



## **Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M Supports Walker, Inc.**

### *Grant benefits Walker's mission of teaching, caring and building hope*

Walker, the Needham-based agency that transforms lives through partnerships with children and families facing complex emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges, began its fiscal year by receiving a donation from Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M in the amount of \$500.00.

Representatives from the lodge visited Walker's Needham campus and presented the donation to Stephen Haskell, Walker's Vice President of Advancement. Norfolk Lodge's contribution will assist Walker in their mission of teaching, caring, and building hope.



*Pictured from left to right: Stephen Haskell, Walker's Vice President of Advancement, and Michael Centola, Norfolk Lodge A.F.&A.M.*

### **About Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M**

Since April 6, 1874 when a group of brothers formed a committee to establish a Masonic Lodge in Needham, the Norfolk Lodge has been actively involved in many aspects of community life in Needham and the surrounding communities. In addition to being actively engaged in supporting Masonic charitable programs chosen by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Norfolk Lodge is very engaged in supporting local civic and government organizations in the local community. These include sponsorship of a Little League team, assisting the Needham Rotary Club with their Thanksgiving dinner program which provides a meal to those less fortunate residents and families in town. In addition, the Norfolk lodge financially supports the Needham YMCA, the Needham Community Council, the Carter Church Children's Center, the Walker School, the River School, the Needham Parks & Recreation Department and the Needham Exchange Club. We also sponsor pancake breakfasts, free to community members, on our open house days with donation jars whose proceeds go to a local organization. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the lodge sells Christmas trees to residents and surrounding communities and donates 30 trees to the Needham Community Council for distribution to local residents who might otherwise not have a tree.

### **About Walker, Inc.**

Founded in 1961, Walker serves exceptionally vulnerable yet resilient children and youth facing complex social, emotional, behavioral and learning challenges. Walker's effective evidence-based and innovative therapeutic and academic programs positively impact nearly 20,000 children and youth each year throughout Greater Boston, the North and South Shore, as well as in Central Massachusetts. Through campuses in Needham and Watertown, community-based clinical and youth development services, professional seminars, consultations and out-posted Walker staff in public schools, Walker's professionals partner with these children and youth, their families and communities to nurture hope, develop lifelong skills, and build their capacity to be successful in their community. To learn more, please visit us at [WalkerCares.org](http://WalkerCares.org) or [Facebook.com/WalkerCares](https://Facebook.com/WalkerCares).

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