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Rosie's Place Awarded \$25,000 a Year for Ten Years *Boston nonprofit receives Cummings Foundation grant*

BOSTON, MA – Rosie's Place is one of 33 local nonprofits awarded a total of \$10 million from Cummings Foundation through its new Sustaining Grants program, which provides funding for up to 10 years. Jamie Doyle, Director of Foundations and Corporate Relations, and Director of Fundraising, Michael Oliver, represented the nonprofit at a May 3 awards night at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn.

Rosie's Place was founded in 1974 as the first women's shelter in the United States. Today, Rosie's Place not only provides meals and shelter but also creates answers for 12,000 women a year through wide-ranging support, housing and education services.

"With an increasing number of women and their children facing food insecurity, the meals we serve are more essential than ever," said Rosie's Place President Sue Marsh. "We are grateful to have a sustaining grant from the Cummings Foundation, which will help us to provide upwards more than 100,000 nutritionally-balanced breakfasts, lunches and dinners this year and in the years to come to women who rely on our help."

This sustained funding will support Food Programs at Rosie's Place, longstanding and vital nutritional and financial supplements for their guests. Serving thousands of nutritious breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and offering assistance to 2,000 women each month through the Food Pantry, Rosie's Place helps some of the poorest women and children in Boston with the most basic and critical needs.

The Sustaining Grants program builds on Cummings Foundation's **\$100K for 100** program. First offered in 2012, **\$100K for 100** annually awards \$10 million through multi-year grants of \$100,000 each to 100 nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk counties. Grant recipients that received their final grant disbursements in 2017 were automatically considered for the Sustaining Grants initiative in 2018.

"Long-term financial support is rare for nonprofits, making fundraising a constant and time-consuming task for organizations like Rosie's Place," said Joyce Vyriotes, deputy director of Cummings Foundation. "The Sustaining Grants are intended to provide some relief, allowing them to focus more of their time and energy on delivering and enhancing their important services."

Sustaining Grants winners were selected primarily by a 40-member volunteer committee, which included former state legislators, CEOs of companies and organizations in Greater Boston, and a retired justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, among many others. Committee members conducted two site visits with each nonprofit to learn how the **\$100K for 100** funds helped to advance its mission, and how it might put a 10-year grant to use.

The complete list of 33 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation has already awarded more than \$200 million to date in Greater Boston alone, and it will award an additional \$200 million over the next 10 years through the **\$100K for 100** and the Sustaining Grants programs.

About Rosie's Place

Rosie's Place's mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. Rosie's Place relies solely on the generous support of individuals, foundations and corporations and does not accept any city, state or federal funding. Thanks to these donations, 85 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to services for poor and homeless women. Additional information is available at www.rosiesplace.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 Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

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