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Organization name	Rett Syndrome Association of Massachusetts
Mission statement	Its mission is to provide support to families of girls and boys with Rett Syndrome; raise funds to help research, and to raise public awareness for this devastating disorder.
Why are you nominating this organization?	Rett syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects mainly girls and some boys. The disorder disrupts the motor and speaking functions of the brain. There is no cure yet but my mother and father are working to find one. I met a Rett patient for the first time during the annual celebration of Blue Sky Day. On this day we honor the girls and their families in their fight against the disorder. Their will to fight for their lives pulled my view away from the bubble that I live in, to the true reality of life. This past year my family and our swim team have started a swim program for the girls. The water allows for more fluid and easy movement of the muscles and joints. Their faces and expressions form the water and swimming is indescribable. They carry a contagious smile and laughter and try to talk. I haven't seen them any happier when they are out of the water. The money from the dinner would allow us to pay for the facility to keep them happy while we try to find a cure.
Nominated by:	Nicola Hensch

Organization name	826 Boston
Mission statement	826 Boston is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices, tell their stories, and gain communication skills to succeed in school and in life.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>I have gone to 826 Boston along with my two older brothers for over 6 years. It is more than just help with homework, the tutors give 100%, the publications that we put together are great. As a result of their help I am a creative writer and have even won an award for a piece I wrote, edited and produced. The free tutoring is a big help to me and my family, and helps kids from many families.</p> <p>Any money they receive will be used for snacks for the students, new books that they give as gifts, small rewards for good behavior and supplies such as pencils and paper. They are a great program and survive because of grants and donations. Thanks for considering them.</p>
Submitted by:	GianCarlos Arteaga & Leah Arteaga

Organization name	White River Animal Rescue
Mission statement	Every dog deserves a home
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>This volunteer organization rescues adoptable animals and fosters them across New England. I got my dog Delta from them. I like that they didn't turn us down like other rescues because we didn't own a house and have a fenced yard. They judged us on whether we would be good dog owners and would love and take care of the dog. Also when they rescue puppies they always take the mom and find her a good home. My mom said that is really good to help the Mom too. They don't get many donations so any money they get really helps. They also take some dogs that need a lot of medical care. There are a lot of rescues that need help but don't have enough money to advertise. I think it would be nice to help them</p>
Submitted by:	Hannah Namini

Organization name	ALS Foundation
Mission statement	To research cures for ALS and provide financial support for families dealing with this debilitation illness.
Why are you nominating this organization?	All the kids in my advisory thought it was important. They said there is money for cancer research but not enough for ALS.
Submitted by:	Miller Advisory

Organization name	Communities United, Inc.
Mission statement	Communities United, Inc.'s mission is to provide high quality education and family services to a diverse population of children, ages 0 to 5 years. We strive to ensure the success of the child, empower the family and strengthen the community.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>I have been volunteering with CUI for over five years, and am constantly stunned by the overwhelming need for affordable, comprehensive preschool educational services and childcare in our community. There is never a time when they don't have a waiting list. The children who attend CUI's Creative Start Children's Centers go to Kindergarten MORE than ready to learn, socialize and thrive.</p> <p>Communities United, Inc. offers comprehensive services in education, social services, health and parenting via three Creative Start Children's Centers in Newton, Waltham and Woburn. CUI provides a nurturing, high-quality preschool experience regardless of the ability to pay.</p>
Submitted by:	Molly & Maddy DeJohn

Organization name	Communities United, Inc. (Head Start)
Mission statement	Communities United, Inc.'s mission is to provide high quality education and family services to a diverse population of children, ages 0 to 5 years. We strive to ensure the success of the child, empower the family and strengthen the community.
Why are you nominating this organization?	CUI is a preschool that helps disadvantaged families who live below the level of poverty send their young children to preschool. There are 6 schools located along interstate 128. CUI supports disadvantaged children ages 2-5 to get a boost on their education so when they go to kindergarten all the children have the same level of education. CUI needs the support of the Brown community because there are 350 children going to CUI and more than 200 children on the waiting list to get in. CUI also provides the children with 2 healthy meals, breakfast and lunch. The programs receive both public and private funding. They need more money so they can help more children throughout the Greater Boston area. The more money they can gather can provide more supplies and books which help the children even more.
Submitted by:	Theresa Pinto

Organization name	Cradles to Crayons
Mission statement	Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. We supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating Cradles to Crayons because they do really good things for Massachusetts and the United States. They are making it so less kids are living under the national poverty line. Kids like us need all of these items to sustain a good childhood and not live a life homeless, and unfriendly. If we make a donation to C2C then they can give an extra 100 kids books, clothes, and hygiene kits so they can live happy lives with their family.
Submitted by:	Alex Sprung

Organization name	OUTMetrowest
Mission statement	OUTMetrowest provides help and support for LGBT youth.
Why are you nominating this organization?	OUTMetrowest provides programs for middle school with pizza and meetings are held at no charge for participants. Any money raised would help in buying pizza for the youth. Not all parents are accepting of their LGBT kids, and youth need a safe place to express themselves.
Submitted by:	Maya Niehaus

