



## NEWS FROM COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Our ministry requires a very small commitment of time but does a tremendous amount of good. At one annual meeting, we vote to allocate all the Committee's budgeted funds for the fiscal year. In this second pandemic year, when so many are still hurting, we have again changed the weight we assign certain causes based on how the pandemic has upended lives (for example in the areas of health care, food security and homelessness). Last year, we doubled our grant to the **Needham Community Council food pantry** and donated \$1000 to the **MA COVID-19 Relief Fund**. The latter fund has closed as Massachusetts has thankfully coped well, but we re-directed those funds for 2021 to help with the tragic rise of cases in the third world (particularly India). You can see a complete list of our 2021 grants *here* (*add link to PDF*).

The differing backgrounds, input and enthusiasm of each of our members are all essential to the work the Committee does in helping the less fortunate, both locally and around the world. We welcome the participation of new members, so please contact any of us if you feel called to this very important ministry!

[Joanne Neale](#), *Chairperson*

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Ecclesia Ministries	\$300	Innovating Health International Inc.	\$400
Riverside Community Care	\$700	Midwives for Haiti	\$500
Action for Boston Community Development Inc	\$300	Fair Foods Inc.	\$500
Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program ( <i>Spot Clinic and Barbara McInnis House.</i> )	\$400 and \$700	The Grow Clinic for Children	\$200
New England Center for Homeless Veterans	\$1000	Needham Community Council	\$800
Refugee Immigration Ministry	\$800	Needham Board of Health	\$300
Finex House	\$500	Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly	\$200
Respond Inc.	\$500	Epiphany School	\$400
Renewal House	\$500	Circle of Hope	\$300
Transition House	\$500	Cathedral Church of St Paul ( <i>MANNA Covid Response</i> )	\$500
The Women's Lunch Place	\$300	MANNA Monday Lunch Program ( <i>For supplies not covered by donations.</i> )	\$100
Herd Heroes	\$300	Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health	\$500
World Central Kitchen ( <i>Meals for India</i> )	\$500	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>