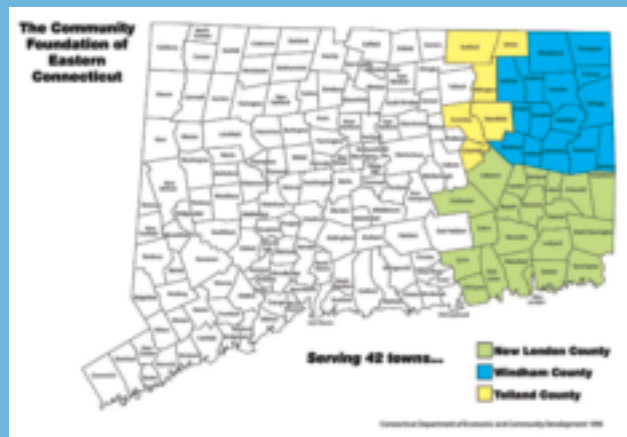




The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Putting philanthropy into action
for a healthy, thriving, sustainable Eastern Connecticut



SERVING 42 TOWNS

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ON THE COVER Harkness Memorial State Park.

ABOVE: A hike sponsored by Groton Open Space Association in 2015; and teenagers working in Norwich's Veterans Memorial Rose Garden in a program of the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board.

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Our Vision for Our Region

A healthy, thriving, sustainable Eastern Connecticut

Our Mission

To put philanthropy into action to address the needs, rights and interests of our community in Eastern Connecticut while fulfilling the passions of our donors

Our Values

Integrity, Inclusivity, Respect, Courage, Collaboration, Transparency, Accountability

Our Work

Convene and serve as a thought partner with like-minded donors, nonprofits and other partners to ensure collective impact, especially around four priority focus areas:

- **Empower youth**
- **Promote basic needs and rights**
- **Preserve the environment**
- **Advance animal welfare**

Bring resources and knowledge to nonprofit organizations in Eastern Connecticut so that they may effectively and strategically carry out their missions to meet the needs of our community.

Advise and support our donors to fulfill their philanthropic interests.

A Message from the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees

DEAR FRIENDS:

Once again, thanks to you, our partners and donors, we have reason to celebrate another successful year of putting philanthropy into action to address the needs and promote the rights in our community. Together, we are making a difference to make our region a better place for our future generations.

Now in our 33rd year, the Community Foundation is making a positive impact in every corner of Eastern Connecticut as a charitable grant maker, a convener, and thought partner. We have taken on a leadership role with dozens of nonprofit agencies, bringing resources and knowledge to improve their capacity to deliver on their missions.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 2015 was a time of growth for us. We received over \$10 million in new funds and gifts and awarded over \$5 million in grants and scholarships. We supported over 200 nonprofits and helped 214 young people attend college.

From an organizational viewpoint, the most significant achievement in 2015 was the approval of our new Strategic Plan, which was forged from the collective wisdom of our Board of Trustees, past Board members, donors, and community partners.

We will continue to address new challenges as we work towards the vision of a healthy, thriving, sustainable Eastern Connecticut. In the wise words of the distinguished Connecticut poet laureate, Marilyn Nelson who spoke at our Annual Meeting, "Our grandchildren



are our wisdom teachers." Together we can work to close the opportunity gap and remove obstacles that our residents face, ensuring a brighter future for all of them. We are thankful to have so many dedicated, generous, and visionary partners alongside us every step of the way. Thank you!

Maryam Elahi
President and Chief Executive Officer

Govind K. Menon
Chair, Board of Trustees

Highlights of 2015

- **LAUNCHED OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN AS A ROADMAP TOWARD GREATER IMPACT**
- **AWARDED A RECORD LEVEL OF GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS EXCEEDING \$5 MILLION (A 25% INCREASE OVER 2014)**
- **THE GENEROUS PEOPLE IN OUR REGION GAVE OVER \$10 MILLION AND CREATED 14 NEW FUNDS**
- **AWARDED THE INAUGURAL ROUND OF GRANTS FROM THE PETER GRAYSON LETZ FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL WELFARE TOTALING \$230,190**
- **AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$520,725 TO 214 STUDENTS ACROSS THE REGION**
- **ALIGNMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY WITH OUR MISSION BY REDUCING EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND FOSSIL FUELS IN OUR INVESTMENT POOL TO LESS THAN 3% AND CREATION OF A PORTFOLIO THAT PROMOTES ANIMAL WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Our History: 33 Years of Giving

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION has been a catalyst for change for more than three decades. Established in 1983, it began when like-minded people had a vision of building a permanent endowment for charitable giving. They wanted to help others live a better life in their community.

