



# About Us

The Boston Scientific Foundation was established to support communities by providing strategic, targeted grant funding to enable nonprofits to better serve those who need it most. From access to health care services, health screening and information to educational programming geared to close the achievement gap for underserved students, the Boston Scientific Foundation is committed to working with communities in the United States where a large majority of the Boston Scientific employees live and work.

---

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** David Knapp\*

**Vice President:** Kay Adair

**Treasurer:** Alexandra Canney

**Clerk:** Wendy Carruthers

**Directors:** Brenda Becker  
Margaret Combs  
Eileen Hunter  
David Thompson

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Boston Scientific Foundation, I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report. We continue to make solid progress in our unwavering commitment to improve social disparities and health inequities. The impactful contributions to the grantees in both health and STEM K12 education programs have been made possible with the work by our dedicated employee teams in their communities. Over \$2 million in funding included 140 scholarships to eligible children of Boston Scientific employees as well as a strategic grant to Project HOPE focused on humanitarian relief efforts.

We are inspired by the positive efforts of our grantees and consider it a privilege to be able to partner with many organizations that align with our values.

For additional information on the Foundation, [please visit the website](#). We appreciate your support of our mission and its opportunities to make a meaningful difference.”

Kay Adair  
President-elect, Boston Scientific Foundation



\* As of December 12, 2023, David Knapp resigned as a member of the Boston Scientific Foundation Board. Kay Adair was appointed as President and Brenda Becker was appointed as Vice President.

## Mission

To improve health and open educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons, with an emphasis on communities where Boston Scientific employees live and work in the United States.

# 2023 Impact

# \$2.1 million

In health & STEM education grants, scholarships and humanitarian aid

## 75+ Employees in 4 US regions

review and recommend grants for their communities as part of their local Employee Community Teams.

**32**  
STEM  
Grants

**26**  
Health  
Grants

**Regions**  
California  
Indiana

Massachusetts  
Minnesota

# Health Grants

Programs are aimed at improving the health of those who are economically disadvantaged, with a focus on cancer, diabetes, respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, mental wellness, gastrointestinal and urologic diseases and disorders through one of these approaches: disease prevention, access to care, disease awareness and diagnosis or quality of care.



“Raices reached a significant milestone in community involvement by participating in two Health Fairs dedicated to the Latino community in the Twin Cities.”

*Maria Steffel / Executive Director  
Raices Sagradas Community Mental Health*



HeartBrothers Foundation in Marlborough, MA provides resources for heart failure patients.



Thanks to the Boston Scientific Foundation’s award, Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital is providing trainings in Mental Health First Aid, suicide screening and prevention, and other behavioral health topics for individuals living and working in local communities where the need for mental and behavioral health resources is great. The impact of this outreach will be widespread, empowering participants to help hundreds of fellow community members – including children, adolescents, and families – who are navigating extraordinary mental health challenges that often affect quality of life. We are deeply grateful for the Boston Scientific Foundation’s continued support.”

*Henry T. Sachs III, MD / President  
Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital*

# Health Grantees



Funding from Boston Scientific Foundation is helping Avenues to connect youth with the integrative health and wellness support they need! Thank you for investing in youth and the community. We are especially grateful to the many Boston Scientific employees who have given their time and resources through our partnership."

*Katherine Meerse / Executive Director  
Avenues for Youth*



We cannot thank Boston Scientific Foundation enough for their true partnership in confronting some of the most persistent health inequities that exist in our community. Together, we have brought compassionate health care, grounded in dignity and excellence, to over 10,000 people experiencing the extreme health risks and human suffering of homelessness and poverty. While providing care and comfort to patients in need today, Boston Scientific is helping BHCHP to implement strategies that will make health care more accessible and responsive to all members of our community and will ultimately mitigate the significant health disparities that our patients endure. Through financial support, volunteerism, leadership, and in-kind donations, Boston Scientific's longstanding support is making an indelible impact on BHCHP's programs and the lives of the people we serve."

*Colleen Eagan / Director of Corporate and  
Foundation Relations  
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program*

- ▶ Avenues For Youth
- ▶ Boston Health Care For The Homeless Program Inc
- ▶ Cancer Support Community – Central Indiana Inc
- ▶ Care Clinic
- ▶ Child & Family Center
- ▶ City Of Hope
- ▶ Community Servings Inc
- ▶ Detectogether Inc
- ▶ Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital
- ▶ Epilepsy Foundation Of Minnesota Inc
- ▶ Franciscan Hospital For Children Inc
- ▶ HeartBrothers Foundation Inc
- ▶ Heart Of A Giant Foundation Inc
- ▶ Metrowest Free Medical Program Inc
- ▶ Neighborhood HealthSource
- ▶ Owen County Family Young Mens Christian Association Inc
- ▶ Park Nicollet Foundation
- ▶ Project HOPE
- ▶ Raices Sagradas Community Mental Health
- ▶ Sociedad Latina Inc
- ▶ Southside Community Health Services Inc
- ▶ Southwest Boston Senior Services Inc
- ▶ St Marys Center For Women And Children
- ▶ The Ellie Fund
- ▶ The Open Door Cape Ann Food Pantry Inc
- ▶ Volunteers Of America Inc
- ▶ Washburn Center For Children

# STEM Education Grants

The Foundation supports programs focused on improving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational opportunities and academic development for K-12 students who are economically disadvantaged.

Boston Scientific volunteer teaching a STEM class to young members of the Boys & Girls Club. Pawtucket, Rhode Island.



Avalon-Carver Community Center's staff member teaches STEM to kids utilizing the Mobile STEM Lab.

