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Community Rowing, Inc awarded \$100,000 *Brighton nonprofit receives Cummings Foundation Grant*

BRIGHTON, MA – Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI) is pleased to announce that it is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive a grant of \$100,000 through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Brighton-based organization was chosen from a total of 574 applicants during a competitive review process.

Community Rowing, Inc. offers the most expansive and inclusive rowing programming in the country, aiming to bring the sport of rowing to those who wish to be challenged, grow and become inspired.

Representing CRI, Executive Director Ted Benford and Director of Inclusion & Advocacy Ellen Minzner joined approximately 300 other guests at a reception at Trade Center 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston’s nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$260 million to Greater Boston nonprofits alone.

“We are very grateful to be recipients of the \$100K for 100 Cummings Foundation grant” shared Ted Benford. “This grant will enable CRI to increase support and resources for our para programs which serve over 500 families including those with children who have physical and intellectual disabilities. We are tremendously thankful to Bill and Joyce Cummings”.

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 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 Swets,

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.

The history behind Cummings Properties and Cummings Foundation is detailed in Bill Cummings' self-written memoir, "Starting Small and Making it Big: An Entrepreneur's Journey to Billion-Dollar Philanthropist." It is available on Amazon or cummings.com/book.

ABOUT COMMUNITY ROWING, INC.

Community Rowing makes rowing accessible without regard to individual ability, background or experience. We aim to enrich our community by providing resources to enable urban youth, military veterans, and individuals with disabilities access to the sport and its profound emotional, social, and physical benefits. As a leader in rowing, we deliver these transformative lessons and experiences to over 12,000 individuals and their families annually. For more information, please visit CRI's website at www.communityrowing.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 Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org

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