Organization name	Boston Brain Tumor Society
Mission statement	We are in the unique position to affect change across the drug development, policy and legislative, research, and clinical trial systems at all levels. We don't focus on a single method or approach to defeating brain tumors. We drive a multi-faceted and thoughtful approach to aggressively influence and fund strategic research and discovery, as well as advocate for public policy changes, in order to achieve the greatest impact, results, and progress for brain tumor patients. Money raised by the generous donations of our supporters has directly funded groundbreaking discoveries, programs, clinical trials and policy initiatives.
Why are you nominating this organization?	My mom has had a brain tumor for more than half of her life, because of the brain tumor her leg is unable to walk without limping. Also, My friend's father passed away earlier this year and his dad had a brain tumor as well.
Submitted by:	Alex Shapiro, Lily Cohen, Hunter Stephens, Tova Hayette, Suzannah Berezovsky, Alex Ma, Tierney Gode-Von Aesch, Royce Guan, Aidan Colella, Mason Anapolle

Organization name	Newton Wellesley Weston Committee for Community Living NWW
Mission statement	<p>Since 1972 we have served individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families by providing permanent housing, support services and advocacy.</p> <p>NWW's mission is threefold: to offer a spectrum of local services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to offer support services to their families, and to offer programs to increase community awareness and receptivity regarding persons with disabilities.</p>
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>I want to ask you to consider donating money to NWW because the organization helps provide a sense of community for people that don't necessary have one. I truly love this organization because it provides housing and services for some of the most overlooked people in Newton, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I believe that everyone deserves to be taken care and to be able to live in our community. You can help. The donations, even the smallest, would allow NWW to provide more care for these deserving adults. It would mean so much to put a smile on their faces. Which is why it is so important that people to donate to NWW and it is why NWW is a perfect nonprofit organization for this project.</p>
Submitted by:	Ella Fairchild

Organization name	Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE)
Mission statement	FARE attempts to treat, cure and educate people about food allergies.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating this organization because they contribute to a truly underrated cause. Millions of Americans live with food allergies, which cannot be cured. These wonderful, brilliant people feel all alone because many of their allergies are quite unique. FARE is helping by not only trying to find a way to cure them, but also unite people with allergies so they know they aren't alone.
Submitted by:	Fahran Bajaj

Organization name	<u>100children.org</u>
Mission statement	We are a charitable foundation whose mission is to provide free warm lunch every Sunday for the impoverished farm village kids.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>This is a foundation started by my family in 2005, while my grandmother was planting flowers around the chapel she and my grandfather had built and donated. She met a few kids who lived nearby. They were hungry and did not have proper clothes or footwear. They touched my grandmother, since then she started to provide them food every Sunday. There is now a daycare, a basketball court and a playground.</p> <p>It matters because it helps kids that aren't as privileged as we are. The kids are very appreciative of everything that we give them. I have been there a few times with my family and made friends with some of the kids. We have held medical missions, food drives, toy drives and workshops. Being involved, I am more thankful and appreciative for what I have. And I hope to be able to do more activities in the community.</p> <p>A donation from the Giving Project will help us provide warm food for the children and also some necessities.</p>
Submitted by:	Adrienne Lirio

Organization name	Environmental Defense Fund
Mission statement	This is an organization that is using science to find out ways to stop or slow down climate change. Their current project is deleting gas and bad gases.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating this organization because I think that climate change is the biggest rock in our way and I also really like science.
Submitted by:	Diego

Organization name	Celiac Kids Connection
Mission statement	Celiac Kids Connection is a community of families that share ideas, encourages each other, advocates and provides education, and they support physically and emotionally healthy gluten-free living for all children with celiac disease.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating this organization because I have celiac disease. Celiac Kids Connection is a support group that helps kids and families that have celiac disease. The support group holds many events that help educate kids to learn how to eat gluten free and go to school and have fun with their friends while also balancing a gluten free diet. A donation would also help families learn more about gluten free food choices because it is very expensive. I am also nominating this organization because I have spoken at many panels and with a donation these events could be more informative and help gluten free kids get the knowledge they need to be a physically and emotionally healthy gluten free person. Also the support group runs many programs where older kids mentor younger kids with celiac disease and with a donation more programs like this could start and help kids and families with celiac disease.
Submitted by:	Brendan Weissel

Organization name	One Mission
Mission statement	<p>One Mission is a pediatric cancer charity that does whatever it takes to get kids through cancer. One Mission programs make living in the hospital less lonely and stressful, bring back joy in a time of fear and uncertainty, and give kids and their loved ones the support they need to get through the emotional and financial challenges of treatment. All of the programs we fund directly benefit children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer, the families who support them, and the medical community who compassionately cares for them. These programs and services rely exclusively on philanthropic support as they are not reimbursable through insurance or eligible for traditional grant funding.</p>
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>In August of 2015, my daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Our lives were turned upside down, and we spent the next 10 months supporting her while she received chemotherapy and radiation treatments at Dana Farber and Children's Hospital. She was a superstar throughout her treatments, and has been cancer-free for almost two years--currently she is a sixth grader here at Brown, taking part in the musical, running club, and loving her classes!</p> <p>One Mission's donations go directly to patients and their families, helping with everything from hospital room decoration, to ice cream socials (we loved these when we were inpatient), to parking passes (which can really add up). They also provide emotional support for families during and after treatment. Such important work! We have so many families at Brown impacted by cancer, and I think this organization would strike a chord.</p>
Submitted by:	Becky Cohen

