

Annual Report | **2025**





Letter From the Leadership

For the calendar year of 2025, The Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, Inc. (the Kelley Foundation or the Foundation) awarded \$420,000 in grants to 49 different organizations, an almost 20% increase in funding as compared to the prior year. These grants help fund impactful programs, services, and initiatives in all areas of life across Barnstable County.

In this Annual Report, we have featured a few of our grant recipients to provide a little more detail on how our funding improves the lives of those in our community. Once again, the Kelley Foundation's grants supported a variety of Youth Development programs including mentoring and skill-building initiatives, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) education, as well as food distribution and services for at-risk youth. The Foundation also provided funding to Arts & Culture, Community Improvement, Health & Human Services, Food Security & Access, and Social Services.

All of this is made possible by the initial vision and generosity of the Kelleys over 70 years ago. As detailed in this report, this past year the Foundation was the

beneficiary of further generosity with a significant gift from the estates of Joshua (Jan) Atkins Nickerson, Jr, and Louise (Weezie) Nickerson, totaling one million dollars. This gift, along with other gifts and growth and appreciation over time, brought the Foundation corpus to over \$11 million and will help further expand our ability to make a meaningful difference for the residents of Barnstable County.

As always, thank you to those who support the Kelley Foundation: our Donors, our Members, our Board and our Administrative Agent, The Cape Cod Foundation.

Robert A. Talerman, *President*

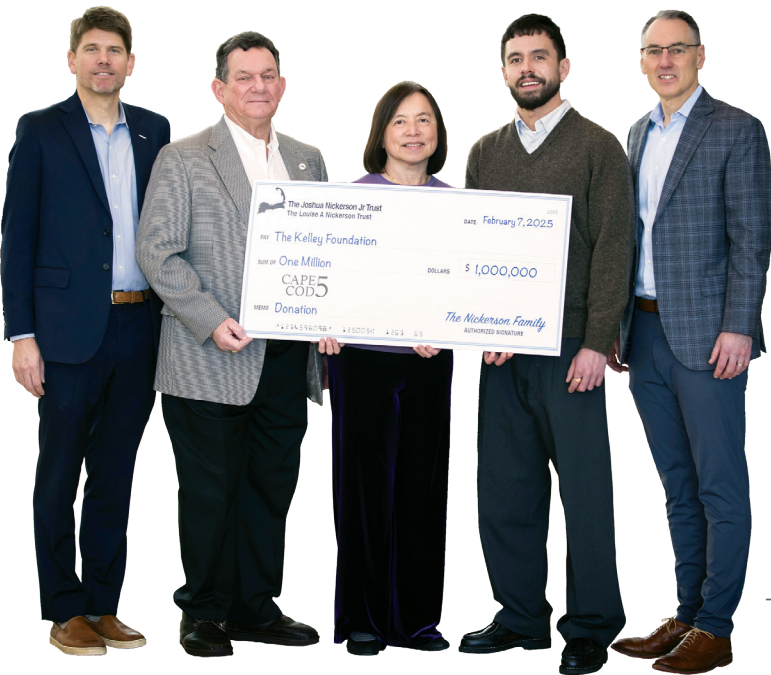
Matthew H. Cole, *Vice President and Treasurer*
The Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, Inc



Kelley Foundation Received Bequest from Nickerson Estate

In 2025, The Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation received a one million dollar bequest from the Estates of Joshua (Jan) Atkins Nickerson, Jr, and Louise (Weezie) Nickerson.

Jan grew up in East Harwich and dedicated more than 50 years of his life to Mid Cape Home Centers (formerly known as Nickerson Lumber), a company founded by his grandfather in 1895. He served on numerous local civic and business boards during his career, including the Kelley Foundation.



Jan and Weezie were married for almost 50 years until her death in 2005. The bequest was presented on behalf of the family by Will Nickerson, Agnes Nickerson, and estate co-executor Doug Bohannon to Bert Talerman and Matt Cole, representing the Kelley Foundation at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in Harwich.

Their grandson, Will, said:

The Cape is a place my grandparents held very near and dear to their hearts. For generations, our family has thrived as part of this very special community. Their bequest to the Kelley Foundation is a testament to their commitment to the place they cherished and called home.

This foundation's dedication to enriching life on Cape Cod by supporting scholarships and non-profit programs in all areas of the community, perfectly aligns with their desire to ensure that the Cape continues to flourish. I know they would have wanted nothing more than to give back to the people and places that have nurtured our family for so many years and ensure its well-being for future generations."

