

Seta Nersessian '76



After graduating from Ursuline Academy, Seta Nersessian '76 earned her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and a JD degree from Loyola University School of Law, before establishing a career as an attorney.

Inspired by the work of numerous local non-profit organizations working to relieve food insecurity, Nersessian, with her partner and some friends, co-founded the nonprofit organization Three Squares New England in 2011 to help those struggling to put food on the table. The organization brings together hunger relief partners, donors, and supporters to raise awareness of food insecurity. The founding members of Three Squares had little experience starting a nonprofit or organizing a bicycle ride – evidence of how sheer willingness to help solve a problem can sometimes be one's greatest superpower.

Three Squares' signature event, The Ride for Food, is an annual 50- or 25-mile bike ride that starts and ends in Dedham, and winds its way through Dedham, Needham, Dover, and other adjacent towns. The Ride has raised close to \$4.6 million dollars since its inception, and uniquely, 100% of the money raised has gone back to its nonprofit participants.

Nersessian has always held a passion for helping others. In addition to her work as co-founder and board member of Three Squares, she also serves on the Board of Armenian Women's Welfare Association, which serves elders locally and internationally through the sponsorship of elder service programs.