



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IMPACT

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022



“Tufts University is fortunate to be located in four extraordinary communities: **Boston, Grafton, Medford, and Somerville.** Our students, faculty, and staff, many of whom reside locally themselves, are passionate about making the world a brighter place through civic engagement, research, and scholarship. This commitment begins right in our own neighborhoods, where Tufts joins many local partners to create vibrant communities and a better future.”

—President Anthony P. Monaco

on the cover: A Tufts University dental student teaches toothbrushing technique during Give Kids a Smile, an initiative that provides free oral health screenings, treatment, preventive, and restorative care to underserved children.



left: The Tufts Government and Community Relations team is here to support the university’s neighbors, community partners, and government officials. From left to right, Rocco DiRico, Leah Boudreau, Liza Perry, and Marc Maggiore.

WORKING TOGETHER

The Government and Community Relations team is the university’s primary liaison for our neighbors, community partners, and government officials. We help Tufts use its resources, expertise, and knowledge to benefit the people of Boston, Grafton, Medford, and Somerville.

Whether we’re strategizing with local leaders to grow our economic impact, collaborating with schools and nonprofits to meet local needs, hosting movie nights, or simply sitting down with neighbors to offer support, the best part of what we do is the opportunity to meet so many incredible community members.

We’re always eager to connect. We invite you to follow us on social media, subscribe to our newsletter, or reach out directly. Whether you’d like to audit a class, find a free program for your kids on campus, propose a new partnership, or get help with a neighborhood issue, we’re here to serve and support you.

By connecting people and organizations with university resources, we’ll continue to make our communities stronger, healthier, and more successful together.

Rocco DiRico

*Executive Director, Tufts University
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above: Young people in nearby communities know Tufts well because so many of our students volunteer with youth-serving organizations and campus community programs like Kids’ Day, Traveling Treasure Trunk, DREAM, Best Buddies, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Through the Leonard Carmichael Society alone, more than 1,000 undergraduates serve more than 30 nonprofit organizations annually.

PROSPERING TOGETHER

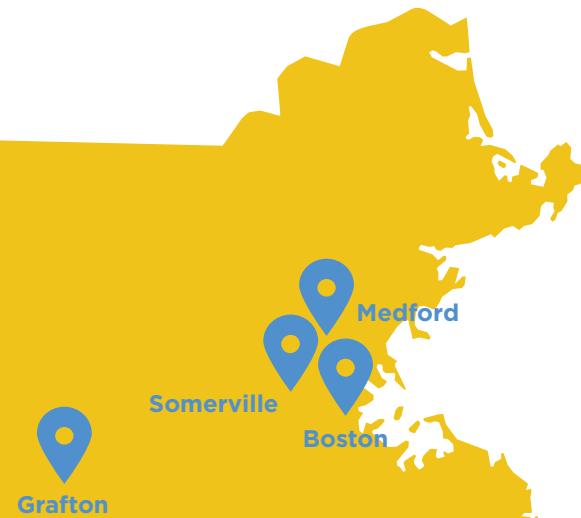
Tufts is an economic engine and a catalyst for growth in Massachusetts and its local host communities.

DISCOVERY & INNOVATION

A major research institution, Tufts University attracted **\$190 million in research funding** to Massachusetts in 2020, much of which was spent locally. Research at Tufts focuses on breaking down walls—between fields, between faculty and students, between what is and what could be—in order to solve the most pressing global challenges of our time.

VISITOR & STUDENT SPENDING

MORE THAN 70,000 PEOPLE VISIT TUFTS DURING A TYPICAL YEAR, SPENDING MORE THAN **\$57 MILLION** IN MASSACHUSETTS.



\$5.5M+

need-based financial aid given to undergraduates from host communities in FY21



5K

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

12K

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ACROSS FOUR CAMPUSES

32K

ALUMNI LIVING IN MA

EMPLOYMENT

Ranked one of the **Top 10 Massachusetts Employers** by *Forbes*, Tufts University is also one of the largest employers in Grafton, Medford, and Somerville. During fiscal year 2020, Tufts employed approximately **5,000 people across our four campuses**.

\$570M

in salaries paid to all Tufts employees

\$106M

in employer payroll taxes, health insurance, and other benefits

\$2.6M

PROPERTY TAXES AND VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS TO HOST COMMUNITIES IN 2020



Housing is a top priority for the university. Tufts added more than **450 beds** over the past 5 years and plans to add more in the near future, including a new high-density, on-campus residence hall.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tufts University partners with small businesses in its host cities to offer programs like the Cherish Chinatown Challenge, Discover Davis, Find Fenway, and Meet Medford, which directly connect more than **1,000 students** to local restaurants, shops, and fitness studios. Off-campus spending by students, faculty, and staff provides a vital contribution to local economies.