In the 1980s, community foundations were relative newcomers to the philanthropic landscape, but today our Foundation is one of more than 800 strong across the nation. Collectively, their assets exceed \$66 billion; they are the recipients of more than \$8 billion in gifts and have made more than \$5.5 billion in grants and scholarships.

Upon the 2010 merger of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut (New London and surrounding region) with the Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area (Norwich and north), we became the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. We now serve 42 towns in what is the largest geographic area of the state's 21 community foundations. Since 2009, we've doubled in assets (to \$63 million) and increased grant making from \$2.8 million to over \$5 million yearly.

Four Pillars

The Community Foundation's 2015-2018 Strategic Plan focuses on four impact priority areas—four pillars that guide our fundraising and grant making for a wide range of initiatives and projects. We bring together hundreds of donors to build a better future for Eastern Connecticut. The impact priority areas allow us to connect the people who care—our donors—with nonprofits, schools, libraries and other community organizations that change people's lives for the better throughout our region.



EMPOWER YOUTH

GOAL: ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH LIVE IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT, AND HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY, EMOTIONALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, CULTURALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RICH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.



HANDS-ON LEARNING AND A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR BOTH THE CHILDREN WHO ATTEND RIVERFRONT CHILDREN'S CENTER AND FOR THEIR PARENTS WHO NEED SAFE, RELIABLE CHILDCARE IN ORDER TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME.

GETTING THE SMALLEST SCHOLARS OFF TO A GREAT START

The Riverfront Children's Center

SINCE 1983, the nonprofit Riverfront Children's Center has provided full-time, affordable childcare and education for at-risk children of working, low-income families. The center provides a safe environment for 160 children from New London and Groton: infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, as well as children up to age 12 who need both afterschool care and a full-time summer program.

In 2015, the Community Foundation awarded a \$12,000 grant to the Center's Scholar Dollars program to cover tuition costs for six children from low-income families to attend the children's center in Groton. Thanks to having reliable childcare, the parents of those six children can

work at local jobs.

Eighty percent of the children who attend Riverfront are from single-parent homes; in all but a few cases, that parent is a single mother who works outside the home. Some are pursuing an education as well, juggling all the responsibilities of a parent, an employee, and a student.

"By giving us their support every year, the Community Foundation has made a tremendous difference in the lives of hundreds of children during the past 20 years," says Finance Director Susan Corrice who is also a certified teacher. "Their experience in a high quality, nurturing learning environment makes it more likely that they will be better prepared for kindergarten and beyond."

Susan also offered praise to the Community Foundation for its strategic emphasis on collaborative efforts aimed at empowering youth.

“Riverfront is one of many

agencies that is trying to level the playing field for kids from less advantaged circumstances and ensure their well-being. We know that it will take an interconnected

effort to help all of our youth thrive from their earliest years on.”

www.riverfrontchildren.org

CHOOSING A BETTER PATH

S.T.E.P.S. helps girls to find their way

THERE ARE NO MAPS OR BLUEPRINTS

to follow for helping a young person to build a better life, but an innovative program called S.T.E.P.S. Inc. (Striving Toward Empowered Personal Success) is guiding many teenage girls onto the right path. In 2015, generous donors to the Community Foundation made possible two grants to the organization to support those positive outcomes.

As a result, S.T.E.P.S. is offering a powerful combination of mentoring, life skills, and workshops to more than 100 girls in grades 7 to 12 in New London and Groton.

Lead Facilitator Jessica Bessette helps girls overcome their challenges. She often hears them say that their parents and teachers do not have time for them. To fill that need, the after school programs provide something very basic: a safe

place to talk things over with an objective female mentor.



S.T.E.P.S. EMPOWERS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS TO LEAD BETTER LIVES. FACILITATORS CONDUCT WORKSHOPS ON MANY TOPICS SUCH AS WELLNESS, SELF-ESTEEM, RELATIONSHIPS, AND, IN THE SESSION SHOWN HERE, ISSUES RELATED TO BODY IMAGE. OLDER GIRLS WORK ON LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SETTING GOALS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

“It’s so important to take the time to stop and listen to these

girls,” says Jessica, who has done a lot of listening—and talking—in her seven years with the program.