The Kelley Foundation is extremely appreciative of the generosity of Jan and Weezie and their desire to leverage the Kelley Foundation's mission.

FROM LEFT: MATTHEW COLE, DOUGLAS BOHANNON, AGNES NICKERSON, WILL NICKERSON, AND BERT TALERMAN



Kelley Foundation Grant Recipient

Farming Falmouth

To support preserving a 6-acre farm and homestead to create an Agricultural Education Resource Hub which will expand on Farming Falmouth's successful farming, food access, and education programs.

In 2025, the Kelley Foundation awarded a grant to Farming Falmouth to support the acquisition of a farm and homestead located at 578 Locustfield Road in Falmouth. Because of the land's Conservation Restriction, The Patch will remain in farming in perpetuity, conserving the land and preserving it as agricultural open space for recreation and education.

The parcel will be farmed using organic and regenerative practices. It will allow the organization to lease fields and housing at affordable rates to new farmers starting agribusinesses. It will also allow them to increase their growing capacity and expand service and donation programs to diverse populations, including schools, restaurants, healthcare providers, and food pantries. The public will have access to workshops, educational events, and a monthly farm day at The Patch. The organization projects that more than 23,000 people will be served by its operation in 2026.

THE 6-ACRE FARM WILL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.





Kelley Foundation Grant Recipient

Friends of Bass River

To support the aquaculture restoration project for scallops focusing on using cultivated seed to rebuild ecosystems and revitalize regional fisheries. These initiatives address declining wild populations caused by disease, overfishing, and climate-driven environmental changes.

The Bass River watershed is one of the largest waterways on Cape Cod. It spans over 10,835 acres and serves approximately 33,000 residents across Yarmouth, Dennis, and parts of Brewster. The organization's overall mission is to protect the ponds, coves, and sub-basins of this estuarine system. Funding from the Kelley Foundation directly supports essential project components and equipment for the organization's Bay Scallop Aquaculture Project, which aims to restore declining populations by cultivating scallop seed, improving water quality, enhancing marine biodiversity, and reducing eutrophication impacts. The project will also help revive recreational scallop fishing and give residents and visitors increased access to natural resources and recreational activities.

THE BASS RIVER WATERSHED SPANS YARMOUTH, DENNIS, AND PARTS OF BREWSTER AND IMPACTS THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. THE ORGANIZATION FOCUSES ON EDUCATION, COLLABORATION, AND PRESERVATION TO PROTECT ITS DELICATE ECOSYSTEM.



Kelley Foundation Grant Recipient

Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center

To support providing nutritional support to food-insecure veteran families across Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Wareham through a combination of physical and mobile food pantries, as well as direct home deliveries.

The Kelley Foundation's grant to the Cape and Islands Veterans Center will help support the ongoing operation and expansion of its Food Assistance Program. The program ensures that veterans and their families have consistent access to nutritious food, while addressing barriers such as transportation challenges, financial constraints, and health-related limitations. The organization operates physical and mobile food pantries which allow veterans and their families to "shop" for the food they need in a convenient, welcoming environment. It also makes direct deliveries to private homes to serve those who cannot access traditional food resources. Funding will help the organization increase the volume and variety of food available, the number of monthly deliveries, and its delivery capacity by 20-30%. It will also allow those served the opportunity to allocate limited resources to critical needs other than food. With increased funding, the organization expects to serve approximately 17,472 families annually, an increase of 4,032 families in a single year.

THE ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1983, CONNECTS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CRITICAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT. IT EXPECTS TO SERVE MORE THAN 17,000 FAMILIES ANNUALLY.





2025 Grant Recipients

\$420,000 Awarded to 49 Organizations

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod

The prevention of overdose deaths by providing 6,875 free NARCAN doses and teaching 3,600 individuals on the Cape & Islands how to administer it, thus equipping our community to respond effectively to overdose situations.

Arts Foundation of Cape Cod

A professional and personal development program that empowers individuals working in the arts sector to take the next steps in their careers through education, connection, access to resources, and business coaching.

Association to Preserve Cape Cod

Creating and strengthening a cooperative of local farmers for the purpose of growing and selling plants that are native and beneficial to Cape Cod.

THE MISSION OF THE CAPE COD SPEAKER SERIES IS TO BRING DIVERSE VOICES, CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO CAPE COD.

Atlantic White Shark Conservancy

In-school education programs that explore current issues related to the emerging seal and shark populations, inspire shark and ocean conservation, prepare students to pursue STEM fields, and encourage participation in community discussions.

