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TOP RATING FOR FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has achieved a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. According to Charity Navigators Executive Director, Trent Stamp, this designation was awarded to the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts for its "ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances." This is important information in 2007, as the non-profit sector faces high standards for accountability, transparency, and quantifiable results from donors and the communities they serve. The Community Foundation profile can be accessed at www.charitynavigator.org. Less than a quarter of the charities evaluated were awarded this exceptional designation.

Kent Faerber, Community Foundation President, noted that this was important validation. "The Community Foundation has three roles; to gather financial resources for charitable purposes, manage those resources and distribute them via customized philanthropic strategies. Our effective management made it possible to distribute \$6.8M in scholarships and grants last year from those funds entrusted to us."

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has been a part of our region for over fifteen years and is committed to supporting the charitable work in this area by providing the vital connection between donors and organizations in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. For more information about the Community Foundation, please call (413) 732-2858 or visit www.communityfoundation.org.

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