Established by the state legislature through Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, PWTF received $60 million over four years, through funding from an assessment of health insurers and large hospital systems. The MetroWest Prevention & Wellness Partnership, coordinated by the Town of Hudson, received $4.5 million as one of nine partnerships across the Commonwealth.

THE NEED
Preventable and chronic health conditions continue to climb. Furthermore, health care inequities based on race, income, and geography are a persistent challenge. Framingham, Hudson, Marlborough, and Northborough communities adjoin each other and share many cultural and social assets, institutions, and aspirations. They are also home to some of Massachusetts’ most diverse, vulnerable, and high-risk individuals and families.

Prior to PWTF, there was no coordinated approach to address common health challenges and inequities affecting these communities. PWTF leverages a network of health care providers, community-based organizations, residents, leaders, and existing initiatives to bring a comprehensive approach to the prevention and management of pediatric asthma, hypertension, falls in older adults, and tobacco use.

CLINICAL PARTNERS
• Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Framingham
• MetroWest Medical Center
• Charles River Medical Associates
• Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
• Hudson Health Department
• Framingham Health Department
• Marlborough Health Department
• Northborough Health Department
• MetroWest YMCA
• YMCA of Central MA., Boroughs Family Branch
• Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.
• Metropolitan Area Planning Council
• Center for Health Impact

“...I’m so thankful that I’m getting taken care of like this...”

John DeBarios participated in the Assisted Home Safety Assessment to prevent falls at home. He received lighting supplies for his bathroom and hallways.

Learn more at www.mass.gov/pwtf
THE PARTNERSHIPS
PWTF supports a partnership that shares leadership among clinical, municipal, and community organizations. The coordinating partner (Town of Hudson) is responsible for building, monitoring, and maintaining a robust infrastructure of working relationships that focuses on referral management, training, data collection and evaluation, and quality improvement.

THE LOCAL IMPACT
Since implementing the program, the MetroWest Prevention & Wellness Partnership made over 875 referrals from health care providers to community organizations. PWTF is proving to be an essential component in the mission to improve health outcomes and combat health inequities in our communities.

1. US Census, American FactFinder. 2010 data. Prepared by MDPH.