



Grunin Foundation



The Grunin Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for all members of our community by using philanthropy to drive economic excellence at the Central Jersey Shore. They absolutely rise to the ambition of that statement, and we sincerely nominate them for a 2020 Excellence in Philanthropy Award as Outstanding Foundation.

Their generosity is extraordinary: they have made over 200 grants since 2013, investing \$25 million, with an additional \$20 million committed, during that time. Hackensack Meridian Health has received transformational support from the Grunin Foundation. They provided a leadership gift for Ocean Medical Center's graduate medical education program as it was founded in 2018, and in 2020 committed to a transformational gift to institute a training program for patient care technicians. These gifts have been crucial to the clinical team's success, ultimately benefiting patients and the community on the whole. More broadly, these commitments are the embodiment of several of their top priorities: healthcare, education, and driving economic excellence at the Central Jersey Shore.

This adherence to core values extends to all of the Grunin Foundation's beneficiaries. Area healthcare networks, educational institutions, humanitarian entities, and arts organizations that have instituted innovative and unique programs have received generous funding from the Grunin Foundation. A hallmark of their philanthropy is mutual respect: they are proud of the organizations they support, and it shows in the growth and programmatic innovation that follows.

The Grunin Foundation is also unique among foundations in its emphasis on fostering collaborative relationships between area nonprofits, and providing educational opportunities that strengthen their effectiveness. Their Catapult Institute Series of educational programs focus on key aspects of nonprofit management and strategy. They take care to identify content experts and effective speakers to educate and inspire attendees. All area nonprofits are invited and encouraged to attend these sessions. They see it as their responsibility to develop nonprofits into the most effective entities possible.



President Jeremy Grunin has built an excellent team that support and encourage the organizations they fund. They provide assistance with marketing, program strategy, and spurring further philanthropy. Jeremy, along with his father Jay, who is co-founder and chairman of the Foundation, executive director Heather Barberi, and other members of the team serve on many boards. They ensure ongoing success and bring their broad perspectives to each entity they support.

The Grunin Foundation has a genuine appreciation for the comprehensive and essential services that nonprofits provide in our communities. We are fortunate to have the Grunin Foundation as an integral part of the ecosystem that supports our local communities, and are proud to nominate them as an outstanding foundation.

We encourage everyone to visit the Grunin Foundation's website for a comprehensive overview of their extraordinary commitment to the wellbeing of our communities: www.gruninfoundation.org.