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Rosie's Place Awarded \$100,000

Boston-based Nonprofit Receives Major Cummings Foundation Grant

BOSTON—Rosie's Place has been selected as one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's **\$100K for 100** program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from more than 430 applicants during a very competitive review process.

Rosie's Place was founded in 1974 as the first women's shelter in the United States. Today, Rosie's Place not only provides meals and shelter but also creates answers for 12,000 women a year through wide-ranging support, housing and education services.

"With an increasing number of women and their families coming to us hungry, our Food Programs are more essential than ever," said Rosie's Place Executive Director Sue Marsh. "We greatly appreciate the support of Cummings Foundation, which will help us to provide upwards of 94,000 nutritionally-balanced meals this year to women who rely on our help."

Now in its third year, the **\$100K for 100** program awards \$10 million in grants annually to nonprofits that are not only based in but also primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. This year, the program is awarding 38 grants in Middlesex County, 25 in Essex County, and 37 in Suffolk County.

The community that will benefit from the greatest number of grants is Roxbury, which is home to nine nonprofits receiving awards. Six grants were distributed in Lawrence, and five each in Woburn and Beverly.

Through this "place-based" grants program, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages more than 10 million square feet of commercial space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation's executive director, said, "Cummings Foundation is very committed to the local communities where the staff and clients of the Cummings organization live

and work. We are delighted to support very worthy nonprofits like Rosie's Place that are working tirelessly for the benefit of the people they serve."

This year's very diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including underserved populations, education, health care, hunger relief, and homelessness prevention. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

Representatives from the recipient organizations will be invited to attend an exclusive Grantee Reception on June 2 at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion of funding into greater Boston's nonprofit sector. The complete list of 100 grant award winners will be released that evening, and will be posted at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

About Rosie's Place

Rosie's Place's mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. 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 services for poor and homeless women. Additional information is available at www.rosiesplace.org.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester, Mass. With assets exceeding \$1 billion, it is one of the largest grant-making foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including two New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Its largest single commitment to date was \$50 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton, Mass. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

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