Organization name	Epilepsy Foundation of New England Annual Walk for Epilepsy
Mission statement	To lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>Many innocent people suffer from epilepsy. We need to support them because they have problems thinking, they can't come to school or work, and need money for their medicine and surgery.</p> <p>When I visited my dad working in the hospital, I saw a kind patient who had epilepsy and felt bad for her because she doesn't deserve to stay in bed all day. I went to the annual Epilepsy Walk more than 5 times and the annual Epilepsy Candlelight Dinner two times. I would like for us to raise money so we can donate to the Epilepsy Walk fundraiser. It is on May 12 at the Boston Commons at 9am.</p>
Submitted by	Claire Lee, Jong Woo Lee

Organization name	MSPCA - Massachusetts Society of Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals
Mission statement	The mission of the MSPCA-Angell is to protect animals, relieve their suffering, advance their health and welfare, prevent cruelty, and work for a just and compassionate society.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I love animals and I feel that they're important part of my life and lots other peoples too. It's important to help support and protect animals, because they provide me with so much happiness that I want to make sure that they feel that same type of happiness. We need to work hard to protect and support animals, whether they have a safe/steady home or not.
Submitted by:	Maya Gallagher

Organization name	The Green Belt Movement
Mission statement	"Founded in 1977 by Professor Wangari Maathai, the Green Belt Movement (GBM) has planted over 51 million trees in Kenya. GBM works at the grassroots, national, and international levels to promote environmental conservation; to build climate resilience and empower communities, especially women and girls; to foster democratic space and sustainable livelihoods." -GBM Website
Why are you nominating this organization?	I care deeply about the planet, and feminism. This organization plants trees and promotes girl power.
Submitted by:	Oona Helenius

Organization name	Project Bread
Mission statement	Hunger exists all across our state, but because it is concentrated in specific areas it is not always apparent. By reframing how hunger is perceived, by putting it within a larger economic and social context, and by empowering those we serve to take part in solutions, we remove the stigma, connect more people with the support they need, and, ultimately, enable those in need to give back to their own communities.
Why are you nominating this organization?	We had several organizations but this was the organization that our advisory agreed upon. Some of the others include: -Playworks: A friend of mine is on the board of this organization. It is a unique concept centered around "play"
Submitted by:	Mariano Advisory

Organization name	The Children's Room
Mission statement	The Children's Room creates safe, supportive communities so that no child, teen or family has to grieve alone.
Why are you nominating this organization?	The Children's Room is a small nonprofit located in Arlington, MA which provides support to families who have lost a loved one. Following the unexpected passing of Ali's mother in November 2015, Ali and her older siblings and father attended regular support sessions at The Children's Room. These sessions have been very helpful to the entire family as we continue to get back on our feet. Funding for this organization will allow The Children's Room to continue to provide support to grieving families, and to do so at no cost to the families.
Submitted by:	Tim O'Brien & Ali O'Brien

Organization name	Bike Newton
Mission statement	Bike Newton, a 501c3 organization, aims to promote bicycling as a viable method of transportation in Newton, Massachusetts. Bicycling should be safe and convenient for all.
Why are you nominating this organization?	Bike Newton is a hyper-local organization that ensures children and adults alike can enjoy biking while helping our environment. It currently is aiming to install sheltered bike racks at Newton South, and to fortify bike racks in Newton Centre, which certainly affects Brown and Oak Hill middle schoolers as future South students. Because it is a relatively small but very well organized and supported group, Bike Newton should be an excellent choice to receive a small sum of money.
Submitted by:	Julian Phillips

Organization name	Baby Basics
Mission statement	Baby Basics is a volunteer organization that provides and distributes diapers to babies of the working/near poor in the communities of South Boston and Dedham, and Needham, MA.
Why are you nominating this organization?	Diapers are critical to the well-being of babies. Babies generally need to have their diapers changed 10-12 times per day and this drops to only 8-10 times per day for toddlers. Even with consistent diaper changes, many children are susceptible to diaper rash. Without consistent diaper changes, babies run the risk of infections, diaper rash and other significant health problems; problems that require medical attention and can put additional financial strain on the families. Some families have to decide between basic essentials such as food and diapers. Many daycare facilities will not take children without adequate diapers for the day. Families who have limited supplies cannot have their child attend daycare. It is also important to know that diapers are not covered by federal assistance programs. That is why programs like Baby Basics are so important to every community. Any funds raised would go the purchase of diapers - a basic, yet critical need for every baby and toddler.
Submitted by:	Cleo Whitney
