

2006 ANNUAL REPORT



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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Southeastern Connecticut

DREAM...

Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. applauded *Let's Read's* dream to get every child in the region reading at grade level by third grade.



CONNECT...

Connecticut College's Office of Volunteers for Community Service connects college students and middle school girls in a mentoring program that helps them learn to make good choices in all aspects of their lives.



BUILD.

Morgan Penn was a participant and Community Foundation scholarship winner who recently graduated from Howard University.



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DREAM... CONNECT... BUILD.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO TRANSFORM OUR
REGION INTO A MORE VITAL, CARING COMMUNITY.

WE STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY BUILDING A SUBSTANTIAL, ENDURING ENDOWMENT

WE DEFINE AND MEET REGIONAL CHALLENGES BY REINFORCING AND CONNECTING
COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

WE MAGNIFY THE IMPACT OF INDIVIDUAL GENEROSITY THROUGH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS
AND TARGETED INITIATIVES.

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Dream, connect, build...continued.

No community foundation exists in isolation: every time we help an individual or a nonprofit connect to the resources in our community we have moved forward and strengthened the whole.

People often assume that there is a finite number of dollars, a prescribed amount of available resources, so that nonprofits need to compete with each other in order to access those assets. We don't look at it that way: part of our mission is to help nonprofits be successful in achieving their missions; we salute and celebrate each of their triumphs because they enrich us all. And we believe that there are no limits to the generosity and good will of the residents of southeastern Connecticut. If we show people that their time and expertise are valuable commodities, that their financial contributions are being invested wisely and used judiciously, and that there are pressing and important needs in our region, we are confident from past experience they will respond.



Bridget Baird and Alice Fitzpatrick

From the board chair and the president

So what are some of the ways in which we connect with our community? Our 18 current trustees come from 9 different towns and themselves have connections with local organizations ranging from art museums to libraries to soup kitchens. In 25 years of operation we have enjoyed the perspectives of 125+ trustees residing in each of our 11 towns. The money to support scholarships, general grants,

women and girls programs and literacy is distributed by committees of volunteers (40 of them this year!) who spend hundreds of hours researching organizations, visiting programs and discussing grants. Twenty additional volunteers connect with the community by serving on such committees of the board as investment, endowment development, and audit. All of these involved people connect with our community by offering their time, interest, and expertise. Other individuals connect financially through donor advised funds, legacies, bequests and wills. Many of these gifts have specific purposes, others are left to the discretion of the Foundation. For example, 48 different donors have set up scholarships here, each designed for a unique pool of applicants. All of them make our community stronger. The Foundation has also been actively connecting with other nonprofits in the region, not only by making grants, but by encouraging them to build their own permanent endowments through offering seed money as an incentive.

In these times, when so many world and national events seem beyond our control, it is urgent to connect to our own community, to embrace the wonderfully rich fabric of towns and people and interests that make this area of Connecticut such a dynamic and stimulating environment. Through connecting, we hope to foster resilience. By connecting, we offer a way to develop a sense of place, of community, of belonging – not in an exclusionary way but in a way that brings people together to solve problems and share stories and spread hope. These are the connections that enrich each of us; these are the connections that construct a vital, caring community.

Bridget Baird
Board Chair

Alice Fitzpatrick
President

Three generations of the Gipstein family share a generous spirit and a steady commitment to their community.

As a cardiologist, Dr. Edward Gipstein, age 103, not only helped hundreds of patients but also started (and for years directed) the medical education program at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. His wife, Fuzzy, age 82, continues to curate exhibits at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum and elsewhere, give lectures, and promote the arts with boundless, contagious enthusiasm.

Generosity and Commitment Through Three Generations

As Dr. Edward's 95th birthday approached, his and Fuzzy's sons and daughters-in-law — Rick and Myra Gipstein and Todd and Marcia Gipstein — pondered. "There was nothing he needed," Rick says. They aimed instead for something to honor him and his life-long interests. "We wanted something local, and something that would last," Rick says.

They established a Community Foundation scholarship in Dr. Edward's name, to aid students pursuing careers in fields related to medicine. "Education has always been important to my dad," Rick says, "and he's always been proud of his own education." (He's one of the oldest living graduates of Harvard College.)

For Fuzzy's 80th birthday, the family expanded the scholarship to include her name and reflect her interests (which, Todd notes, are "in art, education, and

helping people"). Today the Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship is also open to students pursuing careers in the arts.

The Gipsteins feel that scholarship aid is especially important because so many young people and their families must struggle to meet rising education costs. They chose the Community Foundation because of their own experiences. Rick served on the Foundation's Board of Directors and on its scholarship committee; later Myra also served on the scholarship committee. "We know that the Foundation is very well run, and that it supports many worthwhile local programs," Rick says.

Since the scholarship was established, family members (including Fuzzy herself) and friends have added to it. "We hope that the scholarship can keep growing in perpetuity," Rick says.

Now a new generation is helping the community. Rick and Myra's daughter, Sophie, a freshman at Fitch Senior High School, wanted to contribute some of her bat mitzvah gifts to charity (as her brother, Sam, a Fitch senior, had done a few years earlier with some of his bar mitzvah gifts). Sophie decided to help support LEARN's Mother/Daughter Nurturing Program, under the Foundation's Women & Girls Fund. "That struck a chord with Sophie," Myra says.

Sophie reads a lot, and often she reads about young girls, the problems they face, and the choices they make. "It's really important for mothers and daughters to speak out about what's going on," she says. "When girls can talk with their mothers, they can make better decisions."

During 12 weeks this spring, the Nurturing Program and its staff provided an opportunity for mothers and daughters to share meals, hear visiting speakers, and talk together about their hopes, their needs, their lives. Abbie Flaherty, coordinator for the program, says, "We're building a foundation for

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Three generations of Gipsteins. Photo courtesy of Gipstein family.

grants 2006

THE COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION AWARDS

\$1,271,927

IN GRANTS FOR 2006

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE

Alliance For Living

Safety net program for unemployed
.....\$10,000

Care and Share Soup Kitchen

Food and supplies for community meals
.....\$2,500

Child Adoption Resource Association

Training for families interested in adoption of needy children
.....\$5,000

Community Health Center

Equipment for treating patients with cardiac emergencies
.....\$7,500

Connecticut Legal Services

Outreach project for non-English speakers
.....\$15,000

The Cove Center for Grieving Children

Support for children who have experienced the loss of a parent
.....\$5,000

Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut

Sponsorship of a new home to be built in the Davis Farm community
.....\$15,000

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding

Training for volunteers working with the developmentally disabled
.....\$5,000

Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut

Emergency assistance fund for families
.....\$5,000

LEARN

Collaborative program to prevent and control obesity in children
.....\$10,000

Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut

Programs for adults learning English
.....\$5,000

Madonna Place

Fatherhood Initiative program for non-custodial fathers
.....\$5,000

Martin House

Supportive employment program for mentally disabled
.....\$5,000

Mystic River Homes Congregate

Alarm system to monitor safety and medical status of residents
.....\$3,000

New London Community Meal Center

Kitchen equipment for community meal service
.....\$2,500

Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)

