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**Tutoring Plus awarded \$100,000**

*Cambridge nonprofit receives Cummings Foundation grant*

Cambridge, May 30, 2017 – Tutoring Plus of Cambridge is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Cambridge-based organization was chosen from a total of 549 applicants through a competitive review process.

Tutoring Plus is a local nonprofit that provides afterschool tutoring, mentoring and enrichment programs to students in grades 3-12. All programs are offered free of charge as part of the organization’s work to close the opportunity gap within the community.

“We are thrilled to receive this level of funding from the Cummings Foundation. This multi-year commitment is a tremendous boost for our organization, especially now during times of such uncertainty around support for social services and programs,” said Kathryn Fenneman, Executive Director.

“The common narrative around Cambridge is one of affluence and innovation, but Cambridge is a tale of two cities. The child poverty rate is higher in Cambridge than the state as a whole, and many families are struggling with financial insecurity and meeting basic needs. This funding allows us to continue our work of providing free programming so that all young people are able to access important academic and social growth opportunities.”

Representing Tutoring Plus, Executive Director Kathryn Fenneman and Board Member Diane Carson will join approximately 300 other guests at a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston's nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$170 million to local nonprofits alone.

"Nonprofit organizations like Tutoring Plus are vital to the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work," said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation Executive Director. "We are delighted to invest in their efforts."

The "\$100K for 100" program supports nonprofits that primarily serve Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties. This year the program is benefiting 35 different cities and towns within the Commonwealth. This year's diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention and affordable housing, education, violence prevention and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners plus additional information about Cummings Foundation is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org)

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