Beatrice Jennette, president of S.T.E.P.S., has seen living proof of its positive impact in just eight years since she founded the organization as a grassroots effort in her own living room. Many girls who have been through the program—now young women enrolled in college—often return to visit their former mentors or participate in a program.

“It’s so rewarding to hear them say, ‘If it hadn’t been for S.T.E.P.S., I might have taken a very different path in life,’” says Beatrice. “We are so thankful to the Community Foundation for believing in the work we are doing and for being our partner as well.”

www.stepsct.org

A LIVING MEMORIAL TO A DANCER AND A DAUGHTER

The Katie Jackson Scholarship Fund

DANCE IS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE, one that crosses all boundaries. Kathleen “Katie” Elizabeth Jackson had a gift for communicating with dance, one that she shared with those around her. Only one month after she lost her life in a tragic automobile

accident in January of 2015, her parents took action to ensure that Katie’s positive energy and love of dance would continue to benefit and inspire others.

Daniel and Sandra Jackson of Rogers (in Killingly) created the **Katie Jackson Scholarship Fund**,

to which family and friends then made additional contributions in Katie’s memory. It will help fund post-secondary education for students of dance or music who are graduating from their daughter’s alma mater, EASTCONN’s Arts at Capitol Theater (ACT) Magnet High School.

“We wanted to do something to keep her memory and her spirit alive,” said Sandra.

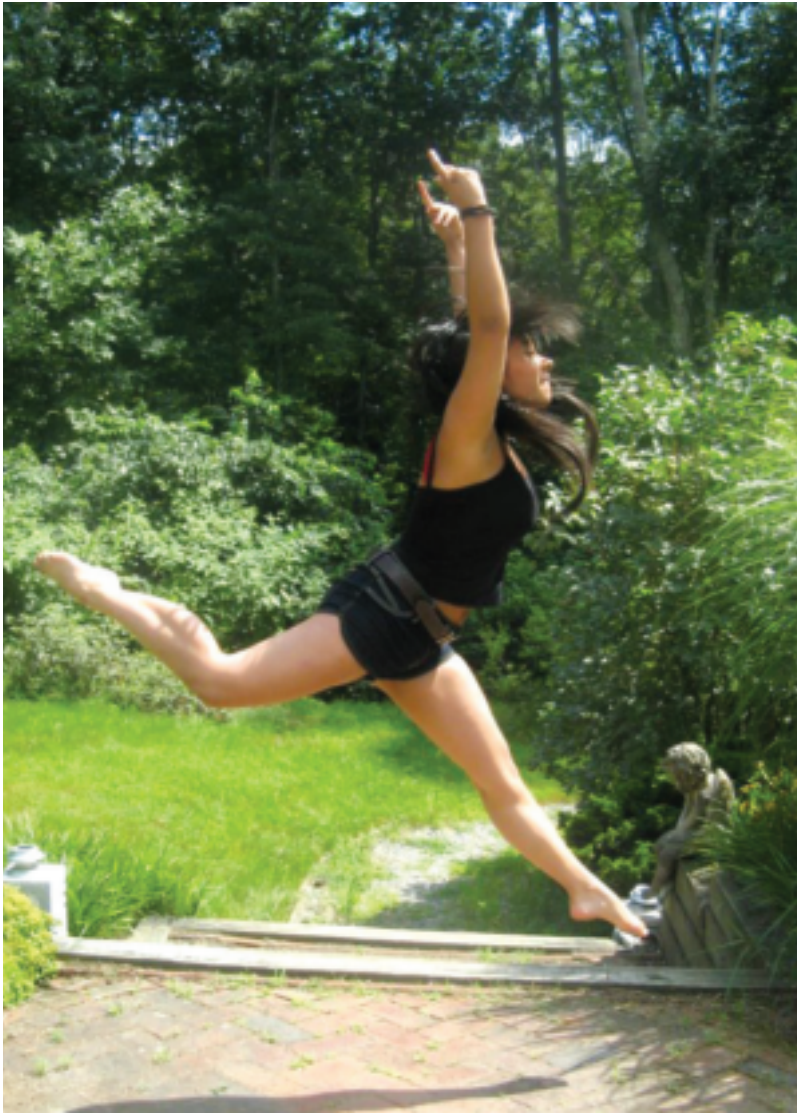
At first they could not find a viable way to create such a scholarship, but a chance conversation with one of Daniel’s former high school classmates led them to contact the Community Foundation. In 2015 the Foundation was proud to award the inaugural scholarships to Kerra Jackson (no relation) of Ashford and Heather Prouty of Putnam.