Scholarships for certified nursing assistant program
.....\$15,000

Thames Area Citizen Advocacy Program

Volunteer advocates for nursing home residents
.....\$5,000

Thames River Family Program

Computers for job search programs
.....\$5,000

United Community & Family Services

Program to benefit children in high-conflict divorces
.....\$5,000

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut

Fuel assistance for low-income families
.....\$15,000

W.A.R.M. Shelter

Shelter and meals for Connecticut residents
.....\$5,000

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Outreach and education for youth affected by domestic violence
.....\$3,500

EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut

School-based mentoring program in seven schools
.....\$15,000

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut

Equipment for the B. P. Learned Mission expansion
.....\$7,500

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut

Upgrade classroom space for improved accessibility
.....\$7,500

Connecticut Center for School Change

Coaching and support for school reform in New London
.....\$10,000

Connecticut Storytelling Center

Literacy program in schools
.....\$3,500

DNA EpiCenter

DNA/forensic analysis program for local schools
.....\$15,000

Drop-In Learning Center

Programs for children during school vacations
.....\$7,500

The Friendship School

Library and media center equipment
.....\$3,500

Historically Black College Alumni

Program to encourage young people to attend college
.....\$3,500

Mashantucket Pequot Museum

Archeological studies for New London middle school students
.....\$5,000

New London Community Boating

Scholarships for sailing program
.....\$2,500

New London Public Schools

Bateswoods environmental education program for students and parents
.....\$7,500

New London Youth Organization, Inc.

Teen Community Center
.....\$15,000

Office of Youth Affairs

Field trips to visit colleges
.....\$3,500

Project Oceanology

Scholarships for summer camps
.....\$2,500

Riverfront Children's Center

Tuition assistance for low-income families
.....\$7,500

Virtual Voyages

Educational boating program
.....\$2,500

Waterford Country School

Support of new gymnasium
.....\$5,000

ARTS & CULTURE**Connecticut Lyric Opera**

OPERAtunities program for area elementary schools
.....\$5,000

Eastern Connecticut Ballet

Educational assemblies for schools on the Nutcracker ballet
.....\$5,000

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra

Concerts for elementary schools
.....\$15,000

Florence Griswold Museum

Art Goes to School program to meet Connecticut curriculum goals
.....\$7,500

Garde Arts Center

After-school arts programs and family performances
.....\$15,000

Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Education programs for New London students
.....\$15,000

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts

Scholarships for talented youth in pre-college program.
.....\$10,000

Mystic Arts Center

Literacy Through Art program at New London elementary school
.....\$15,000

Mystic Ballet

After school ballet program in New London
.....\$7,500

Mystic Seaport Museum

Teacher Institute on *Black Hands, Blue Seas* exhibit
.....\$10,000

CIVIC & ENVIRONMENT**Community Coalition for Children**

Expansion of parent education programs and teen forums
.....\$7,500

Connecticut Library Consortium

Support of the *One Book, One Region* initiative
.....\$2,500

The Nature Conservancy

Support of collaborative land use planning in North Stonington
.....\$7,500

New London Main Street

Volunteer training and support
.....\$5,000

The Trust for Public Land

Workshops for towns on open space protection and access to the Sound
.....\$7,500

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these moms and daughters—for the girls to be able to talk to their moms and ask questions, and for the moms to listen, hear what they're saying."

Sophie likes hearing about how the Nurturing Program is working, and the whole family is delighted that Fuzzy and Dr. Edward can see their scholarship fund in action. When recipients send thank-you's or progress reports, Fuzzy writes back. "She's touched and often awed by what these kids are doing," Todd says.

The Gipsteins hope that others, including other young people, will see how effective—and enjoyable—it is to pitch in, to contribute, to help.

grants from designated and donor advised funds

THESE ORGANIZATIONS

REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OUR

DONORS SUPPORT THROUGH THEIR

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation

American Cancer Society

American Red Cross

Animal Welfare League of New London County

The Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc.

Applied Sustainable Aquaculture

Avalonia Land Conservancy

Avodah Dance Ensemble

Boy Scout Troop 33

Boy Scouts of America

B.P. Learned Mission

Brazilian Immigrant Center

Bulkeley Alumni Association

Centro de La Comunidad, Inc.

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut

Chinese Progressive Association

City Life/Vida Urbana

CLASP Homes, Inc.

Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area,

Connecticut College Development Department

Connecticut Humane Society

Connecticut Public Television & Radio

Covenant Shelter of N.L., Inc.

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

DNA EpiCenter

Doctor's without Borders USA

Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship

Eastern Connecticut Ballet

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra

Essex Meadows Scholarship Foundation

First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

First Congregational Church of Lyme

Florence Griswold Museum

Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern CT

Haitian Health Foundation

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

Hospice of Southeastern CT

Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

Judy Dworin Performance Project, Inc.

L.A.M.B.S. Club

Latin Network for Visual Arts

Lawrence & Memorial Hospital

Lincoln School

Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut

Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Lyme Art Association

Lyme Land Conservation Trust

Lyme Public Hall

LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

McCurdy-Salisbury Education Foundation

Middlesex Hospital Office of Philanthropy

Mitchell College

Mount Moriah Church

Mystic & Noank Library

Mystic Area Shelter And Hospitality (MASH)

Mystic Arts Center

Mystic Marinelife Aquarium

Mystic River Ambulance Association

The Nature Conservancy

New London Community Boating

New London Community Meal Center

New London County Historical Society

New London Day Nursery

New London Office of Youth Affairs

New London Public Schools

New London Youth Organization, Inc.

Niantic Center School

Noank Historical Society

Old Lyme Children's Learning Center

Old Lyme Social Services

Old Saybrook High School

Oxfam America

Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut

Pine Point School

Portrait of a City: the New London Project

Prevent Blindness Tri-State

Project RIGHT, Inc.

Public Library of New London

Rotary Club of Mystic

A Sacred Place

Salvation Army

Sociedad Latina

Special Olympics Connecticut

St. Francis House

St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Paul's Church

Stonington Education Fund

Stonington Free Library

Town of Lyme (Hartman Park)

United Community & Family Services

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut

University of Delaware

Virtual Voyages, Inc.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut

Waterford Ambulance Association

Waterford Country School

Waterford Public Library

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

West Farms Land Trust

Williams School

Yale University

YMCA of Southeastern Conn., Inc.-Coastline Branch

how to apply for a Community Foundation Grant

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut awards grants to federally recognized 501(c)(3) organizations and to other charitable, educational and civic organizations serving the towns of New London, Groton, Waterford, Ledyard, Stonington, North Stonington, Salem, Montville, East Lyme, Old Lyme and Lyme. Grants are made in the area of arts and culture, community development, education, environment, and health and social services. Grant application guidelines are available for each of the grant programs listed below.

