

# Girls Incorporated of Lynn

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### **GIRLS INC. OF LYNN awarded \$100,000**

*Lynn nonprofit receives major Cummings Foundation grant*

Lynn, June 8, 2015 – Girls Incorporated of Lynn has been selected as one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Lynn organization was chosen from more than 350 applicants during a very competitive review process.

The Grant will help fund one of Girls Inc. of Lynn’s peer leadership programs, *Teen Health Ambassadors*, which empowers and educates at risk teen girls in Lynn on pregnancy prevention, healthy relationships, body image, and nutrition.

Representing Girls Inc. of Lynn, Deb Ansourlian, Executive Director, and Cassandra Foley, Director of Teen Programs, joined approximately 300 other guests at a June 4 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 reached a major milestone – it has now awarded more than \$100 million in grants to local nonprofits alone.

“We are honored to be one of the \$100k for 100 Cummings Foundation Grant! This grant will help us continue to serve the teens in our community and inspire them to not only be strong, smart and bold, but to live healthy lives” said Deb Ansourlian, Executive Director of Girls Incorporated of Lynn.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are not only based in but also primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. This year, the program benefited 41 different communities within the Commonwealth.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation 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 of Winchester, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages more than 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

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“The Foundation is incredibly grateful to nonprofits like Girls Inc. of Lynn that are working diligently for the benefit of the communities where the staff and clients of the Cummings organization live and work,” said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation’s executive director.

This year’s diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including mental health, STEM education, veteran’s services, healthcare, hunger relief, and homelessness prevention. 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](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

### About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester. With assets exceeding \$1 billion, it is one of the largest foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including two New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Its largest single commitment to date was \$50 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

### About Girls Inc. of Lynn

Girls Incorporated of Lynn inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, providing girls with life-changing experiences and real solutions to the unique issues girls face. Girls Inc. gives girls the right tools and support to succeed, including trained professionals who mentor and guide them in a safe, girls-only environment, peers who share their drive and aspirations, and research-based programming. At Girls Inc., girls learn to set and achieve goals, boldly confront challenges, resist peer pressure, see college as attainable, and explore nontraditional fields such as STEM. Girls Incorporated of Lynn is a local affiliate of the national Girls Inc. organization and has served as a vigorous advocate for all girls in the surrounding North Shore communities since 1940.

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