Katie was a natural performer. Her teachers remember her dancing in the halls as she went from class to class, and her parents enjoyed watching her dance in their home each night. She also loved piano, swimming, traveling, and being in the company of her many friends. After graduation from ACT she took courses at Quinebaug Valley Community College and planned to become a veterinary assistant.

Katie’s friends and family will always remember her as a vibrant, talented, and generous young woman.

“She would give you the shirt off her back,” said her mother. “It would make her very happy that other dancers will be receiving this scholarship every year.”

This permanently endowed fund in her name will inspire others to take the first steps and even the bold leaps to define their future.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF KATIE JACKSON HAVE ENSURED THAT FUTURE GRADUATES OF HER ALMA MATER, THE ARTS AT CAPITOL THEATER (ACT) MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL, WILL BE ABLE TO PURSUE THEIR LOVE OF DANCE AND/OR MUSIC.

|||| PROMOTE BASIC NEEDS AND RIGHTS

GOAL: ENSURE THAT THE REGION'S RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTHY NUTRITION, STABLE HOUSING, JOB TRAINING AND EDUCATION, AND ARTS AND CULTURE.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Access Community Agency's Women Inspired: Next Steps program

MANY LOW-INCOME WOMEN have the initiative and determination to become entrepreneurs, but they need guidance and access to resources. Lending this kind of "helping hand" is exactly what motivates supporters of the four Community Foundation's Women & Girls Funds.

A \$2,075 grant from the **Northeast Area Women & Girls Fund** and a \$3,500 grant from the **Windham Area Women & Girls Fund** to the Access Community Agency's *Women Inspired: Next Steps* program is helping women in those areas who want to start their own businesses. The program provides educational workshops, resources, mentoring, networking, and the opportunity to apply for grants to help with their own start-ups.

"We teach women about marketing, financial planning, and negotiating skills," says program director Eva Csejtey, director of volunteer engagement. "They have to do it all—from elevator pitch to business plan."

The work done by Access aligns closely with the Community Foundation's priority to promote basic needs and rights, specifically by giving women access to job training and education that will lead to a better life.

Marian Matthews of Ashford

is one of the women who followed through with every step of the six-month program. Although she had already started a business called Henrietta House Bed and Breakfast, she needed help with computer skills, accounting, marketing, and meeting all the regulations for running a lodging business. *Women Inspired* provided all of that and more.

The Community Foundation grant to Access also enabled her to apply and receive a grant to purchase an absolute necessity: a fire suppression system for the kitchen.

With the collective force of two Women & Girls Funds behind them, these budding entrepreneurs are taking the first important



MARIAN MATTHEWS, (FRONT ROW, LEFT) PROUD OWNER OF HENRIETTA HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST POSES WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN *WOMEN INSPIRED*. THE GROUP PRODUCED A VIDEO TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM THAT HELPS WOMEN BUILD BUSINESSES.

steps toward a brighter future for themselves and their families.

www.accessagency.org

FOOD ON THE TABLE

The Covenant Soup Kitchen

IF YOU STOP BY the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic at lunchtime, you will find 100 or more people sharing a meal in the old stone church building. A mother and her 4-year-old child sit alongside a man in his 80s. Some at the table are unemployed; others are underemployed. A few live in homeless shelters or tents, using the

Soup Kitchen as their only address for mail delivery.

A \$7,000 Community Foundation grant from its **Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund** helped make possible many of the 56,172 meals that were served at the Soup Kitchen last year. The grant also contributed to funding the 81,873 meals that families received from the Emergency Food Pantry.



IN 2015, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF PREPARED 56,172 MEALS AT THE COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN IN WILLIMANTIC, INCLUDING BAG LUNCHES “TO GO” ON SUNDAYS, AS SEEN HERE. THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY ONSITE ALSO PROVIDES THE BASICS FOR THOUSANDS OF MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED.

“The support of the Community Foundation is absolutely crucial to helping us meet the basic nutritional needs of about 5,000 people each year,” Interim Director Kimberly Clark asserts. She points to the instability of funding from several state agencies and severe budget cuts that have taken food off the table for those who need it most.

