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Annual

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2025 Nominated Organizations

Backyard Growers

Backyard Growers cultivates healthy, connected, resilient communities and fights for food sovereignty by empowering people to grow their own food. We increase equitable access to vegetable gardens and the resources people and communities need to grow their own food. backyardgrowers.org

Cape Ann Animal Aid

Cape Ann Animal Aid is a non-profit, no-kill organization dedicated to facilitating appropriate placement of adoptable animals and enhancing the lives of all companion animals by promoting respect through education, outreach, and wellbeing. capeannanimalaid.org

Cape Ann Veterans Services

The Office of Veterans Services assists Gloucester veterans in seeking out sources and assistance in obtaining benefits for which they are eligible. We also assist with coordinating Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, maintaining military records of Gloucester veterans, as well as veterans' cemeteries and death registry. gloucester-ma.gov/147/veterans-services

Essex Shipbuilding Museum

The Mission of the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum (EHSSM) is to provide a center for education, preservation, and study of traditional Essex shipbuilding and the community that has supported it for over 300 years. We value the skills, creativity, learning abilities, and connectedness to their environment of the Essex Shipbuilders, and we believe that building a clear understanding and appreciation of their unique craftsmanship serves as a valuable model for us today. essexshipbuilding.org

Friends of Manchester Council on Aging

By keeping our elders as integral members of the community and supporting them through community services, resources, and intergenerational activities, we endeavor to improve their well-being and enjoyment of life. manchester.ma.us/371/council-on-aging

Generous Gardeners

We are a group of volunteers with the mission of philanthropy through gardening. We currently care for 29 public spaces in Gloucester. Most of our plants are donated by our volunteers, but we also purchase plants with funds from our annual Gloucester Garden Tour and private donations. generousgardeners.org

Gloucester Education Foundation

Since 2005, this non-profit organization has sponsored new and innovative education programs, as well as provided support for programs that had been eliminated or significantly curtailed due to cutbacks. gloucestereducationfoundation.org

Ipswich Aware

Ipswich Aware is a community coalition united to address substance use and support recovery. Founded in 2015, we bring together voices from healthcare, education, law enforcement, faith, government, and local organizations to create awareness, provide resources, and strengthen families. As a program of the Ipswich Family YMCA, we believe lasting change starts with collaboration. ipswichaware.com

Ipswich Education Foundation

Our mission is to partner with and encourage the local community to invest funding, time and talent for innovative initiatives designed to enrich and support the whole student while advocating excellence and access to transformative educational experiences for all Ipswich citizens. ipswichedfoundation.org

Ipswich Humane Group

Ipswich Humane Group is a non-profit organization that assists Ipswich Animal Control to enable a no-kill animal shelter in the Town of Ipswich. IHG is 100% donation funded and 100% unpaid volunteer run. ipswichhumanegroup.com

Manship Artists Residency

Manship Artists Residency is dedicated to the preservation of an environmentally and historically significant site that has been given new life as an international, interdisciplinary artists residency for the benefit of the community and visitors to Cape Ann. manshipartists.org

Maritime Gloucester

The mission of Maritime Gloucester is to inspire students and visitors to value marine science, maritime heritage, and environmental stewardship through hands-on education and experiences. We emphasize in our programs and services the following core values: Inspiring Discovery, Embracing History, Exploring Science, and Living Stewardship. maritimegloucester.org

National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. nami.org

The Open Door

The mission of The Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community. We use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security. foodpantry.org

Pathways for Children

Pathways' services began in 1967 with the founding of our Head Start preschool classrooms on Cape Ann, and we've continued to grow and adapt to meet the changing needs of our communities. Today, we offer educational programming for children from birth to age 13, social support services for families throughout Essex County, and professional development initiatives that inspire the next generation. pw4c.org

Rose Baker Senior Center

The mission of the Rose Baker Senior Center is to design, implement, and promote programs and services that support the independence, health, and well-being of Gloucester's senior citizens. gloucester-ma.gov/291/council-on-aging

SeniorCare, Inc.

The mission of SeniorCare, Inc. is to provide and coordinate services to elders, enabling them to live independently at home and remain part of their community. They serve residents of Gloucester, Essex, Beverly, Hamilton, Wenham, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-sea, Rockport, and Topsfield. seniorcareinc.org

Wellspring House

Wellspring is guided by the vision of a just society where every member of our community thrives. Wellspring inspires families and adults on the North Shore to achieve employment and financial security through stable housing, education, job training, and career readiness. wellspringhouse.org

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