Best Buddies Massachusetts

The School Friendship Project that builds one-to-one friendships between people with and without disabilities, offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc.

Connecting children into meaningful, one-to-one mentoring relationships with caring adults who will provide the support they need to succeed socially and academically.

Bourne Community Boating, Inc.

Increased access to community boating and summer sailing instruction by reducing tuition for year-round Cape Cod families.

Boys Town New England

Expanding foster care services to Cape Cod, to provide love, stability, and a sense of belonging to children in need, without uprooting them from their community.

Buzzards Bay Coalition

The Bay Coalition's Baywatchers program which monitors water quality in the coastal waters of Falmouth and Buzzards Bay and informs management and advocacy efforts aimed at reducing pollution and advancing the clean water mission.

Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center

Providing nutritional support to food-insecure veteran families across Cape Cod through a combination of physical and mobile food pantries, as well as direct home deliveries.

Cape Abilities

Construction of a new Farm Community Space that will function as an accessible break space,

a dedicated space for training, a production space for food box assembly, and a community gathering location.

Cape and Islands Historians Committee

Public knowledge about the important events and key individuals on Cape Cod and the Islands in the American Revolution.

Cape Cod Children's Museum

Building an indoor climbing structure and other improvements at the Cape Cod museum, a year-round destination for families.

Cape Cod Christian Academy

A stand-alone 5th grade classroom at Cape Cod Christian Academy, enhancing learning and focus for the school.

Cape Cod Council of Churches, Inc.

The Faith Family Kitchen program which provides free hot, nutritious meals three times per week and year-round in the Hyannis kitchen facility for food insecure individuals and families.

Cape Cod Maritime Museum

The Young Mariner Field Trip Program that engages Cape Cod students in hands-on

maritime STEM learning through museum exhibits and interactive activities.

Cape Cod Speaker Series

A part-time Director and transition from a start-up to a sustainable organization by enhancing marketing, strengthening fundraising capacity, coordinating the volunteer staff, and organizing a central office.

Center for Coastal Studies

Hands-on learning for children in grades 5–7, both in classrooms and outdoors, about essential marine ecosystems and equipping them with scientific skills to monitor significant changes in their local waters.

Community Development Partnership

The licensure of up to 5 home-based childcare businesses, with the potential to serve 30 to 50 children on Cape Cod by helping entrepreneurs cover startup costs, connecting them with education and technical assistance.

Dennis Yarmouth High School

Students' physical health, self-confidence, and social inclusion through a unified approach to weightlifting and conditioning.

Eastham Historical Society

Interactive exhibits and technology that provide access to the museum's oral history, video presentations, and genealogical research.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc.

Enhancing digital inclusion for older adults, including homebound or disabled elders, by providing access to online services and essential skills for safe internet use.

Falmouth Bike Lab, Inc.

Purchasing a container that will expand storage capacity for bicycles both refurbished and awaiting repair.

Falmouth Housing Trust

Leveraging innovative partnerships to address the affordable workforce housing challenges of Falmouth and the region to create 5 affordable workforce homes (three 2-bed; two 3-bed) serving a broader mix of incomes, 80%-120% AMI.

Farming Falmouth

Preserving a 6-acre farm and homestead to create an Agricultural Education Resource Hub which will expand on Farming Falmouth's successful farming, food access, and education programs.

Friends of Bass River

The aquaculture restoration project for scallops focusing on using cultivated seed to rebuild ecosystems and revitalize regional fisheries. These initiatives address declining wild populations caused by disease, overfishing, and climate-driven environmental changes.

Girls On The Run

Their program inspiring girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum integrating social-emotional learning, life skills, and physical activity.

Health Imperatives

Community-based organizations and immigrant peer leaders to connect Cape Cod's growing immigrant population with culturally-sensitive health care, food access, housing, and other services.

Hopeful Outreach of Cape Cod

A Mental Health Teen Peer Support group that creates a safe and supportive environment with mental health challenges, trauma, and substance use.

Latham Centers, Inc.

Expanding the use of a variety of adaptive fitness equipment and innovative assistive technology to enhance the physical well-being and health of individuals.

Lower Cape Communications

The Transmitter Replacement Project that will re-secure the station's broadcasting capabilities, allowing WOMR to continue to fulfill its mission to operate a non-profit, non-commercial community radio station on Cape Cod.

Lower Cape Outreach Council, Inc.

Expanding its Main Food Pantry, due to the significant increase in need for food storage, distribution and impact on food-insecure households on the Lower and Outer Cape.