The staff and volunteers of the Covenant Soup Kitchen recognize that people can be impoverished in many different ways: financially, physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. “Those who show up at the Kitchen may receive more than just food,” says Kimberly. The staff compassionately helps guests to find a

place to live and to fill out documents needed to access health and social services. They even provide vouchers so guests can launder their clothes, blankets or sleeping bags.

The need for the Soup Kitchen is great, but so is the sense of gratitude it inspires. When their circumstances in life have improved, past guests often drop by to thank the staff, make a small donation, or offer to help in the kitchen. One such visitor recently told the director, “This place got my mother through a hard time in her life, and I will never forget what a difference you made for our family.”

www.covenantsoupkitchen.org

The origin of the Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund dates back to 1932. Following the closure of the Bureau, community leaders arranged for funds to be transferred to the Community Foundation, ensuring that the Fund would continue to fulfill its original mission. The fund exists “to promote the general welfare of the poor and needy in the Town of Windham, and to promote self-sufficiency through education and employment, through grants to 501(c)(3) organizations and institutions.” Bequests received by the Bureau in 1940 from George L. Holt and 1953 from Jane P. Murray added to the Bureau’s endowment, which has now grown to more than \$500,000.

FOR THE GREATER GOOD

The Preston Community Fund turned trash to treasure

THE PRESTON COMMUNITY FUND, which supports a variety of causes in this small, rural town, has for decades turned trash into treasure, thanks to a donation from a regional waste incinerator.

In 1991 a local pastor, the Rev. David Cannon and a few citizens reached out to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority in Preston for a charitable donation. SCRRRA operates a large incinerator that produces electricity by burning household waste from more than a dozen surrounding municipalities. The corporation offered a sizable contribution, and hence the American Ref-Fuel Preston Community Fund was born.

“It was a very local endeavor. People were thinking out of the box,” the pastor says. The Fund was to be a permanent fund guided by a five-member advisory committee

comprised of Preston residents.

In the following 25 years the Fund has used interest to award grants to such recipients as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Preston Public Library, Parks and Recreation, volunteer fire departments, Preston Historical Society, Preston Revolutionary War Memorial, public school music program, local food pantry and The Pipeline, a community newsletter. Last year, through the Thames Valley Council for Community Action, a regional social-service agency, the fund also covered home heating fuel costs for those in need.

“We all went out in person to hand-deliver the checks this year,” says committee member Phil Ludlow. “The grants help to look out for the needs of our neighbors and young people right here in town.”

After several years of declining interest rates that threatened to

seriously diminish the Fund’s principal, the committee asked the Community Foundation to consider taking stewardship of the Fund. Committee member Gale Ennis, who had served on one of the Foundation’s scholarship committees, made the first inquiries, and in December 2015, the Fund was officially established as an endowed donor advised fund to be managed by the Foundation in perpetuity, with a committee of five Preston residents as the advisors.

“It was a very careful and thoughtful process and a great example of the dedication people have for their local communities,” says Alison Woods, the Community Foundation’s vice president and COO.

With the prospect of financial growth through investment and new contributions, the **Preston Community Fund** will remain a treasure for all the people who call this town home.



THE PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ONE OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIC GROUPS TO BENEFIT FROM THE LONGTIME SUPPORT OF THE PRESTON COMMUNITY FUND, A NEWCOMER TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FAMILY OF FUNDS.

||| PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

GOAL: FOSTER UNDERSTANDING OF AND PROMOTE ACTION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HEALTH OF THE NATURAL WORLD AND THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS.

THE AHA MOMENT

Connecticut Audubon Society's Science in Nature Program

AS A TRAINED NATURALIST, Sarah Heminway can identify all kinds of birds in their natural habitats, but she is also a keen observer of the average third grader on a field trip.

Moriarty Magnet School in Norwich. Designated as a Title I school, Moriarty receives supplemental funding from the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that all students,

especially for the program. This year's learning modules focused on Bird Ecology, Rocks and Soil, and Wetlands Ecology. Afterwards, the children investigate the concepts they've learned on field trips to natural areas such as CAS's Center at Pomfret.

"Our mission is to spark an interest in science in every child, and also to get them outdoors," says Sarah, who notes that the program would never have taken place this year without the \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation.

