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Announcing Community Impact Consultant Recipients!

Highland Street Foundation is pleased to announce the organizations which have been selected to participate in the Community Impact Consultants program, beginning in January 2013.

The following nonprofit organizations have identified a critical need which will be addressed through a six-month consulting engagement in order to ultimately impact their long-term growth and sustainability.

We are pleased to partner with:

[Big Sister Association of Greater Boston](#)
[Room to Grow](#)
[Families United in Educational Leadership](#)
[Xavier College Preparatory High School](#)

Proposals for the next round of CIC will be accepted in April (date TBD). To learn more about the program, [click here.](#)

The logo for Community Impact Consultants features a stylized archway above the text "Community IMPACT Consultants". The archway is composed of several blue segments with a central black segment.

**Community
IMPACT
Consultants**

MassNeeds Collaborative Dedicates \$8.4 Million to Address Basic Needs across Massachusetts



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HSF is proud to join 40 corporate, public and private foundations to provide support to more than 150 nonprofits focused on hunger, housing, heating assistance and health needs during the winter months.

The *MassNeeds Funding Collaborative* is a coordinated effort to address basic needs, identify funding gaps and encourage others to take action.

Catherine D'Amato, President & CEO of the Greater Boston Food Bank, knows first-hand the struggles that so many are facing. "Residents of the Commonwealth have to make tough choices every day to care for their families," she said earlier this month during a statewide press conference call. Joe Finn, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance and Kathy Tobin, Director of Programs at ABCD also joined to discuss the implications of unstable housing and increasing fuel costs.

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To learn more about MassNeeds, please visit www.massneeds.org.



"Highland Holidays"

This time of year brings out the child in all of us. It is a time of joy but it is also a time of added burden for so many families who are struggling. Through *Highland Holidays*, the Highland Street Foundation supports its nonprofit partners by donating toys, books, warm clothes and tickets to participate in some of our community's most treasured holiday traditions.

This year, HSF partnered with the Boston Ballet to provide an opportunity for 200 youth to attend a special reception and performance of *The Nutcracker*. Guests had the chance to mingle with some of the characters and meet Artistic Director, Mikko Nissinen.



Big and Little Sisters Alice and Daneijah (Big Sister Association of Greater Boston) pose with characters from *The Nutcracker*.

**Best wishes for a
Happy and Healthy New Year!**

About Highland Street Foundation

The Highland Street Foundation is committed to addressing the needs and concerns of children and families in Massachusetts and California. We direct our efforts to provide access and opportunities in the area of education, housing, mentorship, health care, environment and the arts. For more information, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.