

### **Winning Home Awards \$428,500 to Organizations for Children**

This year's total grants set a new record for the Woburn charity, topping last year's grants by \$50,000

WOBURN, December 29, 2025—Winning Home is pleased to announce new grants totaling \$428,500 to nonprofit organizations across Greater Boston and the North Shore. Two prominent Woburn groups received grants of \$100,000 each, while twenty grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 went to education, healthcare, food and shelter, instruction in the arts, and support for children in crisis.

“We are thrilled that judicious investment of our endowment has made it possible for us to give more grant support than ever in the past,” said Joseph R. Tarby III, President of Winning Home’s Board of Directors. “After almost 30 years as a grant-making institution,” he added, “our giving continues to grow.”

One of the \$100,000 grants went to the Council of Social Concern, a long-time recipient of Winning Home support. The Council was established in the 1960s by a group of Woburn residents as a drop-in center for Spanish-speaking neighbors in need of English language tutoring, housing, food, clothing and job opportunities. The organization soon expanded beyond Woburn to serve a large low-income population with a range of needs; today it operates an early education program, a food pantry and a referral service. In appreciation of Winning Home’s support, the Council named a wing of its facility for William H. Winning, the 19th century Woburn farmer whose legacy created the Winning Home charitable organization.

The James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, recipient of this year’s second \$100,000 grant, is another of Winning Home’s long-time grantees, having received major assistance from the charity for three decades. This year’s grant is part of a three-year, \$300,000 grant to this important community institution. The Boys & Girls Club’s before- and after-school programs fill essential gaps for families, providing a safe haven for young people to develop new skills, do homework, play sports, and have fun. Last fall, the McKeown Boys & Girls Club joined Winning Home to host a day-long party for more than 1,000 young people and their families to celebrate the Club’s 60th anniversary and Winning Home’s 125th anniversary.

Winning Home this year also provided \$15,000 to Gaining Ground, an organic farm in Concord where young children volunteer to help grow produce for families in need, and \$25,000 to RAW Art Works in Lynn, which offers training in the arts for urban youth. Grants of \$25,000 to the Children's Room in Arlington and \$6,000 to Wildflower, Inc., in Lexington, provide grief support for young people who have lost loved ones. Winning Home also gave \$10,000 to Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Tewksbury and \$10,000 to Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program in Lincoln, where the experience of horse-riding helps children cope with physical and emotional challenges.

In the educational arena, Winning Home gave \$10,000 to an early childhood reading program in Lowell called Raising A Reader Massachusetts, based on the idea that, with resources and support, parents and caregivers can create a lifelong love of reading in young children that will transform their lives. Winning Home also gave a grant of \$10,000 to Pathways for Children to assist low-income families in Gloucester, and \$5,000 to St. Charles School in Woburn to help defray education costs for families struggling with job losses.

A new grantee this year, Cultivate Care Farms, received \$10,000 for its program in farm-based therapy to support the mental health of children and adolescents. Located in Bolton, Massachusetts, the former John Francis Sawyer Farmhouse and Barn, dating to the 19th century, encompasses seven and a half acres, with gardens, a hiking trail, and as many as 60 farm animals.

Another new grantee this year, Danny's Place, in the Acton-Boxborough area, won a grant of \$5,000 for programming that celebrates young people not just for what they achieve but for who they are.

Connor's Kindness Project received a grant of \$10,000 to help fund its Kindness Kits, individual packages of age-appropriate gifts delivered to hospitals, shelters and hospices to comfort children in crisis. More than 15,000 kits have been distributed through the program since 2021.

Winning Home helps alleviate homelessness through The Haven Project, in Lynn, which received a grant of \$5,000 to help young adults transition out of homelessness. The Mission of Deeds in Reading earned a grant of \$10,000 to help families emerging from homelessness with the furniture and equipment needed to set up new households.

Additional grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 went to the Cambridge Camping Association, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston, the Open Door/Cape Ann Food Pantry, Project Just Because, Social Capital, and REACH Beyond Domestic Violence.

“Year by year we try to expand our support for children,” said Albert (Chip) Curran, treasurer of Winning Home, noting that grants now go to organizations from Lynn to Bolton and from Lowell to Boston and Cambridge. “We aim to fulfill our mission to care for children across a wide geographic area and a spectrum of needs, whether for food and shelter, education, after-school activities, mental and physical health, or comfort in times of suffering and loss. We believe there is no work more important than this. Our future lies in our children, and our care and concern for them define us as human beings.”

Winning Home, Inc., is a private, non-profit charitable organization that provides services and support to economically, socially, physically, emotionally or mentally handicapped or disadvantaged children and their families. Established in 1898 through a legacy of Woburn resident William H. Winning, and currently a grant-making organization, Winning Home has served the needs of disadvantaged youth for more than a century. Winning Home, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information visit [www.winninghome.org](http://www.winninghome.org).