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**Giving Project
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<http://www.flutiefoundation.org/>

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<https://www.arlboston.org/adopt/adoption-centers>

<http://www.mspcc.org>

<http://projectsemicolon.com>

<http://ClimateXChange.org>

<http://www.hvkchildrensfoundation.org>

<http://horizonschildren.org/>

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org>

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Organization name	Project Bread
Mission statement	Project Bread is committed to preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts. We provide access to food for people who are hungry today, while we work to break the cycle of hunger through advocacy, education, and community action.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating this organization because of our passion to end child hunger in Massachusetts. They educate, advocate, raise money for, and invest in, programs that provide a range of solutions to the hunger problem.

Organization name	Alzheimer's Association of New England
Mission statement	The Alzheimer's Association of New England educates and supports individuals living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>My grandmother passed away at the age 64 from early on-set Alzheimer's. She had been misdiagnosed. Once diagnosed the doctors believe she had been living with the disease since she was 53.</p> <p>My family and I learned Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death and there is no cure.</p> <p>The Alzheimer's Association educates people about Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. They have a 24/7 hotline that people can call with questions. They also offer research grants in trying to find a cure for Alzheimer's.</p> <p>Most people think Alzheimer's only hits people in their 70's and above. That's not true. Creating awareness is critical. Every penny means something for the organization. I'm sure they would use the donation to go to schools to educate students and staff about Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.</p> <p>Thank you for considering the Alzheimer's Association of New England.</p>

Organization name	Charity:Water
Mission statement	charity: water is a non-profit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>Charity:Water is an organization that receives money and uses it to fund water projects for people all around the world. It was founded in 2006 by Scott Harrison, who lived on a hospital ship off the coast of Liberia for two years and experienced life without clean water. Then, he came back to New York on a mission to start Charity:Water. It has planned and funded over 35,000 projects, helping close to ten million people in 27 countries. One hundred percent of donors' money goes directly to people in need, so you don't have to worry about processing fees. Charity:Water creates permanent solutions like dug and drilled wells to reach aquifers deep down in the earth. They also put in pipes to bring water to communities, systems to get and store water safely from natural springs, water filters, and safe, private bathroom shelters. Additionally, clean water means empowered women, more time in school for children, improved health, and better economies.</p>

Organization name	Flutie Foundation
Mission statement	<p>The goal of the Flutie Foundation is to help families affected by autism live life to the fullest.</p> <p>Through our programs and partnerships, we help people with autism get access to care; lead more active lifestyles; and grow toward adult independence.</p>
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>Our advisory chose to nominate the Flutie Foundation because of multiple personal connections. The student who researched and presented this foundation is a passionate athlete and wanted to find an organization with a connection to sports. Students in our advisory have autism, and another member has a sibling with autism -- they are all acutely aware of the difficulties families may face and the services they can benefit from. Similar to the Fluties, the students in our advisory feel they are very fortunate to have the resources they do, and they want to be able to help other families who do not have the same privileges.</p>

Organization name	Kids4Peace Boston
Mission statement	Kids4Peace Boston educates, trains and inspires Christian, Jewish, and Muslim youth from diverse backgrounds to become interfaith peace leaders and creates opportunities for youth and their families to build relationships across faith and other boundaries and become ambassadors for coexistence and justice.
Why are you nominating this organization?	When the world is so divided as it is today, an organization that brings everyone together, regardless of background to teach that we can all co-exist and even get along despite our differences is critical. People are stuck in their own bubbles and even just exposure to people who are different helps encourage understanding. This is a relatively small organization, and even \$100 offers an afternoon of interfaith friendship and learning during a monthly skill-building program.

Organization name	Animal Rescue League of Boston, Dedham Branch
Mission statement	Situated 10 miles southwest of Boston on the beautiful grounds of the former summer sanctuary for the city's working horses, ARL's newly remodeled shelter in Dedham, Massachusetts is just a glimpse into ARL's bold future. The new modern shelter design allows us to provide even more animals with high-quality direct animal care that meets best-practice standards in animal welfare.
Why are you nominating this organization?	We have donated supplies to this organization before. The on-site farm is a fun place to visit! They are extremely grateful for any and all donations!

Organization name	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)
Mission statement	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is a private, non-profit society dedicated to leadership in protecting and promoting the rights and well-being of children and families.
Why are you nominating this organization?	MSPCC supports Newton (and other communities) and its children and families with services for mental health, foster care, sexual and physical abuse prevention, and general child and family counseling. Their work directly impacts the growth and education of children.

Organization name	CC4K (Cape Crafts 4 Kids)
Mission statement	CC4K is dedicated to providing underserved children access to art instruction and supplies.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>My sisters and I founded this 501c3 non-profit to fill an important need. The mission is to expose underserved kids to art in a way that's accessible and convenient for them and their families. We started the program at a large, busy regional food pantry on Cape Cod, where families often have to wait in line several hours. So we set up an arts and crafts program to bring art to the children while their parents wait in line. The program has made the pantry run more efficiently by occupying the children and sparing their parents from having to keep them entertained during the long waits. More importantly, it has helped kids to engage with art in a new way, sparking their creativity and boosting their self esteem.</p> <p>A donation from the Giving Project would allow us to buy additional art supplies and expand the program to food pantries in the Boston area so that more kids could have access to this opportunity. Art supplies are our only expense, and because we feel it's important to provide the children with high quality supplies that they might not have access to in their school, we would need additional funds to bring our program to more locations. Many of the children have been surprised and thrilled to discover they have impressive artistic abilities, something they weren't expecting to discover at a food pantry.</p>