Massachusetts Oyster Project

Recycling shells collected from local restaurants to help prevent valuable materials from ending up in landfills, and preservation of the waterways of Cape Cod through habitat restoration.

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The MSPCA of Cape Cod to deliver free veterinary care to a greater number of pet owners from low-income households across Barnstable County through mobile wellness clinics, ensuring more pets stay healthy, happy, and in loving homes.

Movement Alchemy Inc.

Awareness for suicide prevention by bringing the community together through movement, connection and shared purpose in supporting mental health education.

Narrowland Music Inc.

Enrich life in our local communities by bringing traditional music, dance programs, and instruction to schools, festivals, and venues around Barnstable County.

National Marine Life Center

The Docent Program that will provide personal and group educational interpretation to NMLC Discovery Center visitors eager to learn about Cape Cod's marine ecosystem and work with stranded marine animals.

Native Land Conservancy

Hosting the 2nd Annual Honor the Earth Fair at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center in Mashpee.

Neighborhood Falmouth, Inc.

General operations as the organization continues to respond to the growing needs of Falmouth's elderly population.

Outermost Performing Arts Center, Inc.

Performing arts to enrich the lives of the families on the Outer Cape by giving children access to theatrical storytelling tools.

Provincetown Jazz Festival

Bringing Jazz into the schools across Cape Cod at no cost to the schools.

Reach Out and Read

Early relational and literacy intervention to 5,400 children and families across Barnstable County.

YEISON LANDERO FROM COLUMBIA PERFORMED AT SECRET PLANET IN EASTHAM AS PART OF NARROWLAND MUSIC'S MISSION TO BRING ARTS AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES TO DIFFERENT VENUES ACROSS CAPE COD.



Real Eyes Truth, Inc.

Providing access to holistic mental health services to individuals and families, specifically those that are uninsured.

Second Summer Cycle

This charitable initiative that empowers 20 Cape nonprofits to collaborate, diversify their revenue streams, and raise funds from new donors to support their vital services, impacting more than 100,000 Cape Codders each year.

Sharing Kindness, Inc.

Improving the mental health of bereaved children and young adults to prevent the long-term risks associated with unaddressed grief, such as depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, chronic health issues, and suicide.

Spaulding Rehabilitation

A new Pediatrics Outpatient Assistance Fund to families of pediatric patients on Cape Cod by providing a financial support system for vulnerable families during their child's outpatient rehabilitation stay.

Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill

The renovation of a two-car garage located at the newly acquired 8 Meetinghouse Road property into a handicapped accessible, year-round art gallery and studio space that will showcase regional and local artists.

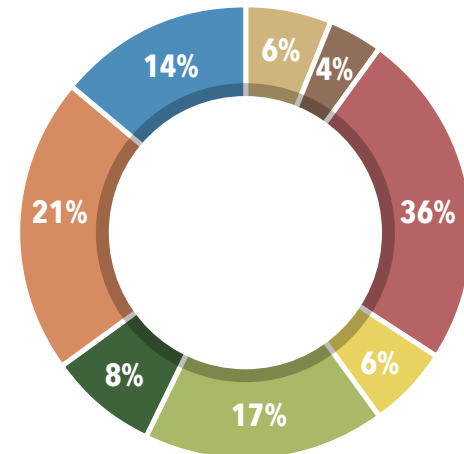
Wild Care, Inc.

Seasonal competent and experienced rehab staff hires during the summer months to assist with the large number of orphaned adult birds, mammals, and reptiles.

Yarmouth New Church Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Improving the audience's experience by upgrading its sound system, repairing the original pews, and adding seat cushions to the Audience Room.

2025 Grant Distribution
Total Grants Awarded \$420,000



- Health & Human Services
- Children, Youth, and Families
- Environment
- Arts and Culture
- Community and Economic Development
- Food Security
- Housing and Shelter
- Other

The Kelley Foundation Scholars Program

The Kelley Foundation Scholars Program aims to help students achieve academic success and build a vibrant healthcare workforce on Cape Cod. Scholarships are available to residents of Barnstable County who have earned or will earn their associate's degree in nursing from Cape Cod Community College and are planning to pursue a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