The process for applying for a grant at the Foundation should begin with a phone call to Jennifer O'Brien, program director, at 860-442-3572 to determine eligibility and appropriateness of your proposal idea.

GENERAL GRANTS

NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE

Competitive grants are made to a variety of community organizations in the range of \$2,500 to \$20,000. High priorities include programs that:

- ▶ Strengthen families;
- ▶ Improve access to area resources among under-served populations;
- ▶ Enable residents to participate in the cultural life of the community;
- ▶ Demonstrate collaborative efforts and inclusive practices;
- ▶ Reinforce best practices or show innovative approaches;
- ▶ Add to the general well-being of our region.

Grant decisions are made after careful review by an appointed grants committee and approved by the board of trustees. Grant decisions are made annually in March.

THE WOMEN & GIRLS FUND

AUGUST 15 DEADLINE

The Women & Girls Fund was established to harness the vitality of women living and working in our region for the purpose of uplifting other women and girls who face challenges in their lives. Grants range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. The Fund is currently focusing on these areas:

- ▶ Preventing teen pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases;
- ▶ Preventing domestic violence and supporting its victims.
- ▶ Providing for the needs of New London women with limited incomes, aged 62 and over.
- ▶ Helping women enter or reenter the workforce.

Grant decisions are made in October.

LET'S READ

MARCH 15 DEADLINE

The *Let's Read Fund* was established to help every child in the region read at grade level by third grade. Grant awards are made to libraries, schools and non-profit organizations in the range of \$2,000 to \$10,000. Preference is given to proposals that:

- ▶ Make reading cool! Generate the motivation to read among our youth;
- ▶ Foster life-long reading skills as a path to success in life;
- ▶ Address family literacy and create nurturing relationships between kids and their parents or mentors around reading;
- ▶ Target disadvantaged or under-served audiences.

Grant decisions are made in May.

SCHOLARSHIPS

APRIL 1 DEADLINE

The Foundation manages 48 scholarship funds that grant more than 100 student awards annually. Scholarship candidates must be residents of the Foundation's 11-town region, plan on attending accredited educational institutions, and are high school seniors, college or graduate students. Awards range from \$500 to \$20,000 and award decisions are made in June.

Guidelines and applications for grants and scholarship programs may be obtained online at www.cfsect.org or requested from the Foundation at 860-442-3572 or via e-mail at JennOB@cfsect.org.

women & girls fund 2006

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From a Penny a Week To a \$2 Million Fund

The Foundation's Women & Girls Fund represents nearly 200 years of generosity and caring, with contributions of all sizes and kinds adding up over time. The needs of women and girls in Southeastern Connecticut have changed over the years, and will keep on changing, but the Fund and its supporters will be there – attentive, flexible, ready to meet those needs.

Highlights:

- 1810** Harriet Richards Lewis and other New London women launch the Female Cent Society, with each member contributing a penny a week to help women and children in need.
- 1836** The society is named the Lewis Female Cent Society, after Harriet provides for it in her will.
- 1877** Dr. Seth Smith provides in his will for a home “for aged respectable, indigent women of New London.” (*He dies in 1878.*)
- 1881** The Smith Memorial Home is established.
- 1999** The Women & Girls Fund is established, with a gift from the Lewis Female Cent Society.
- 2003** Proceeds from the estate of Lydia I. Korolkiewicz are used to establish a fund in her name, under the Women & Girls Fund umbrella, to prevent domestic violence and aid its victims.
- 2004** On its fifth anniversary, the Women & Girls Fund launches the Lewis Century Society (*for those who include Women & Girls in their estate planning*) and passes the \$1 million mark.
- 2006** With the addition of the Smith Memorial Fund, the Women & Girls Fund passes the \$2 million mark.



Harriet Richards Lewis

Lewis Century Society Charter Members

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Julie A. Olson
Evelyn Peyton

women & girls fund grants

Community Partnerships & Planned Parenthood

Askable Adult Program, a nationally recognized model of teen pregnancy prevention involving parents of teens with a focus on bi-lingual families. **\$20,000**

Connecticut College/Office of Volunteers for Community Service

Good Choice, My Choice, a mentoring program between college students and middle school girls to explore issues of self-esteem, career planning, pregnancy, drugs, and healthy relationships **\$3,400**
(Funded in part by the Lewis Female Cent Society)

Girl Scouts, Connecticut Trails Council

Project Anti-Violence Education (PAVE) to educate girls 5 to 17 about tactics to prevent and/or combat violence in their homes, neighborhoods and classrooms **\$7,000**

Kente Cultural Center

Chat and Chew, a program to help girls aged 11 to 17 with issues of self-esteem, relationships, career choices, and sexuality **\$3,100**

LEARN

Weekly meetings to help mothers and daughters to develop healthy relationships and improve decision making for teens **\$5,986**

National Council of Negro Women – New London

A series of workshops aimed at African American teens to reduce teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and domestic violence **\$4,000**

New London Adult and Continuing Education

A collaboration with Visting Nurses Association to provide workshops on teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, and family health. **\$4,800**

Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Domestic violence counseling services for women in Stonington and North Stonington in partnership with the Women's Center. **\$2,000**

SCADD

Group counseling for victims of domestic violence who are seeking treatment for substance abuse. **\$5,000**
(Funded by the Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund)

Thames River Family Program

A program to improve parent/child relationships in families who have experienced domestic violence and to help break cycle of violence **\$7,500**

Town of Groton Department of Human Services

Fantastic 4 Girls Program, a weekly after-school program for at-risk girls facilitated by women who have overcome teen pregnancy and other obstacles. **\$5,000**

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Spanish language services and culturally sensitive programming for Hispanic victims of domestic violence. **\$10,000**
(Funded by the Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund)

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Education and training for women returning to the workforce after leaving an abusive relationship **\$1,000**
(Funded by the Murstein Family Fund and the Lewis Female Cent Society)

Total Grants **\$78,786**

In 1876, Dr. Seth Smith, a New London physician and pharmacist known for his caring ways, included in his will a provision to establish a home for “aged, respectable, indigent women who are or have been residents of New London.” Today, his vision and his caring spirit are still at work through the Smith Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation.

A Doctor's Good Care Continues

In New Ways, in a New Century

The Smith Memorial Home opened in the 1880's, first occupying a building where the New London Post Office now stands. In the 1930's, the Home moved into a stately new brick building at the corner of Williams and Vauxhall Streets.

At first, residents turned over all of their assets to the Home; later, they paid — if they could — prescribed fees. Once the arrangements were made, the women planned to live out their lives with dignity in comfortable surroundings.

