Center. See their web-site for more information. <https://cpr.bu.edu/about/>

Each fall (September-December) and spring (January-May) semester, 15-19 students are invited to participate in NITEO. The semester-long program is a simulation of the college experience where students have opportunities to:

1. attend wellness and academic classes to build skills for work, and personal success;
2. build lasting relationships with same-age peers and support staff;
3. work one-on-one with an assigned College Coach for individualized support around a host of academic, vocational, social, and wellness areas.

The fee for the fall or spring semester of NITEO – classes and coaching – is \$8500. Students need not be from BU. NITEO operates under the umbrella of the Trustees of Boston University as a 501(c)(3) so we can provide a scholarship/grant directly to the Center under IRS rules.

We are very excited to announce that we are going to co-sponsor, with the Center, the showing of Andrew Gibson's film *Gutterbug* <https://www.gutterbugmovie.com/> at BU's Tsai Performance Center <https://www.bu.edu/tsai/>. The showing will be April 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM, with doors opening at 7:00 PM. It is free to all and donations are welcomed through our Web-site. Andrew is a talented young filmmaker and supporter of the Path Foundation. The film, which was shot in Allston, has already won several film-festival awards from Woods Hole to Los Angeles to Alaska. The Gibson family have been life-long friends from Wellesley. Proceeds from the film's showing will be donated to the Center in the form of a student scholarship to the NITEO program. Invitations to the showing will be emailed to our supporters and donors in March.

## OUR MISSION AND OUR HISTORY

A Path in The Woods Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization was created in 2009 in memory of Daniel McCabe of Wellesley, MA. The foundation is dedicated to opening new doors of opportunity and exploration for the young men and women in our community and beyond who are searching for their path in life and need assistance, financial or otherwise in beginning their journey. The foundation raises funds through community-based events and

through direct contributions. The funds are used to provide grants for young adults for training and education related to developing job skills and building self-confidence.

The foundation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Each year A Path in The Woods Foundation continues to advance its mission through programs such as providing work-study internship grants for Wellesley High School students through a grant to the Wellesley Youth Commission dispersed by A Path in the Woods Fund, a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a community foundation.

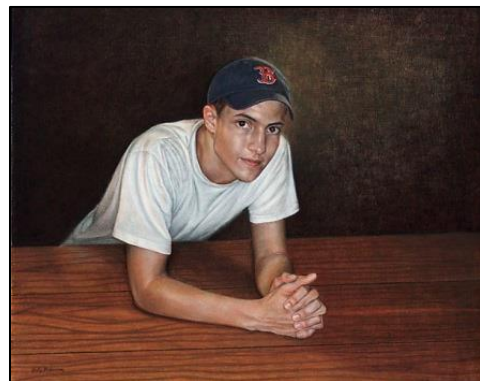
Thanks for all your support these last 11 years.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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