

## BJ's Charitable Foundation awards grants to local nonprofits

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WESTBOROUGH — Three MetroWest organizations are among the 57 nonprofits in Massachusetts that recently received a combined \$356,500 in grants from the BJ's Charitable Foundation.

The foundation announced Tuesday that it is dispersing the funds to organizations in communities served by BJ's Wholesale Clubs.

The grants are for nonprofits that focus on hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, healthcare and education, the foundation said in a press release.

Nationwide, BJ's Charitable Foundation donated a total of close to \$1.7 million to nonprofit charitable organizations.

“The goal of BJ's Charitable Foundation is to create a positive, long-lasting impact on the communities in which BJ's serves,” said Jessica Newman, executive director for the foundation. “Giving back is in the DNA of BJ's Wholesale Club, and the donations from the BJ's Charitable Foundation will impact tens of thousands of individuals and families, resulting in a better community for us all.”

BJ's grants provided \$5,000 to Project Just Because, Inc. in Holliston, which will use the funds to purchase food for the Hopkinton Food Pantry; \$5,000 in support for the Power Hour Homework Assistance Program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest in Marlborough; and \$5,000 to the South Middlesex Opportunity Council's Common Ground Resource Center Program in Framingham.

BJ's Wholesale Club is headquartered in Westborough and operates stores in Framingham, Hudson and Northborough.