But eventually, explains Joseph Cipparone, attorney first for the Smith Memorial Home and then for the Smith Memorial Fund, “The promise to care for the women for life became impossible to fulfill.” The Home did not offer skilled nursing care so when a resident needed such care, the Home had to move her to a nursing home. The cost of nursing home care depleted the Home's endowment.

As operating funds dwindled, the labor, maintenance and insurance costs of operating the Home (with more than 20 bedrooms) were rising. Moreover, the

Home had trouble attracting residents because the advent of social security encouraged elderly women to stay at home instead of residing in a home for the aged.

In 1990, the Connecticut Superior Court approved selling the Home, liquidating its furnishings, and using the proceeds to establish a trust fund to aid elderly women. The Child & Family Agency purchased the building for what now is the home of The New London Day Nursery.

The Smith Memorial Fund announced the creation of its charitable endowment and began receiving grant proposals, reviewing them, and distributing funds to charitable organizations that assist older women.

In 2005, the Board of the Smith Memorial Fund met with the Community Foundation to discuss how the Foundation might assist the Smith Fund in furthering its mission. The Board found that the Community Foundation could help the Fund:

- ▶ Make wiser grants by utilizing the expertise of foundation staff, processing grant applications efficiently, and reviewing the effectiveness of grants.
- ▶ Provide greater exposure in the community for the Smith Memorial Fund by becoming part of the successful Women and Girls Fund initiative at the Foundation.
- ▶ Increase its endowment through gifts from donors designating the Smith Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation.
- ▶ Increase its endowment through the professional management of its funds by the Investment Committee of the Foundation and its investment manager, the Russell Company.

“It was an ‘Aha!’ moment,” says Jean Caron, when she saw clearly how helpful it would be to place the Smith Fund under the Women & Girls Fund initiative and urged that the process be carried out. Caron, who serves on the Smith board and who helped launch Women & Girls, notes that volunteers in non-profit organizations “often have opportunities like this.” With their involvement

and experience, they can recognize and promote new ways for their organizations “to expand their universe.”

In 2006, the Board voted unanimously to create a component fund at the Community Foundation. The Smith Memorial Fund had to return to Superior Court to obtain judicial approval to join the Community Foundation. The Foundation — with its long experience in southeastern Connecticut, its awareness of area problems, and its knowledge of area organizations — can now help direct Smith Fund distributions most effectively.

Placed in the Foundation’s Women & Girls Fund, the Smith Memorial Fund put Women & Girls over the \$2 million mark. In 2006, the Smith Memorial Fund distributed over \$37,000 to seven organizations and agencies aiding elderly women in New London. They helped to support a literacy program for immigrant women, meals and information for elderly Latino women, a fitness and nutrition program in senior housing, educational programs at the New London Senior Center, and meals, equipment, skilled nursing and support to elderly women living at home.

Dr. Smith could not have envisioned such ways of administering his legacy, but they are entirely in keeping with what he intended. In years to come, the Smith Memorial Fund will continue to support older women in New London — to do what Dr. Smith would have wanted, perhaps in brand-new ways.



Participants in the S.I.S.T.E.R. Mentoring Program. Photo Courtesy of Connecticut College.

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Mariana Fermin and her daughter Luz participate in Motherread/Fatheread® at the Friendship School in Waterford. Photo: Jeff Evans

Let's Read Fund grants

Big Brothers Big Sisters of S.E. Connecticut

Elementary school program to develop supportive mentoring relationships through reading **\$3,000**

Connecticut College – Office of Volunteers for Community Service

Expansion of *Kids, Books & Athletics* program to include family nights..... **\$4,000**

Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut

Support of program to put volunteer tutors in New London and Groton schools **\$5,000**

Leslie E. Buck Memorial Fund

Literacy programs at Deans Mill School..... **\$1,000**

Mary Morrisson Elementary School

Noontime book club for the fourth and fifth grades **\$3,500**

Motheread/Fatheread®

Training and support of five family literacy programs in southern New London county..... **\$17,000**

New London Adult and Continuing Education

Family literacy program to encourage reading in the homes of Even Start families **\$3,050**
(Funded in part by the Avery Morgan Children's Literacy Fund)

North Stonington Elementary School

Families Read Together program to encourage parents and children to read together **\$2,334**

New London Office of Youth Affairs

Whale Tales Book Bank for New London families **\$3,530**

Regional Multicultural Magnet School

Summer reading program focusing on weekly themes..... **\$5,000**

Riverfront Children's Center

Program to increase math and science literacy from an early age... **\$1,931**

Salem School

Project *Stick With It – Boys Bond With Books* for middle school students **\$1,600**

University of Connecticut at Avery Point

Mentoring and reading program between college students and Groton middle school students. **\$3,350**

West Vine Street Elementary School

Program of family literacy incentives for disadvantaged students... **\$1,640**

Winthrop Elementary School

Reading programs to bring parents and caregivers into school to support their children's literacy. **\$930**

TOTAL GRANTS..... **\$56,865**



Empowerment is a process that challenges our assumptions about the way things are and can be. It challenges our assumptions about power, helping, achieving and succeeding. In practice, the empowerment process helps people gain control over their own lives, fostering power in them, for use in their own lives, their communities and in their society.

Mothers Read Fathers Read

Motheread/Fatheread® is a great example of empowerment. This nationwide literacy program was brought to New London County in 2006 by a collaboration between the Connecticut Humanities Council and The Community Foundation through its *Let's Read* initiative. *Let's Read* provides grants to libraries, schools and their community partners to foster the love of reading and learning in children.

The Motheread/Fatheread® program focuses on entire families and is based on the conviction that the desire to strengthen the parent-child relationship is profoundly motivating. By combining literacy skills with child development and family empowerment, Motheread/Fatheread® teaches parents and children to use the power of language to discover more about themselves, their families and their communities. Parents who participate in the classes improve their own reading skills, not only help-

ing their children become better readers and thinkers, but improving family communication.

Look at Carmen Ortiz and her two sons, Anthony (8) and Andrew (5). Since their first involvement in Motheread/Fatheread. Carmen, who suffered a stroke two years ago and had to relearn almost everything, has received a high school diploma from New London Adult Education. Anthony, who used to be made fun of because he couldn't read, is now on the honor roll at school and he loves to read. Andrew, who's hearing impairment made him shy and unwilling to talk, is now laughing and interacting with others.

For Bill and Robin Scanlon and their son Zachary (5), who is autistic, Motheread was a "total learning experience." Not only did the program encourage Bill to finish his GED, he also learned how to sew when the class put on a puppet show. Most importantly, they have learned to better communicate with Zach, who now has a favorite book: *The Three Bears*.

Soline Francillon and her two sons, Jovanili (3) and Akeem (4), now not only share a love of reading, they share greater respect and patience for each other.

