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Family Service Receives Summer Fund Grant

Lawrence, MA - Family Service, Inc. has been awarded a grant for \$6,000 from the Greater Lawrence Summer Fund, a fund of the Essex County Community Foundation. The grant will be used to fund Family Service's Project Venture *Summer Adventure Camps*. Project Venture *Summer Adventure Camps* are designed to give young people fun, new experiences that take them out of their "comfort zone". Through outdoor adventure and experiential education, youth utilize positive interpersonal skills and gain a sense of accomplishment and importance. The program also provides a safe and constructive activity for young people during the summer months.

Since 1990 the Greater Lawrence Summer Fund (GLSF) has provided a collaborative process for donors seeking to support enriching summer opportunities for inner-city youth and agencies in need of funds for their programs. Originally administered by the Stevens Foundation, the ECCF became the GLSF's administrator in 2001. The Fund supports high quality innovative programs which keep young people active and engaged during the summer.

Family Service is a nonprofit agency that has been providing social services to individuals and families in Greater Lawrence for 155 years. Its mission, *to help people help themselves by building skills, providing opportunities, and increasing knowledge to live successful and productive lives*, has lead the agency to provide over 20 programs in the areas of youth development, parent education, mental health treatment, suicide prevention and outreach to elders. Family Service is especially committed to reaching under-served and at-risk populations who face the stresses of poverty, family violence, aging, linguistic and cultural isolation.

ECCF was established in January of 1999 to increase local philanthropy and provide support to non-profit organizations located in and serving Essex County. The Foundation offers all the philanthropic, grantmaking, financial, and tax expertise needed to engage in effective, inspired charitable giving. ECCF stewards 80 charitable funds held in over \$10 million in assets, and since its inception has awarded over \$7 million in grants to local organizations. The Foundation's mission is to "to help you help your community".

To learn more about Family Service, Inc. please visit www.familyserviceinc.com.

To learn more about The Essex County Community Foundation, please visit www.eccf.org

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