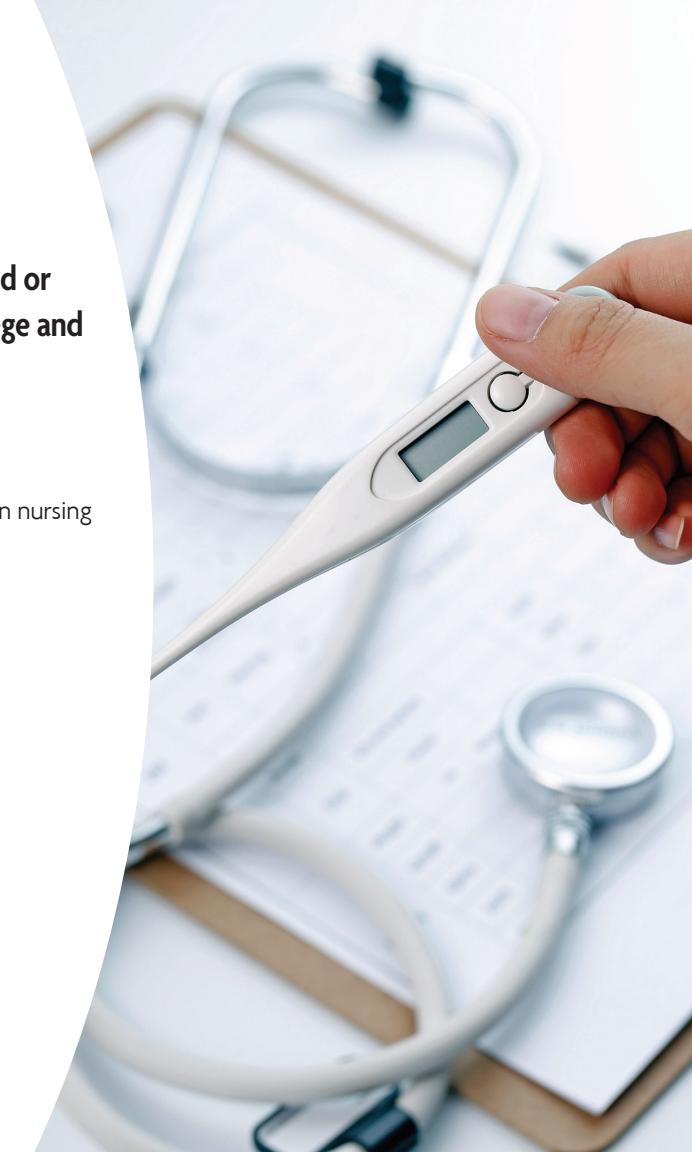
In 2025, two local students each received a \$10,000 scholarship to earn advanced degrees in nursing and make an impact on the healthcare field and our community.

Tara Mintz, Sandwich

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner

Eliene Dos Santos, Harwich

University of Massachusetts Boston
MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner



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Your gift supports the work of the Kelley Foundation and the programs and initiatives of multiple nonprofit organizations throughout Cape Cod each year.

The foundation qualifies under the IRS as a private foundation; contributions and bequests are eligible for applicable federal income and estate tax charitable deductions.

The Cape Cod Foundation handles the back-office administration and day-to-day operations of the Kelley Foundation and coordinates grant and scholarship processes with the Kelley Foundation Board of Directors and Members.



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Our Story

Two distant relatives. Two years of conversations.
A new Foundation.

The Kelley Foundation was established in 1954.
Dr. Julius G. Kelley inspired it. Edward Bangs Kelley funded it.

Edward, known as E.B., was born on Cape Cod and started his career by opening a small grocery business in Dennis. Later, the successful entrepreneur owned the E.B. Kelley Construction and Equipment Company in New York. E.B. traveled widely throughout the world and married a countess from Budapest, Elza DeHorvath. While the couple lived in Manhattan, they always had a second home in Dennisport.

At the time, Julius was the superintendent of the former Barnstable County Hospital in Pocasset. The two men were distant relatives.

Sometime after E.B. and Elza Kelley retired on the Cape, Julius proposed the idea of a foundation to promote the health and welfare of Barnstable

County residents. On December 10, 1954, E.B. and his wife founded the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, Inc. Upon E.B.'s death at the age of 89 in 1955, the Foundation came to life with the receipt of \$25,000 and a few securities from his estate. Over time, the Foundation received additional funds, making income available for grants.

The first grants were awarded in 1955; most were for medical scholarships, funds for hospital equipment, and support for health and welfare organizations. When Elza Kelley died, the Foundation received the balance of the bequest which increased our assets significantly.

Over the years the Foundation has received additional bequests and donations regularly. Today the Foundation has over \$11 million in assets to support grants for all aspects of community life: health and human services; children, youth, and families; the environment; arts and culture; community and economic development; food security; and housing and shelter.