

Community Service Project

As part of the CSP's mission to expand and enhance community service, we provided an opportunity in the CSP Catalog for participants to document their resource needs – from contacts and expert advice to materials and financial support. We had hoped the Catalog would be a frequently visited destination for classmates, so they would see the wide-ranging needs and perhaps help to address them. That hasn't been the case, so we're presenting below brief overviews and contact information of some of the organizations affiliated with CSP participants. We'll include others as we gather they're submitted.

While most of us make charitable contributions, the information below provides classmates with a unique opportunity to support worthy causes in which people they know – or from whom they are just one or two degrees separated – are involved. We hope one or more of these organizations pique your interest and motivate you to provide support.

John Isaacson – Boston Debate League

The Boston Debate League prepares young people for college, career, and engagement with the world through debate-inspired learning in the classroom and beyond. We create inclusive learning communities for all, centering the experiences and assets of Black, Latino, and other marginalized young people in Boston. We value the unique perspectives and capabilities of young people. Our programs hold students to high expectations and are designed to support students in becoming agents in their own learning, realizing their potential, and leading change in society. We believe that the skills learned from debate and argumentation are critical to dynamic and effective schools, organizations, and societies. In all our work, we encourage curiosity, examine bias, speak authentically, consider alternative perspectives, and ground discourse in evidence. We recognize that many young people in the communities we serve experience deep, persistent racial and social inequities. We address these fundamental issues of justice and fairness by expanding access to transformative educational opportunities, where young people can lead conversations and challenge injustice. Find more at <https://www.bostondebate.org/>.



Richard Lappin – Providence Promise

Providence (PVD) Promise combines College Savings Account (CSA), College Promise, and after school learning programs to provide a pathway for primarily low-income Providence



families to save and prepare their children for higher education. Uniquely, families contribute one percent of their income to their CSAs. These types of programs reduce absenteeism and improve grades. Moreover, students with up to \$499 in a CSA are three times more likely to enroll in college and two-and-a-half times more likely to graduate. Currently 1,240 enrollees from 650 mostly lower income POC families have saved \$1.7

million. Typical students enrolled from preschool through high school will have about \$13,700 in their CSAs upon graduating. Last year, 14 of our students entered college. We expect 45 will do so this year. We don't stop there, as our first student noted: "Even in college, I'm still being cared for by this program..." We seek funding to expand enrollment and our programming capacity to support more students. Learn more at <https://www.pvdpromise.org/> or call Richard (617-571-7787).



Diana Paul (Dan Bort) – Love Delivers

Your classmate, Daniel Bort, a midwife? Yes! Twice. It was the only legal way we could have a baby at home. California had midwives in 1977, but none were given licenses so Dan, a new lawyer, said they couldn't attend. Years later, Love Delivers was born to show the beauty of



home birth - drug free and without interventions. Love Delivers produces mama-empowering, baby-loving media about homebirth. While the USA is ranked the worst and most expensive place in the industrialized world for birth, we show, and know from experience, that giving birth at home is safe, and can be joyful - even ecstatic. We are producing our fifth film and we're excited that Blackalicious is composing the score. We'd be just as excited to have Dartmouth men contribute. To find out more or donate go to <http://lovedelivers.org/>.

Michel Zeleski – the DREAM Project



Michel founded the DREAM Project, a non-profit organization that provides high-quality educational opportunities in the Dominican Republic, in 1995 and currently serves as Board Chairman. DREAM has annually impacted 6,500 students and 10,000 community members over its almost 30 years. DREAM's 18 programs in 15 indigent communities along the North Coast of the Dominican Republic offer instruction in literacy, Montessori education, youth leadership, vocational training, music, community support, and teacher training. Our programs have received local, national, and international recognition for their excellence and impact. The DREAM Project was selected as one of the six distinguished winners of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes for its important work in promoting a culture of reading in the Dominican Republic. Our urgent funding needs are our [Integrated Elementary Education \(Montessori-STEAM\) classrooms](#) and [Life Skills program for at-risk youth](#).



