

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston awarded \$100,000 Cummings Foundation grant

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Boston, Mass. (June 7, 2019) ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston is pleased to announce it is 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 a total of 574 applicants during a competitive review process. ACE Mentor Program is Boston's leading, volunteer-based, non-profit mentoring organization for the education and advancement of high school students pursuing careers in the architecture, construction and engineering industries. The organization has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships over the past eleven years, with \$156,000 being awarded this past March.

Representing ACE Mentor Program, former Chairman Nigel Gallaher and Chair Emeritus Erik Miller joined approximately 300 other guests at a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn on Thursday, June 6th to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston's nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of the grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$260 million to Greater Boston nonprofits alone.

"Being awarded a grant of this magnitude is an incredible honor," said Nigel Gallaher, former Chairman of ACE of Greater Boston. "We've come so far since our inception in 2007 and know that with the help of these funds ACE will be able to positively impact even more talented students to pursue their dream of a career in architecture, construction or engineering. We are truly grateful to the Cummings Foundation."

The \$100,000, which is awarded in two \$50,000 installments, is earmarked for ACE Mentor Program to hire a part-time Executive Director, a first for the organization, to lead efforts to involve more students, more teachers, engage more partners and develop more sponsorships – all to get educators, students, and the industry as a whole more aware and interested in the unique and proven mentoring program that opens door in many ways for youth in our local communities.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“By having such a local focus, we aim to make a meaningful positive difference in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work,” said Joel Sweets, Cummings Foundation’s executive director. “We are most grateful for the nonprofit organizations that assist and empower our neighbors, and we are proud to support their efforts.”

This year’s diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation announced an additional \$15 million in early May through its Sustaining Grants program. Through these awards, 50 local nonprofits will receive ongoing funding of \$20,000 – \$50,000 for 10 years.

About ACE Mentor Program of America©

ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. (ACE) is a non-profit organization, which seeks to introduce talented and motivated students to the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. ACE performs this function through local affiliates in over 79 locations throughout the country. Along with its affiliates, ACE is the industry’s fastest growing high-school mentor program in the country, reaching over 8,000 students in 2015-2016 alone. In addition to exposing students to real-world opportunities, the program financially supports students furthering their education through scholarships and grants. Nationally, ACE and its affiliates have awarded over \$14 million in scholarships since the program started in 1994. For more information, please visit www.acementor.org.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Its largest single commitment to date has been to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.