\$12M



value of partnerships and other contributions to host communities in 2020

195

Tufts undergraduates enrolled from host communities



EMERGENCY RELIEF

387K masks and medical equipment items donated to local hospitals by Tufts alumni and parents

6K damaged N95 masks repaired by Tufts students and faculty for a local hospital

30 COVID emergency grants donated to local nonprofits

SUPPORT

369

bed nights donated to police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, and COVID+ patients

8K+

Medford and Somerville K-12 students served by Tufts pooled testing partnership

220K

pounds of food stored on campus and distributed by nonprofits to people facing food insecurity

SAFER TOGETHER

The COVID-19 pandemic produced extraordinary collaborations between Tufts and its local communities. The university offered support, resources, expertise, and knowledge from the earliest days, taking every opportunity to keep its neighbors safe and healthy.

Tufts was the first university in Massachusetts to offer campus facilities for relief efforts, housing first responders, health-care workers, and COVID+ patients; providing cold storage and food donations to hunger-relief organizations; and awarding emergency grants to local nonprofits.

Recognizing the importance of testing in densely populated communities, Tufts also administered **1,400 free COVID-19 tests** to our neighbors and worked with Medford and Somerville to launch one of the first public school pooled testing programs in the state, serving **8,831 students**. This partnership, the only one like it in Massachusetts, enabled local schools to reopen safely.



“Our partnership brought peace of mind to students, staff, and families while there were still so many unknowns. I firmly believe that the success of last year’s collaboration has allowed us to start this school year off on a strong note with everyone’s health and safety as our continued highest priority.”

—Superintendent Dr. Marice Edouard-Vincent,
Medford Public Schools



A Somerville Public School teacher visits the Albert F. Argenziano School for COVID testing. Tufts partnered with Medford and Somerville to create one of the state’s first public school pooled testing programs.

SERVING TOGETHER

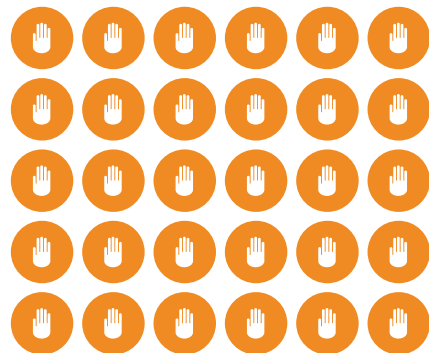
Driven by the ideals of human rights and democratic participation, Tufts students, faculty, and staff seek solutions to the world's most pressing challenges and share a commitment to improving people's lives, beginning right here at home.

Every fall, **185 incoming undergraduates** and **75 student leaders** choose to spend their first days at Tufts volunteering with **45 local nonprofits** through the FOCUS pre-orientation program. Medical students all complete at least **50 hours of community service learning** and dental students participate in a **5-week community externship** each year. More than **1,000 students** from across the university have participated in the Tisch Summer Fellows program since it began, and in a typical summer, they contribute over **24,000 hours of work** to local nonprofit organizations.

Through innovative, interdisciplinary research aimed at addressing real world problems, Tufts also creates cutting-edge research and programs like Shape Up Somerville that benefit host communities.

1,000+

Each year more than **1,000 Leonard Carmichael Society undergraduate students** volunteer for over **30 local organizations**.



GIVING TOGETHER TUFTS COMMUNITY GRANTS

Since 1995, Tufts University faculty and staff have joined together each year to make financial donations to support local nonprofit organizations in Boston, Grafton, Medford, and Somerville.

140

community organizations have received grants since 1995

35

GRANTS AWARDED ANNUALLY



President Monaco meets with Tufts Community Grant recipients.

HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Tufts University's reputation for health sciences innovation extends to many unique community partnerships, from free medical care at The Sharewood Project to Jumbo's Kitchen cooking classes for kids led by nutrition and medical students.

COMMUNITY DENTISTRY

\$28M

saved by community members annually through discounted services at the Tufts Dental Clinic

400+

kids receive dental care from Tufts at their school through the Boston Public Schools Dental Program



TUFTS CHINATOWN WELLNESS INITIATIVE (TCWI)

Tufts medical students partner with the Asian Community Development Corporation and Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center to lead workshops for community residents that promote health literacy and disease prevention in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

"EVERYONE DESERVES EQUAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND IT STARTS WITH GETTING PEOPLE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH."

—Jocelyn Vuong, M24, TCWI Volunteer

Students, faculty, and staff from across the health sciences provide **free medical care, health education, and nutrition programming** for our neighbors.



100+

Volunteer animal-handler teams trained by Paws for People at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine visit with community members in nursing homes, mental health care settings, hospitals, youth group homes, public schools, libraries, and elsewhere.

TUFTS STEM AMBASSADORS

share their passion and excitement with high school students in local schools. They spark students' curiosity through hands-on activities and inspire young women, people of color, and first-generation college-bound students to consider a STEM path for themselves.



Tufts undergraduate and graduate students love to spark Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education excitement for kids through hands-on community programming in schools and at campus events.



“IT WAS LIFE-CHANGING.”