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David Peck – Pilgrim Hall Museum

The Pilgrim Hall Museum, opened in 1824, and is the nation's oldest continuously operating public museum. The Museum houses an unmatched collection of Pilgrim possessions. The mission of the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum is to foster thoughtful understandings of the Mayflower Pilgrims, the Wampanoag people, and the complex evolution of Plymouth as an impactful narrative of America's history. We are committed to telling this story with historical accuracy, inclusion, and recognition for histories that traditionally have been submerged, silenced, or erased. Pilgrim Hall is in the midst of a capital campaign to replace the entire roof and update the Main Gallery's lighting and HVAC infrastructure, as well as update the exhibits. If interested in providing support, please visit <https://www.pilgrimhall.org/> or contact David, a Museum Trustee (davidbpeck@aol.com).



Bill Mutterperl – JCCA

JCCA is a 200-year-old child and family services agency. Founded as Jewish orphanages, today JCCA is a non-denominational behavioral health provider offering a best-in-class continuum of care. We operate a highly respected residential facility and a range of community-based services across the New York City area. We help abused, neglected, and traumatized children heal physically and emotionally through compassionate, quality care. Our 37 programs include foster care, residential treatment, mental health services, case management, education programs, and special services for children who have been the victims of sexual abuse. We serve New York's neediest and most vulnerable children and families to ensure that their safety, permanency, and well-being lead to a life of stability and promise. JCCA is uniquely positioned to meet the current youth mental health crisis. Learn more at <http://jccany.org/>. Elizabeth Fine | Chief Development and Communications Officer
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Bob Holmberg – Community Compass



Deep generational poverty is prevalent in Downeast Maine. The attendant crises of hunger, homelessness, substance use disorder, child abuse and neglect, etc. profoundly affect people's education and mental and physical health. This cycle is hard to break due to intense distrust, cultural isolation, difficult access to services, and virtually nonexistent coordination among service providers. Community Compass is one solution. Our Navigators are family advocates who know the face of local poverty, are trained to evaluate critical needs, and can tap into regional resources. Navigators accompany client families in crisis with a "hand up" in pursuing their prioritized needs with regional human services to break barriers and thrive. We have five Navigators covering nine local towns. They cross cover each other with a range of specialized expertise, including health care access, homelessness, mental health, food insecurity, and early childhood education. No other organization provides this level of access and continuity of client

support. Ongoing funding is needed to augment our bare bones budget that provides Navigator stipends, the staff director's salary, and an emergency needs Hope Fund. Find out more at <https://www.communitycompassdowneast.org> - PO Box 552, Blue Hill Maine 04614
Director Jessica Valdez (director@communitycompassdowneast.org)

Joe Nathan Wright – Visiting Nurse Association of Texas

Since 1934, the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas (VNA) has provided compassionate care in the home across North Texas, especially for those with no place to turn and no means to pay. For 90 years, VNA has been committed to providing



the highest quality care to the elderly, frail, disabled, and dying through Meals on Wheels in Dallas County, and Supportive Palliative and adult and pediatric Hospice Care in 16 North Texas counties. Volunteer and financial support from our community helps us deliver hope to thousands of North Texans. Sign up to volunteer, give and access aging resources at www.vnatexas.org. Jennifer Atwood Austin, Managing Director of Development and Communications - P:(214) 689-2265 | C: (214) 384-9515



Sherwood Guernsey – The Fund for New World Development

The Fund for New World Development, Inc is a 501(3) nonprofit operating Foundation working in rural Panama. We have started and run computer learning centers in the schools, where Foundation employees teach not only computer skills but more importantly, analytical skills, as opposed to rote learning so common throughout rural Latin America. We have helped hundreds and hundreds of students excel as they move on in their education. We also bought and improved land for soccer and baseball, because the communities had no place to play sports. The fields are hugely popular. Our newest projects involve providing scholarships to students to go on to high school and the University. In the US, we plan to start a program providing “scholarships” to local high school students from underprivileged families to take summer jobs/internships with local businesses. To continue these projects, we would appreciate support from the Dartmouth community. To learn more or donate go to <https://nworldfund.org/> or contact Sherwood (sherwood@sglawoffice.com).

