

Active partners and a reliable philanthropic resource to donors and their advisors since 1982

Background for the Media

GMA Foundations works with individual donors, families, and private, corporate and community foundations to establish and achieve philanthropic goals. We partner with our clients at every stage of growth with services ranging from mission development and grantmaking strategy to day-to-day administration. In over 30 years of practice, we have earned insight into the field of philanthropy and expertise in managing effective giving and understanding successful nonprofits.

Profile of our 37 core grantmaking clients:

- In 2014 they awarded \$37 million in 1,750 grants to nonprofit organizations around the world; 75% of the funding went to nonprofits operating in New England.
- They oversee a combined \$1.2 billion in assets.
- Half are governed by independent and corporate boards; the others by individuals and families, many with multigenerational participation

Hundreds of nonprofits in Greater Boston receive support from our clients. Grassroots nonprofits have used small grants with catalytic effects on neighborhoods and families across the region. Other more familiar organizations each received over \$250,000 in grants between 2012 and 2014:

Boston Community Capital	Lazarus House, Inc.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston	Massachusetts Communities Action Network
Conservation Law Foundation	Massachusetts General Hospital
Hyde Square Task Force, Inc.	MassVOTE
JOIN for Justice	Thrive in 5 and other United Way programs
Lahey Clinic Foundation Inc.	United Teen Equality Center

An employee-owned company of 18 led by our co-founder Mary Phillips, we take pride in a singular focus on our clients’ philanthropy. We are not investment managers, bankers, lawyers or accountants, but we work closely with them as part of an integrated approach to wealth management. GMA staff members are frequent speakers and facilitators at local workshops and national conferences.

Our directors provide sector-level expertise in a range of areas, most notably:

Prentice Zinn	community organizing, advocacy, the environment, global health
Amy Segal Shorey	health, women and girls, civic engagement
Phil Hall	arts and education, youth development, housing, gateway cities

And we advise foundation trustees and staff on efficient and meaningful practices, including:

Mary Phillips	governance, leadership, next-generation engagement
Pamela L. Maksy	fiduciary responsibilities and internal operations

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