Parents who did not speak English well have learned the language and have become more confident, which, in turn, has fostered confidence in their children. And the more confident their children, the prouder they become. Those who participate in Motheread/Fatheread® are succeeding and are setting a good example for the wider community. That's how empowerment works. It transforms. It changes lives.

scholarships 2006

SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDED IN 2006

TOTALED

\$214,300

Marjory B. and Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship:
Felicia Jarvis, Fitch High School, Marianna Reyes, New London High School, Aine McCarthy, Waterford High School, Brandon Secl, East Lyme High School and Danny Huang, Montville High School. Each of these winners has made strong contributions to their school communities.

The Tuneski/Sheflott Heritage Scholarship:
Kelly Spellman, Stonington High School

The Rita and Myron Hendel Scholarship:
Rosanna Alvarez, New London High School

The Dr. Charles K. Lee Rotary Scholarship:
Clifford Aguele, New London High School

The Alcino Almeida Scholarship:
David Arroyo, New London High School

The Arnold W. Avery Scholarship:
Riley Nolan, Fitch High School

The Citizens Bank Scholarship:
Jacqueline Rose, Montville High School

The Dicesare-Bentley & William Bentley Memorial Scholarship:
Nathan Lloyd, Groton; Hetul Patel, New London; Kyle Betts, East Lyme; Mary McOmber, Montville

The Leslie Buck Teacher Education Scholarship:
Noelle Hale, Stonington High School

The Patricia K. Drake Scholarship:
Latasha Mims, New London High School

The David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship:
Jessica Murray, Groton, Xibei Jia, Ledyard, and Jennifer Michaels, Stonington

The C. Francis Driscoll Citizenship and Public Affairs Scholarship:
Michael Battista, New London High School

The Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship:
Stephanie Schuyler, Fitch High School

John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship:
Rebekah Martinez, New London High School

The Freddy Fayal Scholarship:
Tara Lloyd, Stonington High School

The Eric Evans Scholarship:
Christopher Massad, Montville, St. Bernard High School

The Fletcher Family Scholarship:
Claire Anthony, New London High School

The Dr. Edward & Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship:
Albert Czachor, Montville

The RADM David M. Goebel USN Leadership Award:
Stacy Brusca, New London High School

The Rachel E. Harma Scholarship:
Chloe Leverone, Stonington High School

The Harvey Family Scholarship:
Gillian Rissler, Stonington, St. Bernard High School

The Hendel Family Association Scholarship:
Celestina Hodge, New London High School

The Dr. Isidore Hendel Scholarship:
Jeannette Dahlberg, Waterford High School

The Edwin Higgins, Jr. Scholarship:
Margo Ward, Groton

The Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship
Alaina Hallisey, Stonington High School

The Beverly G. and George P. Letz Scholarship:
Monica Shah, Fitch Senior High School

The Rose and Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship
Maridalia Hernandez, New London High School

The Don Lumadue Scholarship & the Pat Patterson Music Scholarship:
Zachary Knapp, New London High School

The Gunvor Lund Scholarships:
Amber Hirsh, Edward Dyakiw, Jonathan Wenderoth and Christopher Wenderoth, Groton; Anjali Deshmukh and Jeremy Ashinghurst, East Lyme, Brian Huta, Montville; Stephanie Edwards and Jordan Bentley, Waterford; Lee Ritchter, Lyme and Sean Dyer, New London

The Mallove Family Scholarship & the William B. Pedace Scholarship:
Jisanni Baez, New London, Grasso Tech

The Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship:
Marie Burton, Ledyard; Chanje Evans and Angeline Bossa, New London; and Jacqueline Richards, Stonington

The Gilbert Mead Memorial Scholarship:
Bryan Campbell, Waterford

The William and Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship:
Tracy Lucas, New London High School

The John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship:
Lauren Brant, Stonington High School

The Ortronics, Inc. Scholarship:
Scott Johnson, Groton and Anastasia Triandafillou, New London

The Raymond V. Payer Scholarship:
Gaelen Austin-La France, Groton, Williams School

The Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship:
Kaitlyn Moore, Stonington High School

The Joan and Bob Rutman Scholarship:
Gracela Guzman, New London High School

The Dr. Thomas Soltz Scholarship:
Andrew Picarillo, Lyme, Williams School

The Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship:
Doug Williams, Stonington High School

The Fanny Stubblefield Scholarship:
Emily Dykes, Montville High School

The Viola A. and Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship:
Britney Bogan, Montville High School

The James Torrance Scholarship:
Steven Nelson, Montville High School

The Waterford Scholars:
Bethany Austin, Josh Gomes, Phillip Potter, Brenda Maryeski, Nina Huang, Jennifer Longsdorf, Rachel Peed, Elizabeth Mauro

The Beatrice McEwen Scholarships:
Karina Alvarez, Roza Anthony, Felicia Hook, Angela Triandafillou, Frank Silva, Clarissa Wynn, New London; William Buehler, Hailie Bomster, Janine Conklin, Justine Banker, Beth Macinko, Timothy Sanford, of North Stonington; Sarah Avery, Drew Murray, Mikhail Liachenko, Jacqueline Zebrowski, Groton; Jonathan Keeling, Kara Sisk, Lyme; Christine Adanti, Amy Ashinghurst, Marybeth Fafalla, Rhiannon Weitowitz, Old Lyme; Nicole Vezina, Elizabeth Perkins, East Lyme; Jenna Moore, Julie Taylor of Stonington; Ryan Galisewski, of Ledyard; and Michael Beckwith, Sarah Gingerella, Sarah LeFrancois, Tonya McCaig, Megan McNatt, Jacqueline Peck, Benjamin Perry, of Montville and Brittney DeWolf, Michelle Lord, Kelsey McShane, Adrian Sabilia, Vanessa Willoughby of Waterford. Additional monies were awarded from this fund to supplement other Foundation scholarships



The summer Artreach program for promising young artists, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

We don't always see the people in our community who need help, or know how best to help.

But John and Joan Butler suggest that working through the Community Foundation is a good way to identify not only those who need help, but also the organizations that can most effectively provide that help.

Seeing the Need Opportunities To Give Effective Help

Back during the Depression, John points out, "If someone came to the door, saying 'I haven't had a meal in three days,' we'd rustle up some food. Today we're more removed from problems; our society operates differently. But need is still there. It's our responsibility to be alert to situations that make our neighbors desperate—situations where help is very important."

Joan notes that when people do see a need, "They respond. They give." The Community Foundation, she adds, plays an important role: "When there is a local need, the Community Foundation puts that forward, and makes people aware."

Both John and Joan are active and generous, helping their church and many community organizations. John chairs the Foundation's Grants Committee; and also serves on its Board of Trustees. He and Joan have

also established the Elizabeth Newell Butler Gregory Fund, named for John's mother, at the Foundation. "She was a very special lady," Joan says. "With enough love for everybody," John says.