"Seeing the students actively engaged in exploring their world is affirming but when you also witness the positive effects of spending time outside ... well, the Community Foundation and its donors know that these opportunities contribute a great deal to the well-being of many young people."

www.ctaudubon.org

The Norwich Youth Grants program was started in 2011, to help fill the gap left by the closure of the Norwich YMCA in 2009. The YMCA board wanted to find a home for its generous legacy gifts from Grace and Lewis Sears and Jeannette Frisbie. Through wise investment and management, the Community Foundation has tripled the grant dollars that it invests in Norwich youth since then.



A BIRD IN THE HAND CAN HELP CHILDREN CONNECT TO THE NATURAL WORLD. THE CONNECTICUT AUDUBON SOCIETY'S SCIENCE IN NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAM INTRODUCES DISADVANTAGED YOUTH TO THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SCIENCE OF NATURE.

"You can see the kids having those 'aha!' moments when they realize the connection between themselves and the natural world," says the director of the Northeast Corner programs of the Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS).

Thanks to first-time funding from the Community Foundation's Norwich Youth Grants in 2015, CAS was able to offer its Science in Nature Education Program for Disadvantaged Youth in Norwich to 175 third and fourth grade students and 14 of their teachers from the

including those from low-income homes, have an equal opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and meet their state's academic achievement standards.

The Science in Nature program is curriculum-based and aimed at helping those same students to strengthen their science test scores. It gets kids outside to appreciate and enjoy their surroundings. Students and teachers participate in seven classroom learning sessions using materials that CAS has developed



PATRICIA PROCTOR, SHOWN HERE VOLUNTEERING AT THE OLD LYME-PHOEBE GRIFFIN NOYES LIBRARY, WANTS TO HELP FUTURE SCIENTISTS PURSUE THEIR STUDIES IN HYDROLOGY, WATER MANAGEMENT, THE EARTH, MARINE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. HER NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE A SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT.

A WELLSPRING OF SUPPORT FOR SCIENTISTS

The Patricia Proctor Scholarship Fund

ASK PATRICIA PROCTOR why she wanted part of her legacy to be an endowed scholarship fund to benefit young people whom she will never meet, and she will give you a straightforward answer: “It’s an investment in the *future*.”

That clear-eyed vision about the future comes from a deep understanding of the past. She learned from both her own experience and those around her at home and in the workplace.

The donor was a very small girl when she saw firsthand the important role of science and engineering in society. It all started

with a very basic problem in her family’s backyard: a well that couldn’t pump water.

“In those days there were frequent power failures. Our well would shut down, and we would have no water at all,” she says. She realized then that only people with education and training could solve large-scale problems and alleviate such hardships. Her mother reinforced this idea, always telling her to value education.

The **Patricia Proctor Scholarship Fund** will provide tuition assistance for undergraduate and graduate

students of Eastern Connecticut with good character, strong academic records, and financial need. More specifically, the fund will benefit those who plan to major in hydrology, water management, earth, marine, and environmental sciences or agriculture. Applicants who have served in the United States military will receive preference.

Thanks to her foresight, the Patricia Proctor Scholarship Fund will help to ensure that the well does not run dry for students of science and engineering who need financial aid.

ADVANCE ANIMAL WELFARE

GOAL: ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION, CARE AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE.

CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY

Transforming Animal Welfare in Eastern Connecticut

OUR PETS MAKE US BETTER

HUMANS, reminding us of our responsibility to all living things. This year, a multifaceted initiative by the Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) already is having a positive impact on thousands of companion animals in New London County.

In the big picture, most grant making is measured by outcomes, not just by dollar amount, but the \$35,000 grant to CHS was notable for its size. It was the largest single grant that the Connecticut Humane Society had received in its 135-year history and the largest animal welfare grant ever awarded by the Foundation. It was made possible by the largest bequest ever received by the Foundation: \$10 million to establish the **Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals and the Environment.**

“We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Community Foundation in delivering programs and services that improve animal health and welfare in our state,” says Gordon Willard, executive director at CHS. “By increasing access to pet care and resources, animal welfare professionals and pet owners alike are able to help pets find—and keep—homes.”

“This grant empowers us to bring animal welfare in New London County to another level,”



ABOVE: CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY'S ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN ERIC MARTELL CALMS A CANINE PATIENT DURING A PET WELLNESS CLINIC, CHS'S FIRST IN NORWICH THAT PROVIDED FREE MEDICAL SERVICES TO 46 PETS. (PHOTO BY JACK SCHMIDT) BELOW: A PLEASED NEW CAT OWNER AT A PET ADOPTION EVENT AT THE CHS WATERFORD SHELTER.

