

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

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

**Needham, MA – July 15, 2016** – Walker, nonprofit leader in special education, behavioral health, and residential treatment received a \$500 donation from [Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M.](#) Ethan Gilson, a Norfolk Lodge Officer, visited Walker's Needham campus and presented the donation to Carolyn M. Wood, Walker's Vice President of Advancement. Norfolk Lodge's contribution will assist Walker in delivering highly-specialized academic and therapeutic services to children and families facing social, emotional, learning, and mental health challenges.



Left to Right: Carolyn M. Wood, Walker's Vice President of Advancement, with Ethan Gilson, Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M. Officer.

“We are grateful for the longtime support of the Norfolk Lodge,” said Carolyn M. Wood, Vice President of Advancement at Walker. “Community partnerships like this continue to be essential to the growth and future success of the children and youth served by Walker's therapeutic and academic programs.”

The Needham-based Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M. has developed their community partnership with Walker over the last five years. This year, the Norfolk Lodge has continued their support through sponsorship of Walker's 2016 [Change Shoes, Change Lives](#) Run and Walk. The family-friendly, USA Track and Field certified 5K Run and Walk draws more than 550 participants to DeFazio Park in

Needham, followed by a finish line celebration. This year's [Change Shoes, Change Lives](#) Run and Walk takes place Sunday, October 2, 2016.

“The members of Norfolk Lodge take great pride in being able to continue to support local community organizations like Walker,” said Ethan Gilson, a Norfolk Lodge A.F. & A.M. Officer. “It is truly inspiring to look around the Needham campus and see the amazing service Walker provides to the students, their families, and community as a whole. We look forward to walking side by side with the rest of the members of our community on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.”

### **About Walker**

Walker is a leading not-for-profit charitable organization providing intensive, highly specialized therapeutic and academic services for exceptionally vulnerable yet resilient children, teens, and families facing complex mental health, emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges. Founded in 1961, Walker's evidence-based programs positively impact thousands of children, teens, and families each year throughout Greater Boston, the North and South Shore as well as in Central Massachusetts. Walker provides services through campuses in Needham and Watertown, community-based clinical, home-based, parent education and youth development programs, professional seminars, consultations, and coaching. For more information, please visit [walkercares.org](http://walkercares.org) or [facebook.com/WalkerCares](https://facebook.com/WalkerCares)

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