Organization name	Project Semicolon
Mission statement	The mission of Project Semicolon is to help reduce the incidents of suicide in the world through connected community, and provide greater access to information and resources regarding mental health.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I am nominating this organization because about one million people die from suicide each year, which represents a global mortality rate of 16 people per 100,000 or one death every 40 seconds. It is predicted that by 2020 the rate of death will increase to one every 20 seconds. In the last 45 years suicide rates have increased by 60% worldwide, and is now among the three leading causes of death among those aged 15-44. More and more people are dying from suicide, and youth suicide is increasing at the greatest rate. Many people do not feel comfortable with reaching out for help because of the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Project Semicolon provides resources to help people who are hesitant to ask for help, and create a safe community where people can get the help they need and not feel alone. The organization helps people who do not have mental health conditions understand what it is like and how they can do to help take away the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Organization name	Climate XChange
Mission statement	The mission of Climate XChange is to provide education, research and support environmental tax reform in which the state of Massachusetts would enact a tax on global warming pollution and then return to people and business in Massachusetts.
Why are you nominating this organization?	For climate change

<p>Organization name</p>	<p>HVK</p>
<p>Mission statement</p>	<p>Hawah V. Kamara (HVK) Children's Foundation mission is to meet the challenging needs of women, children, and families through the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child and Coordinated School Health Model in sub-Saharan Africa, Liberia. They are registered as a nonprofit in Massachusetts since 2016, and have obtained a 501 (c) 3 since 2018. HVK Children's Foundation is based out of Worcester, Massachusetts and has a shared office located on the Somalia Drive, Neezo Junction in Paynesville.</p>
<p>Why are you nominating this organization?</p>	<p>After reading a 6th grade Geography book's atlas, I read a political map that stated the illiteracy rate in the majority of the continent of Africa to be 50-80% These numbers were alarming and quite unsettling. I had done prior reasearch on the "Cradle to Prison pipeline" for African American boys. These statistics basically summed up that if an African American male couldn't read by 3rd grade, his outcome for a bright future is dismal and more than likely he would end up in the prison system. I came to the USA in 1980 fleeing a coup in Liberia who is also impacted by poor illiteracy rates. When my for student, Jeremoah Vainga, from Worcester, Ma approached be about going to the Liberia to help her train the teachers , I couldn't resist. I went for the first time as adult during the summer of 2018. I was very saddened but hopeful that work can be done, resources and support can be provided. I am now on board and plan to be part of this project's sustainability efforts in the years to come.</p> <p>Jermoh V Kamara is a former students mine from my AVID class at the SULLIVAN Middle School in Worcester, Ma. She has since graduated from college and completed a masters degree for public health from NYU. I have done prior research on the cradle to prison pipeline for African American boys who are not literate by 4th grade. After reading a thematic map in the Student World Atlas book in a 6th Social Studies class at Brown, I observed that Africa as a continent, averaged an illiteracy rate of 50-80%. This alarming statistic became personal and stirred up a call to action for me. Quality Education is ensuring inclusive and equitable education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p> <p>Jermoh enlisted me to help train teachers on DRA and AVID strategies. I went to Monrovia Liberia for the first time last summer since fleeing in 1980 due to a coup at the time. The support of giving tree may be a small one , however, funding of this initiative will help Provide Lab-in-a-Box in a shared setup to support six partner schools by 2020, train a total of 25 teachers to improve STEAM and literacy quality by use of the e-learning portal by 2020 and establish a curriculum, teacher's manual and workbook for students based on both subject</p>

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<p>Organization name</p>	<p>Horizons for Homeless Children</p>
<p>Mission statement</p>	<p>The mission of Horizons for Homeless Children is to improve the lives of young homeless children in Massachusetts and help their families succeed by providing high-quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support services.</p>
<p>Why are you nominating this organization?</p>	<p>They focus on giving homeless children a safe place to play, emphasize the value of reading, teach parents skills in good parenting practices, and advocate for homeless families. They stand behind their mission statement in everything they do.</p> <p>They rely on private donations for most of their funding so every dollar raised makes a difference. They are focused on closing the achievement gap and making a difference in the lives of young children at risk in Massachusetts.</p>

Organization name	Rise Against Hunger
Mission statement	Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.
Why are you nominating this organization?	<p>This organization provides mixes for meals in a bag that are sent around the world to help alleviate hunger in places where people do not have access to sufficient nutrition. I participated in one of their fundraisers about a year ago, and our group gathered together at stations to combine the ingredients for each bag to prepare them to be sent. The feeling of making a difference in people's lives was so much more tangible than when just donating money to an organization. The memory of being involved in such a hands-on way has really stayed with me. I think this would be an awesome project to be able to bring to our community, and that students would see their connection to the global community and how they can be a positive force in the world. Thanks for considering Rise Against Hunger. I know that many, many wonderful organizations are nominated for the Giving Project, and I truly appreciate what The Giving Project does to bring them to our attention!</p>

Organization name	One Can Help
Mission statement	One Can Help helps children and families that are in poverty or in trouble and need urgent help. Through their social workers, they apply for "grants" from One Can Help to pay for things like a bus pass, an electric bill, rent so that they can stay in their home, or things for the kids that they cannot afford like school or sports supplies.
Why are you nominating this organization?	I think what they do is really great because the people at One Can Help who decide the grants are social workers and court advocates too, so they know what the families need. They decide things really quickly so if someone needs something right away, they can help. Sometimes a little bit of help can make a huge difference for people living in poverty. No grant is larger than \$1000 so a donation from the Giving Project would be great and could help one kid or many in need. And One Can Help was started by a woman who lives in Waban, Anne Bader-Martin, whose kids went to Brown.