Gordon continued. "It also gives our organization the leverage to develop and test a model that can be utilized in communities around our state as well as recruit other funders to this worthy cause."

In the form of its "Animal Welfare University," CHS is providing much-needed professional training to animal welfare officers from 21 towns. Some of the

daylong workshops have included presentations by nationally renowned companion animal experts; one workshop, titled "Offensive and Defensive Animal Handling," attracted no less than 90 people.

Thanks to veterinary services that the grant provides to pets in the care of municipal animal control and other private animal shelters and rescues, dozens of pets have received the

vaccinations, spaying and neutering, dental and other services that they urgently need. Owners in need have obtained flea control products and pet food from shelters as well as food pantries that serve low-income neighborhoods. And most important, abandoned and neglected pets have found loving, "fur-ever" homes.

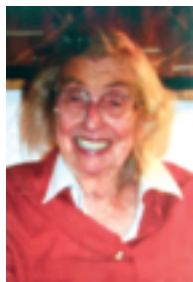
www.cthumane.org

A CAT'S BEST FRIEND

The Isabelle Atwood Fund for Feline Welfare

SOMETIMES NINE LIVES ARE NOT ENOUGH. Cats that need a helping hand will benefit from the legacy of Isabelle Knowlton Atwood of Mansfield.

Isabelle loved cats. She often worked with Noranne Nielsen, Mansfield's animal control officer, to come to the rescue of abandoned and stray cats. It was no surprise to those who knew her that she left a generous



bequest to establish the **Isabelle Atwood Fund for Feline Welfare** specifically to care for cats and kittens that are housed temporarily at the Mansfield Animal Shelters. In June of 2015, the Town of Mansfield established an endowment with the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut to oversee the new fund and encourage its growth.

"When the town builds a new shelter some day, we'll be able to use some of the future income from



"THE SMALLEST FELINE IS A MASTERPIECE," LEONARDO DA VINCI ONCE OBSERVED. ISABELLE ATWOOD (INSET) WOULD HAVE AGREED. "IZZY" CARED ABOUT THE PEOPLE, PLACES, AND HISTORY OF MANSFIELD, BUT THE FELINE RESIDENTS OF HER HOMETOWN WERE PARTICULARLY DEAR TO HER.

this fund to help us build a facility just for cats," says Noranne, who typically has five to 10 cats at the shelter at any one time. She describes Isabelle as someone devoted to her own pets and willing to go the extra mile on many occasions to help a

lost or injured animal. With the help of the fund she created, the town can provide steadfast care to the creatures she loved, ensuring their safety and health for decades.

Sharing Knowledge and Resources

The Community Foundation continuously forges partnerships with dozens of nonprofit organizations in Eastern Connecticut. They help us to deliver on our philanthropic mission. In turn, we support nonprofits to fulfill their own individual missions through grant making, convenings and knowledge sharing.

Building a Stronger Nonprofit

THE WATERFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

ON MAY 1, 2015, the Community Foundation welcomed a new family member into its collection of funds. If it sounds like the proverbial match made in heaven, perhaps it's because the agreement between the Waterford Education Foundation (WEF) and the Community Foundation did have a little "Devine" intervention.

It was WEF board member and secretary Mildred Devine, well-known to many in the region as an estate planner, trust officer at Dime Bank, and community leader, who played a key role in connecting WEF with the Community Foundation.

A nonprofit that supports educational and cultural opportunities for Waterford's students and residents, WEF was looking for a way to encourage contributions and ensure continuity in the future. Millie began exploring all of the options. She connected the Community Foundation to the WEF board of directors; a few months later the board voted to establish the **Waterford Education Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund**.

"It was critical to our future that the fund be managed by

professionals," said Lindsay Savona-Donka, president of WEF, noting that "Alison Woods and Lilli Rhodes at the Community Foundation made the process of establishing a fund extremely easy and efficient."

Since WEF was founded in 2004, it has awarded grants to dozens of educational and cultural initiatives in the public schools and community organizations that benefit Waterford students and residents. Those have included iPads for use in classrooms, innovative music programs, an organic herb garden, new digital collections for Waterford Public Library, playwriting workshops for students, visiting speakers, and even classes to teach senior citizens how to use their smart phones and tablets.