The fund is with the Community Foundation, he explains, "because the Foundation has a very high quality, professional staff. When you donate through the Foundation, you get the benefit of that staff—of its experience and its knowledge of where the needs are in the community. Also, in its grant-giving, the Foundation subjects charities to a high level of investigation."

Joan says, "That's very comforting; it's a safety net. People want their contributions to be effective. They know that Community Foundation grants go to well run agencies and organizations where operating costs are kept low, and where funds are used to address real needs."

John notes that the Foundation has grown steadily since it was established as the Pequot Foundation in 1982; it now has an endowment of some \$30 million. "With its substantial size and its excellent reputation, the Foundation is listened to in the non-profit community and in the donor community," he says. "People like to give to an institution that's doing a good job."

"Some of us are more fortunate than others," he says. "That creates an opportunity to help, and that's a good thing to do — morally, ethically and practically." The way he views it, the whole community is better, safer, richer in ways beyond money, when people see their neighbors' needs and seize the opportunity to provide real, effective assistance.



Joan and John Butler. Photo: Jeff Evans

funds 2006

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

Annual distributions are made to named organizations in perpetuity

- 1984 **Florence and Raphael Shafner Fund**
Benefits L&M Hospital, Red Cross, Child & Family Agency, Public Library of New London & West Farms Land Trust
- 1986 **Rose & Sigmund Strochlitz Fund**
Supports Waterford Public Library
- 1987 **Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund**
For Williams School Award and Scholarship
- 1988 **Jane W. Williams Fund**
Benefits Mystic/Noank Library, Noank Historical Society, Literacy Volunteers
- 1991 **Martha H. Griffis Fund**
Supports the Public Library of New London
- 1994 **Walter V. Baker Fund**
Supports the Public Library of New London
- 1996 **Anonymous III Fund**
Benefits Visiting Nurse Association, Waterford Public Library and Waterford Scholars
- 1997 **Hartman Park Endowment Fund**
Supports the maintenance of Hartman Park in Lyme
- 1998 **Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund**
Benefits Children's Museum, Hospice, L&M Hospital and St. Paul's Church
- 1999 **Beaumont Family Fund**
Supports scholarships awarded by the Mystic Rotary Club
- 2000 **Kenneth G. Chapman Fund**
Supports organizations identified by the donor
- 2000 **The Sarah Morse ECB Dance Scholarship Fund**
Benefits the Eastern Connecticut Ballet

- 2001 **Old Lyme Social Service Emergency Fund**
Benefits Old Lyme Social Services
- 2004 **The Leonard and Irene Zuckerbraun Family Fund**
Supports the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Young Artists Competition
- 2005 **Leah Beyer Memorial Fund**
Supports Niantic Center School
- 2005 **Constance Pike Fund**
Supports the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center
- 2006 **Lesniowski Fund**
Supports scholarships awarded by the New London Education Foundation
- 2006 **Kitchings Homeless Initiative**
To help the homeless throughout our region
- 2006 **Kitchings New London Resident Scholar Fund**
Benefits New London Science & Technology Magnet School *Resident Scholar* program
- 2006 **St. Mary Star of the Sea Fund**
Benefits St. Mary Star of the Sea School

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Donors choose an area for the Foundation to support

- 1986 **Elvia Enders Richards Fund**
For home health care services
- 1989 **Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust**
For Groton-based organizations
- 1990 **Henry C. White Memorial Fund**
To help prevent and treat substance abuse
- 1996 **Anonymous II**
To support healthy families
- 1998 **The Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund**
For children's programs

- 1999 **Carl Clark Graves Fund**
To advance the sports of crew, sculling and other water-based activities
- 1999 **Women & Girls Fund**
To improve the lives of local women and girls
- 2000 **Avery Russell Morgan Children's Literacy Fund**
To promote the love of reading in children (affiliated with the *Let's Read* Fund)
- 2000 **Beaver Brook Fund**
To advance the treatment of mental illness
- 2001 **Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Education Fund**
To foster habits of tolerance and inclusion among children
- 2002 **Arts Endowment Fund**
To promote artistic endeavors
- 2002 **Let's Read Fund**
To support literacy programs that engender a love of learning and reading
- 2003 **The Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund**
To prevent domestic violence and provide treatment for its victims (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)
- 2005 **Judith Glassenberg Classroom Enrichment Fund**
To provide academic enrichment in local public schools (affiliated with the *Let's Read* Fund)
- 2005 **Murstein Family Fund**
To provide women access to educational & job training opportunities (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donors annually recommend grants to programs of their choice

- 1983 **Jim & Marjorie Smith Fund**
- 1984 **Gildersleeve/White Fund**

THE FOUNDATION'S
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THE YEAR EACH WAS
ESTABLISHED

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- 1986 **Francis J. and Sally T. Pavetti Fund**
- 1996 **Deborah Scott Fund**
- 1997 **Alliott Fund**
- 1997 **Howe Charitable Fund**
- 1998 **Neal & Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund**
- 1998 **Peter Matthews Fund**
- 1999 **Lewis Female Cent Society Fund**
(affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)
- 1999 **Gross Family Fund**
- 1999 **Barbara Kiss Johnson Fund**
- 1999 **Linda Mariani & David Neusner Fund**
- 2000 **Priscilla Hodges Fund**
- 2000 **Isaac Fund**
- 2000 **Richard E. and Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund**
- 2001 **Elizabeth Newell Butler Gregory Fund**
- 2001 **Toulmin Family Fund**
- 2002 **Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund**
- 2002 **David and Muriel Hinkle Fund**
- 2002 **James McCormick Fund**
- 2003 **Harold and Miriam Dean Fund**
- 2003 **Anonymous VIII Fund**
- 2003 **Dangremond Family Fund**
- 2004 **Wayne Boettner Fund**
- 2004 **The Elaine Pearl Shapiro and Michael Shapiro Charitable Fund**
- 2004 **The Heritage Fund**
- 2004 **Sarah Ann Martin Fund**
For Barn Island environmental education programs
- 2005 **Sally Bill Fund**
- 2005 **Carlisle Fund**
- 2006 **Anonymous IX Fund**
- 2006 **Lieber Family Fund**
- 2006 **Smith Memorial Fund**
(affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Each scholarship carries the specific guidelines established by the donor

- 1983 **Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student who has overcome great hardship
- 1983 **Marjory B. & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship Fund**
For an outstanding student from each of 5 local high schools with financial need
- 1983 **Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student who shows great promise and motivation
- 1988 **William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student who intends to study business
- 1988 **Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student showing excellence in civics and public service
- 1989 **George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund**
For a Groton student pursuing health related studies
- 1989 **Mallove Family Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student with strong academic performance
- 1991 **Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School student who will pursue marine biology
- 1993 **James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund**
For a Montville High School student who will study engineering
- 1993 **John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For a serious student of the creative arts
- 1993 **Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund**
For a student at UConn's School of Agricultural & Natural Resources
- 1993 **Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund**
For a student with strong academic ability
- 1994 **C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship**
For a New London student with excellence in public affairs and government
- 1994 **Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund**
For a Williams School essay contest winner: "Press On Regardless"

