

Avison Fund Organizations for 2021

BAGLY The Boston Alliance of LGBTQ + Youth is a resource for LGBTQ youth in Boston Area Communities. BAGLY will provide services to homeless and housing insecure LGBTQ youth especially youth of color.

Community Learning Collaborative is under the umbrella of the Boston YMCA and was founded to build an integrated, multi-pronged continuum of services for children of low-income working families.

Food for Free, Cambridge, Mass., partners with the Boston Area Gleaners and the Boston Housing Authority to deliver approximately 500 boxes weekly to food pantries and community organizations in Cambridge, Chelsea, East Boston, Somerville, and other communities.

Food Links, Arlington, Mass., is a food rescue organization serving twenty communities in Eastern Massachusetts.

Friends Camp, part of New England Yearly Meeting, serves New England youth and beyond with affordable summer camp embodying Friends testimonies and values. They anticipate giving at least \$40,000 in campership funds and discounted tuition this year.

Friends Center for Children, New Haven, Conn., provides daycare, donates surplus and near-expiring groceries to organizations and families in need, and continues its "Adverse Childhood Experiences Program."

La Colaborativa, Chelsea, Mss., formerly the Chelsea Collaborative, provides a year round, paid youth employment program and leadership development for 200 people aged 15-21 from Chelsea and surrounding towns.

Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness (MCNAA), Danvers, Mass., works with Native as well as non-Native children and youth virtually presenting interactive workshops and talking circles led by people with expertise benefiting children 8-18 years old on Native American values, philosophy and traditional ways that help address issues of low self esteem, not feeling validated or welcomed.

UTEC, Lowell, Mass. area focuses on issues of social justice, peacemaking, and gang violence prevention with justice-involved adults 18-24 years old. Our grant will be used for childcare, transportation and parenting skills at 2 GenCenter for impoverished preschool children of young adults in their programs.