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CHARITY

Windrush receives \$1,000 Thanksgiving grant

Boxford charity selected for Cummings Properties' new giving program

Commercial real estate firm Cummings Properties took an unusual approach to giving this holiday season by asking its longtime staff members to select local charities that collectively benefited from \$111,000 in donations. Boxford's Windrush Farms received \$1,000.

Through the new Staff Giving on Thanksgiving program, employees with 10 or more years of seniority with the Woburn firm or any of its affiliated entities were each invited to choose a locally based not-for-profit to receive a \$1,000 donation.

Christine Coakley of Woburn, an 18-year staff member, selected Windrush

Farms, noting that her 16-year-old nephew, Colby Dudal, has been going to the therapeutic riding center for 12 years.

Coakley said, "When I heard about the opportunity to donate \$1,000, Windrush Farms immediately came to mind. This experience for Colby has been an important part of his life, along with all the other clients helped by this amazing therapy. Cummings Properties' donation is a significant boost to this small not-for-profit organization."

Coakley is the director of community relations at New Horizons, a Woburn assisted living community that is part of the Cummings organization.



Colby Dudal (center) presents a \$1,000 donation to Windrush Farms' trainer, Pam Skinner (left), and executive director, Mandy Hogan (right). COURTESY PHOTO

Cummings Properties president and CEO Dennis Clarke said, "Cummings Properties has always been extremely active in local

philanthropy. This year, the Company was delighted to do something extra special by involving more than 100 staff members in this new

donation program."

Cummings Properties distributed the donations during the week of Thanksgiving.

ON THE WEB



Multimedia

- Video: Howe Manning Chorus on radio show, Wreaths Across America
- Photo Galleries: Holiday Pooch Pageant, Wreaths Across America
- Tri-Town police scanners

Top five stories online

Here are the top five most requested items from Dec. 10-18 on Wicked Local Boxford, Topsfield and Middleton:

- 1 School bus driver charged with child endangerment
- 2 Boxford drops ZBA/HDC lawsuits
- 3 Topsfield police arrest 7
- 4 Letter: Making Topsfield better place to live
- 5 Boxford, Topsfield and Middleton police logs

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Spofford singers at Mall



The Spofford Pond School Chorus, under the direction of Kristin Galardi, sang at the Northshore Mall Saturday, Dec. 8, entertaining shoppers as they passed by on their way to the stores. "The mall managers were so impressed with the caliber of music that they asked if the students could come back through the next couple of weeks to keep singing for their customers," said Principal Kathleen Nikas in the weekly school e-letter to parents. COURTESY PHOTO

Caroling at the Boxford COA



Students from the Boxford Academy sang Christmas carols at the Boxford Council on Aging's Christmas Brunch, held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Life Church Center at the First Congregational Church in Boxford. The popular annual event is always well attended, and this year the Singing Grandpops performed as well. COURTESY PHOTO

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