- 1996 **Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For a Waterford High School student with strong community service involvement
- 1996 **Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For an art student, with preference for someone with a physical disability
- 1996 **Waterford Scholars Fund**
For outstanding students residing in Waterford
- 1996 **Beatrice McEwen Fund**
For students with high academic achievement and financial need
- 1996 **Harvey Family Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School student with a well-rounded track record
- 1996 **Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund**
For a student with strong academic standing
- 1997 **Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund**
For students pursuing a career in engineering or science
- 1997 **Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund**
For a student with good academics and notable Irish or Polish heritage
- 1997 **William Pedace Scholarship Fund**
For a New London High School student
- 1997 **Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund**
For a student with strong academic standing
- 1998 **Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School student with skill in soccer
- 1998 **John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund**
For a student with an interest in health care
- 1999 **Pat Patterson Music Scholarship Fund**
For a student with an interest in music, preferably jazz
- 1999 **Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship Fund**
For a top-ranked student with an interest in medicine or the arts
- 1999 **Dicesare-Bentley/William Bentley Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For students from 5 towns who will pursue an engineering degree
- 1999 **Dr. Charles K. Lee Scholarship Fund**
For a minority student of science (funded by The New London Rotary Foundation)

- 2000 **The Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington resident pursuing unique educational opportunities
- 2000 **General Scholarship Fund**
For unrestricted educational purposes
- 2000 **Marjory Bradford Smith Scholarship Fund**
For a student pursuing a career in dental hygiene
- 2000 **Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund**
For a minority student with an interest in health or human services
- 2001 **Citizens Bank Scholarship Fund**
For a student with financial need and a record of community involvement
- 2001 **The Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund**
For a student with good academic standing and financial need
- 2002 **Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund**
To encourage students to pursue nursing as a career
- 2002 **Eric Evans Scholarship Fund**
For a student attending Syracuse University
- 2002 **Leslie M. Buck Teacher Education Scholarship Fund**
For a student pursuing a career in teaching
- 2003 **Don Lumadue Scholarship Fund**
For a student of the fine or performing arts
- 2003 **Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund**
For students identified by the Hispanic Alliance
- 2004 **Smith/Mitchell College Scholarship Fund**
For distribution by Mitchell College
- 2004 **The Viola A. and Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For a student pursuing a career in education
- 2004 **Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship Fund**
For a student of the building trades, technology or business
- 2004 **Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship Fund**
For a student with good academic standing, interested in biology and/or soccer
- 2004 **Kemaphoon "Ahn" Chanawongse Scholarship Fund**
For distribution by Waterford High School

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- 2004 **Arnold Avery Scholarship Fund**
For a Fitch High School student of marine science, library science, or English
- 2005 **Freddy Fayal Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School student pursuing a college degree or career training
- 2006 **Beaumont Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School graduate with good academic ability and demonstrated financial need
- 2006 **Rachel E. Harma Scholarship Fund**
For a Stonington High School student studying marketing or business
- 2006 **RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award**
For a New London High School or vocational/technical school student
- 2006 **Malcolm F. & Harriet B. Brown Scholarship Fund**
For a high school graduate of Hispanic descent
- 2006 **Carl Jr. and Dorothy Safford UCONN Scholarship Fund**
For a student planning to attend UCONN School of Engineering
- 2006 **David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship Fund**
For high school graduates of Fitch, Ledyard, and Stonington high schools
- 2006 **Ortronics, Inc. Scholarship Fund**
For a student with good academic standing and demonstrated financial need.

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Through the Foundation you can also establish and name a new endowment fund and direct its purpose.

Following are some details on ways to give, now or later.

ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

You can create your own endowed fund with a contribution of \$5,000–10,000 (varies according to type of fund). You can create such a fund during your lifetime or through a will or a trust, or through planned gifts which provide income to you during your lifetime. The contribution may be made with any of a number of different assets including cash, stock, retirement assets, mutual funds, and life insurance

In helping you to establish this fund, our staff will ask you:

- ▶ What would you like to accomplish?
- ▶ Where do your interests lie?
- ▶ Would you like to involve your family in gift giving decisions?
- ▶ Do you wish to honor or memorialize someone?
- ▶ Would you like to create a fund through a bequest or your estate plan?
- ▶ Would a planned gift be of interest to you? (that will also provide income for you or a relative?)

Then you can choose the type of fund that is best for your situation and choose how the fund will be named – perhaps for yourself or your family, or in honor or remembrance of a friend or loved one.

Here is a sampling of the types of funds you can establish:

Unrestricted (\$5,000 minimum)

Donors place no restrictions on their gifts, and the foundation's Board has full discretion in allocating the income. As opportunities arise to address challenges in our community, the Board can target its grant making to key issues.

Field of Interest (\$5,000 minimum)

Donors choose a particular cause or geographic area for which the funds are to be used in perpetuity.

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Donors remain actively involved in their giving. Foundation staff consults with donors for recommendations on proposals which have been presented for funding, or the donors may direct distributions of their own choosing.

Designated (\$5,000 minimum)

Donors permanently designate their funds for a specific organization(s).

Scholarship (\$10,000 minimum)

Donors may advise their funds with guidelines they establish.

Agency Endowment (\$5,000 minimum)

A nonprofit organization and/or its donors may create a permanent revenue stream for the future strength of that organization.

Administrative Endowment

Donors provide for the ongoing work of the Foundation.

Special Initiatives

You may also be interested in supporting the foundation's Special Initiatives: the **Women & Girls Fund**, which improves the lives of local women and girls, and the *Let's Read*, which fosters literacy among children and their families.

A fund can:

- ▶ Honor or memorialize an individual, family or group.
- ▶ Support the interest or organization(s) of your choice.
- ▶ Support a specific town(s).
- ▶ Remain anonymous at your discretion.

GIVING LATER

Many donors prefer to leave charitable assets upon their deaths after ensuring that they and their loved ones have been cared for. It also may be that other estate assets, such as life insurance or house sale proceeds, only then become available for charitable purposes. Some ways to make a future gift include:

Bequests in Wills and Trusts—You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to the Foundation and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes. Bequests are directed to the fund or purpose specified by the donor.

Retirement Plan Designations—You may realize significant tax benefits by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your qualified retirement plan.

Life Insurance—You may make a gift of a life insurance policy irrevocably designating the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Or, you may name the Foundation as a percentage beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

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GIFTS THAT GIVE YOU INCOME


You can realize the tax advantages of making a gift now, especially of highly appreciated assets, while still receiving income from that asset. Life income gift options include:

Charitable Gift Annuities—You make a gift of cash or property now and get immediate tax benefits. You (or a loved one) receive fixed income payments for life. After your death, the remainder is directed to a fund at the Foundation, as specified by you.

