



A New Name, A Continued Commitment

“What is WEF?” “WEF? What do you *do*?” After years of fielding these questions from Westwood residents puzzled by our confusing label, the Westwood Educational Foundation (formerly known as WEF) is changing its name to the **Foundation for Westwood Education**.

“This change is part of a larger effort to improve communication with the community we serve,” says the Foundation for Westwood Education’s co-president Maryann Wattendorf. “While the new name is a small change from the old one, it reduces confusion by getting rid of an old acronym, which was very similar to ones used by other groups in town. It is one of several steps we are taking in order to clarify what we do and to make our resources more accessible.” Other actions taken by the organization as part of this effort include launching a new website at www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org, making grant applications easier to complete, restating its mission more directly and simply, and making information about the Foundation’s upcoming events and how to support its efforts more readily available. A new logo for the group (above) accompanies these changes.

The Foundation for Westwood Education’s mission is straightforward: *the Foundation seeks to enhance learning opportunities for Westwood residents of all ages*. Through the generosity of Westwood residents and businesses, the group raises money that it then awards as grants to community groups, teachers, and schools that have proposals for innovative and meaningful educational programs in town. We support programs in areas ranging from art, literature and literacy to science, engineering and math and health, wellness and history. In addition to diverse programming, Foundation grants assist many town agencies and organizations such as the Senior Center, the Recreation Department, the Early Childhood Council, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Historical Society, Hale Reservation, Human Rights Committee and all of our schools.

The Foundation for Westwood Education is grateful for the support of donors who make programs like these possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either of our co-presidents, Maryann Wattendorf at maryannw@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org and Michelle Sutrich, at michelles@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org