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Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy  
Waltham City Hall, 610 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Mayor McCarthy,

I was asked recently to speak about the ways that Gore Place contributes to the Waltham community. I thought that you might like to see our list:

- 50 acres of open land maintained for free recreational use year-round
- Preservation of three early 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings for programs about life in early Waltham and for community use
- Free admission & transportation for a half-day local history program for Waltham 5<sup>th</sup> grades arranged by Gore Place and Belmont Savings Bank; reduced cost for other grades
- Free plants and seeds for the Fitzgerald School raised bed program
- Free admission for children at the annual Sheep Shearing Festival (2016-29<sup>th</sup> year)
- Free admission for Waltham residents at Columbus Day scavenger hunt at Gore Place
- Free Book Nook and Story Trail near the chickens and sheep for early readers
- Free use of the land for the Vietnam Veterans Moving Memorial Wall in 2005 and August 2016
- Free use of the land for Waltham High School graduations 2006-2010
- Free library passes for children
- Free use of mansion for Waltham Chamber of Commerce annual Scholar's Breakfast
- Free use of the estate for annual rocket launch day for Waltham Boy Scouts
- Paid college farm intern program
- Reduced museum dues for Waltham residents
- Our staff members are active in the Waltham Tourism Council, Chamber of Commerce, Historic Waltham Days and the Waltham Rotary

I hope that this summary of our efforts may be useful as you continue to pursue the economic development of Waltham. Gore is very pleased to be part of Waltham's future.

Sincerely,

Susan Robertson  
Executive Director