Charitable Remainder Trusts—You place cash or property in a trust that pays you (or another named beneficiary) income for life. After death, the remainder of the trust transfers to the Foundation and is placed in a fund for purposes specified by you. You may receive income tax benefits in the year the trust is established.

Charitable Lead Trusts—You place cash or property in a trust that pays a fixed amount to the Foundation for a specified number of years. Once this period ends, the assets held by the trust are transferred to your beneficiaries. In some cases, the donor receives a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

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The Foundation's assets are professionally managed by the Russell Investment Group with oversight by the Investment Committee and the Board of Trustees. Fund holders receive annual statements which detail gifts to, grants made from and investment returns to their funds.

Available income for distribution is determined by the Foundation's spending policy, currently at 4–6% of the fund value based on a twelve-quarter rolling average.

There is no cost to set up a fund. There is a modest annual administrative fee which supports the operations of the Foundation.

Cash or securities are the most common form of gifts. Other assets such as tangible property are accepted in accordance with the Foundation's gift acceptance policy. All gifts receive the maximum deduction allowed by law.

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Don't hesitate to ask questions when you're asked to give, including the specific name of the solicitor and his or her relationship to the organization, the specific projects the money will go toward, how much of your gift will be used for overhead and other important information. Give only when you feel comfortable that your dollars will be going to support an organization you know and whose work you believe in.

Keep the Right Records

The Foundation will provide a properly worded receipt as a confirmation of these tax-deductible contributions to your fund. We will also send an annual fund statement showing all gifts, investment earnings, grants made and fees. Gifts made from your fund will not be recognized with a receipt once you have already received the deduction and acknowledgement for the original gift.

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Many employers match gifts made by their employees or make grants to organizations recommended by employees. Be sure to ask your company if it can help stretch your gift even further.

Remember, Your Gift can be Anonymous

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Consider Alternative Forms of Giving

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Volunteer!

In addition to financial support, consider giving your time and skills. Not only will you help the organization, but you'll also make contacts, hone your skills, and learn more about your community and its needs.

Don't Forget You Have the Right to Say No

Give generously when you can, but if you're unsure or feel uncomfortable—or if an organization simply falls outside your plan for giving—don't be afraid to say no. Or, ask for more information and take more time to think before making your decision.

Be a Proactive Giver!

You don't have to wait to be asked. Plan a giving strategy in advance. Consult with our staff about how your gifts can be most effectively used and where you can make a real difference in the community.

Think about Needs

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statement of financial position 2006

Fiscal 2006 was an outstanding year in asset growth, investment performance and grant awards. As of December 31, 2006, total assets were approximately \$30,500,000 an increase of 16% from 2005 and 60% from the dark days of 2002.

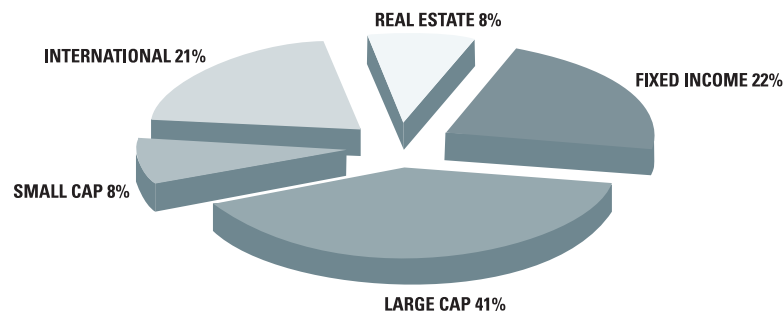
Investment performance saw a 14.50% return for the year. Since the Foundation switched to the Russell Investment Group in July 2003, we have enjoyed a 12.89% annualized return on our investments.

Grants awarded in 2006 were 36% higher than in the previous year. These achievements are a direct result of prudent fiscal stewardship, and of the generosity of our donors and funding partners. In 2006, contributions increased a staggering 54% from the prior year!

Although we have no way of predicting future results, we are comforted knowing that the oversight and dedication of our Trustees and Investment Committee members is strong and focused.

We encourage you to contact the Foundation or visit our website www.cfsect.org to view our most recent audit report as well as our Form 990 tax filing.

ASSET ALLOCATION



	2006	2005
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,954	\$ 86,330
Investments	23,255,923	20,186,174
Contributions-receivable	884,409	649,710
Split-interest agreements:	5,892,722	4,961,854
Property and equipment, net	364,962	325,125
Other Assets	3,000	3,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 30,485,970	\$ 26,212,193
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$ 165,948	\$ 121,237
Liability Under Gift Annuity	7,442	7,623
Net Assets:		
Board Designated - Capital	39,004	25,659
Board Designated - Administrative En	1,067,299	769,542
Undesignated	22,475,639	20,324,222
Temporarily restricted	2,661,236	1,223,660
Permanently restricted	4,069,402	3,740,250
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 30,312,580	\$ 26,083,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 30,485,970	\$ 26,212,193

statement of activities

For the year ended December 31, 2006, with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2005

2006

	2006				2005
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT					
Contributions	\$ 1,716,774	\$ 1,064,982	\$	\$ 2,781,756	\$1,805,037
Change in split-interest agreements	(1,146)	406,598		405,452	49,668
Change in value of perpetual trust	-	-	329,152	329,152	95,943
Realized and unrealized investment gains	2,375,502	-	-	2,375,502	1,080,267
Investment income	517,185	-	-	517,185	419,341
Other	21,770	-	-	21,770	20,345
Rental income	24,900	-	-	24,900	21,500
	4,654,985	1,471,580	329,152	6,455,717	3,492,101
Less investment fees	(150,417)	-	-	(150,417)	(128,598)
Total support	4,504,568	1,471,580	329,152	6,305,300	3,363,503
Net assets released from restrictions	34,004	(34,004)		0-	0-
Total revenues, gains and other support	4,538,572	1,437,576	329,152	6,305,300	3,363,503
EXPENSES					
Program services:					
Grants & Scholarships	1,486,227	-	-	1,486,227	1,090,700
Other grant expenses	168,446			168,446	151,540
Total program services	1,654,673			1,654,673	1,242,240
General & administrative expenses	421,380	-	-	421,380	339,256
Total expenses	2,076,053	-	-	2,076,053	1,581,496
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	2,462,519	1,437,576	329,152	4,229,247	1,782,007
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year	21,119,423	1,223,660	3,740,250	26,083,333	24,301,326
NET ASSETS - End of Year	\$ 23,581,942	\$ 2,661,236	\$ 4,069,402	\$ 30,312,580	\$ 26,083,333

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