—Josiah Quincy Upper School student



400+

local students and their families attend Read by the River in a typical year

200+

area high school students participated in the annual Region IV Science & Engineering Fair, sponsored by Tufts in 2020

12+

local schools where kids access free tutoring in math, science, and literacy from hundreds of Tufts undergraduate, graduate, medical, dental, nutrition, and veterinary students

LEARNING TOGETHER

Transformative educational experiences are central to the Tufts mission. Through partnerships and collaborations, vibrant community events, and perks for local residents, the university strives to offer lifelong learning opportunities for our neighbors.

Tufts wants to ensure that every child has access to educational opportunities that inspire them. To that end, Jumpstart volunteers help local preschoolers get ready for kindergarten while Let's Get Ready provides SAT Prep for teens. High school students can apply for a Tufts University Pre-College Scholarship to take a class for credit, and neighbors can audit classes at a discounted rate. STOMP Fellows use their engineering expertise to mentor K-12 teachers, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters volunteers mentor young community members.

Youth Arts are also well-supported. City Studio offers Boston teens free access to art studios, equipment, and artist mentoring; the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts hosts the Massachusetts Scholastic Art and Writing Awards; and summer camp scholarships are available through Tufts Children's Theater for local students.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Tufts offers numerous programs and perks for our neighbors.

Free Family Events

- Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Annual Open House
- Give Kids a Smile
- Kids' Day
- Read By the River
- Super Arts Saturday
- Tufts Community Day

Free Lecture Series

- Friedman School Speaker Series
- Hoch Cunningham Environmental Lecture Series
- Tisch College Solomont Speaker Series

Free or Discounted Health Care

- Sharewood Project
- Tufts Dental Clinic

Arts & Entertainment

- Community Movie Nights
- Community Music Programs
- Family & Children's Concert Series
- Magic Circle Theater
- Sunday Concert Series
- Tufts Art Galleries

Fitness

- Swimming Lessons
- Youth Athletic Clinics

STEM Education

- Adventures in Veterinary Medicine
- Center for Engineering Education and Outreach
- Mini-Med School
- Tufts Pre-College

Continuing Education

- Community Audit Program
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute REAL Program
- University College Workshops and Short Courses

Transportation

- Tufts Shuttle (Davis Square, Medford Square, Fenway)

Tufts Community Partners

- Apple Tree Arts
- Art Resource Collaborative for Kids Arts Medford
- Asian American Civic Association
- Asian Community Development Corporation
- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
- Asian Women For Health
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Boston Arts Academy
- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
- Boston Public Schools
- Breakthrough Greater Boston
- Brooks Estate
- CACHE
- CASPAR
- Center for Arabic Culture
- Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility
- Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England
- Chinese Historical Society of New England
- Chinese Progressive Association
- Community Cooks
- Community Cupboard
- Community Harvest
- East Somerville Main Streets
- Elizabeth Peabody House
- Emerald Necklace Conservancy
- English At Large
- Fenway Alliance
- Fenway Community Center
- Friday Night Supper Program
- Friends of the Chevalier Theater
- Friends of the Chinatown Library
- Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
- Grafton Food Bank
- Grafton Senior Center
- Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center
- Groundwork Somerville
- Haley House
- Hearty Meals for All
- Josiah Quincy Elementary School
- Josiah Quincy Upper School
- Kwong Kow Chinese School
- Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair

- MassVote
- Medford Family Network
- Medford Farmers Market
- Medford Health Matters
- Medford Historical Society
- Medford Public Library Foundation
- Medford Public Schools
- Mission Hill Main Streets
- Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services
- Mystic Community Market
- Mystic Learning Center
- Mystic River Watershed Association
- Mystic Valley NAACP
- Mystic Valley YMCA
- Peer Health Exchange
- Project Soup
- RESPOND, Inc.
- Ricesticks and Tea Food Pantry
- Royall House and Slave Quarters
- Saint James Outreach
- Second Chances
- Silver Lining Mentoring
- Sociedad Latina
- Somerville Community Corporation
- Somerville Community Growing Center
- Somerville Council on Aging
- Somerville Education Foundation
- Somerville Family Learning Collaborative
- Somerville Food Security Coalition
- Somerville High School Robotics Team
- Somerville Homeless Coalition
- Somerville Math Fund
- Somerville Museum
- Somerville Public Schools
- Strong Girls United Foundation
- Strong Women, Strong Girls
- The Beautiful Stuff Project
- The Rose Kennedy Greenway
- The Theater Offensive
- The Welcome Project
- Toys for Local Children
- Toys for Tots
- Walnut Street Center
- Wang YMCA of Chinatown
- Wayside Youth and Family Support Network
- West Medford Community Center
- West Medford Open Studios



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Medical and dental students recently launched **Cherish Chinatown**, an initiative that educates students about the history of Boston's Chinatown, the home of Tufts' Health Sciences Campus, and encourages students to engage in community outreach projects like neighborhood clean-ups.