"Our goal, our hope, our intention, and our objective at Avalon-Carver Community Center's Mobile STEM Labs program is to go into schools, especially those in marginalized communities, to inspire students through hands-on experiences to become the next generation of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians! Through our partnership with Boston Scientific Foundation, we are working with students to meet our goal and purpose."

*Eileen Forbes / Vice President / Education and Community Engagement, Avalon-Carver Community Center*

# STEM Education Grantees

- ▶ Appalachian Mountain Club
- ▶ Athletes Committed To Educating Students
- ▶ Avalon-Carver Community Center
- ▶ Boys & Girls Club Of Lynn
- ▶ Boys & Girls Club Of Pawtucket
- ▶ Boys And Girls Clubs Of Metro South Inc
- ▶ Boys And Girls Clubs Of The Twin Cities
- ▶ Breakthrough Twin Cities
- ▶ Calculus Project Inc
- ▶ Creatempls
- ▶ Cristo Rey Boston High School Inc
- ▶ Discovery Museums Inc
- ▶ Eastern Greene Elementary STEM
- ▶ Eastern Greene High School
- ▶ Educating Young Minds
- ▶ Framingham State University Foundation Inc
- ▶ Genesys Works
- ▶ Girls Dream Code
- ▶ Girls Incorporated Of Lynn
- ▶ Hope Community Inc
- ▶ Horizons Greater Boston Inc
- ▶ Linton-Stockton School Corporation
- ▶ Minnesota Computers For Schools
- ▶ Mystic River Watershed Association Inc
- ▶ Owen Valley High School
- ▶ Project Success-Students Undertaking Creative Control
- ▶ Science From Scientists Inc
- ▶ The Possible Project Inc
- ▶ Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center Inc
- ▶ University Of Massachusetts, Boston
- ▶ University Of Minnesota Foundation
- ▶ Young Mens Christian Association Of Worcester



The goal of A Mountain Classroom is to show the wonder and beauty of these locations to the next generation, to educate them, to make these places more than a name on a map. You can see it in the faces, the smiles, and the sense of students' awe. The first time they taste a wild berry or see a wild creature in its natural habitat, it's a developmental step that I wasn't able to find in traditional classroom settings, and that's why I love this program and what it can offer."

*Galen Staats / Guided Youth Outdoor A Mountain Classroom Program Manager  
Appalachian Mountain Club*



# Scholarship Program

In keeping with its mission, the Boston Scientific Foundation offers academic scholarships to eligible children of United States based Boston Scientific employees who attend an accredited post secondary institution to pursue any course of undergraduate study. Selection of recipients and management of the program is done by Scholarship America, Inc.

---

## \$430,000 in scholarships

**Given to 140 students**

### From our recipients

"Thank you so much for renewing my scholarship. It will help me immensely at Ohio State to continue pursuing my pre-med degree." —*Junior*

"I would like to take this opportunity to show my deep appreciation for being one of the recipients. With me being a first-generation college student, it is an absolute privilege for me to go to school. As an upcoming second year at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, this will immensely help with my tuition fees." —*Sophomore*

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude. It means a lot to me and will help me financially further my college education at the University of Iowa. I am currently a first-year majoring in Communications and Marketing. I am an avid sports lover and will also be a member of the Intramural Basketball Team." —*First Year*

"I would like to express my deep gratitude for your continuing support in my academic journey. I switched from biomedical engineering to computer engineering, along with a double major in computer science. This transition reflects my interest in the deeper level of tech not provided by biomedical engineering. I hope to contribute to society regardless of whether that is in the medical field or not." —*Sophomore*



# Employee Community Team (ECT)

To support the Boston Scientific Foundation, there are four Employee Community Teams (ECT), made up of employee volunteers. ECT members assess proposals from charitable organizations in our key giving regions and make recommendations to the Foundation Board

of Directors. The board oversees initiatives nationwide and reviews and either approves or declines grant recommendations that the Employee Community Teams present for funding support.

## From our team

### Layo Olofinboba / CA

"The BSC Foundation ECT has afforded me an opportunity to serve on a platform that impacts humanity positively. Serving on the committee exposed me to some of the life and societal challenges many people face daily. The ECT provides relief and unburden some of these unanticipated life situations people are faced with. I truly appreciate the kindness and generosity Boston Scientific continues to extend to its surrounding communities."



### Tom Ragonese / IN

"The only thing that tops my pride in working for a company that saves lives every day is serving with our ECT in south-central Indiana. The impact the Boston Scientific Foundation has made since its inception in our community is transformational. For instance, the first 'Project Leads the Way' STEM program in Indiana was started almost 20 years ago through the Foundation, and we now have engineers and technicians saving lives at BSC who were inspired directly from that program. The direct impact the Foundation has on people's lives is extraordinary."



### Caitlin Dow / MN

"Being part of the MN ECT has been an extremely insightful and rewarding experience. I've had the opportunity to connect with fellow BSC colleagues, learn about local nonprofits and make an impact on the community I work and live in. Every member of the ECT lives and breathes the BSC mission and values and is passionate to serve. We are dedicated to improving the health and education of our surrounding community because we care."



### Leigh Wynne / MA

"Serving as a member of the Boston Scientific Foundation ECT is extremely rewarding. I love having the opportunity to support the meaningful work of local nonprofits and put our caring value into action. The ECT is also a great way to meet colleagues from across the company who all strive to put the community at the center of everything we do."





Eastern Greene Elementary STEM



St Marys Center For Women And Children



Community Servings



Mystic River Watershed Association

Learn more about

**Boston  
Scientific  
Foundation**

[www.bostonscientific.com/en-US/corporate-social-responsibility/giving/foundation.html](http://www.bostonscientific.com/en-US/corporate-social-responsibility/giving/foundation.html)

©2024 Boston Scientific Foundation