"It's wonderful to see all the outcomes and receive so many positive comments from teachers and students," says Lindsay. "We can feel good about all the ways that we are able to bring the community together and give back now and for years to come."

www.wefct.org



THE WATERFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUND HELPED TO SUPPORT AREA STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL AT THE EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER IN WATERFORD. PHOTO BY ISAAK BERLINER

2015 Grants: Your Generosity at Work

For information about grant cycles, guidelines and deadlines, visit www.cfct.org/ForGrantseekers

WINDHAM AREA

Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund — \$39,000

Catholic Charities
Covenant Soup Kitchen
Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board
Holy Family Home and Shelter

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry
Windham Region No Freeze Project
Windham Regional Community Council

Women & Girls Fund – Windham Area — \$83,235

Access Community Action Agency
The Children's Law Center
Connecticut Legal Services
Covenant Soup Kitchen
Girl Scouts of Connecticut
Horizons
Network Against Domestic Abuse
Perception Programs

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
Stone Acres Therapeutic Riding Center
United Services
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry
Windham County 4-H Foundation
Windham Public Schools - School Based Health Center
Windham Region No Freeze Project
Young Audiences Connecticut/Arts for Learning Connecticut

NORWICH AREA

Unrestricted/Sears & Frisbie-Chapman Funds – Norwich Youth — \$136,484

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
City of Norwich - Recreation Department
Connecticut Audubon Society
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Madonna Place
New England Science & Sailing (NESS)
Norwich Human Services
Norwich Public Schools/BRIDGES Summer Program
Norwich Public Schools - Samuel Huntington
Elementary School

Norwich Youth and Family Services
Ocean Community YMCA - Mystic Branch
Project Oceanology
Safe Futures
Sankofa Education and Leadership
Sea Research Foundation - Mystic Aquarium
Stone Acres Therapeutic Riding Center
Thames River Community Service
United Community & Family Services

Women & Girls Fund – Norwich Area — \$17,250

Colchester Youth Service Bureau
Madonna Place
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

Reliance House
Safe Futures
St. Vincent de Paul Place

SOUTHEAST AREA

Unrestricted/Let's Read Fund & Love Our Libraries Fund — \$783,312

American Red Cross
Arc New London County
Avery-Copp House
Care and Share Soup Kitchen
Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut
The Center: A Drop-In Learning & Resource Center

Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut
Children In Placement
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Colonial Theatre School
Community Coalition for Children



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Connecticut Association for Human Services
 Connecticut Ballet
 Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)
 Connecticut College
 Connecticut Science Center
 Connecticut Storytelling Center
 Covenant Shelter of New London
 Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
 Eastern Area Health Education Center
 Eastern Connecticut Ballet
 Eastern Connecticut Community Gardens Association
 Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra
 Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board
 Eugene O'Neill Theater Center
 Flock Theatre
 Florence Griswold Museum
 FRESH New London
 Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut
 Garde Arts Center
 Groton Public Library
 Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut
 Healing with Horses at Wildrose Horse Farm
 Hearing Youth Voices
 Heavy Hitters USA
 High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
 Higher Edge
 Historically Black College Alumni
 Hygienic Art

Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC)
 Judy Dworin Performance Project
 Kids in Distressed Situations
 Ledge Light Health District
 The Lighthouse Vocational Education Center
 The Links, Incorporated
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum
 Madonna Place
 Malta
 Martin House
 Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality (MASH)
 Mystic Arts Center
 Mystic Ballet
 Mystic Seaport Museum
 New England Science & Sailing (NESS)
 The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut
 Neighborhood Music School
 New London Adult and Continuing Education
 New London Area Food Coalition
 New London Community Boating
 New London Community Meal Center
 New London Community Orchestra
 New London County 4-H Program
 New London County Historical Society
 New London Homeless Hospitality Center
 New London Main Street
 New London Maritime Society
 New London Youth Affairs
 Noank-Mystic Community Band
 Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
 OIC of New London County
 Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
 Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
 Riverfront Children's Center
 Riverside Park Conservancy
 Striving Toward Empowered Personal Success (STEPS)
 Safe Futures
 Salt Marsh Opera Company
 Sea Research Foundation - Mystic Aquarium
 Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition
 Southeast Connecticut Television
 St. Mark's Toddler Playgroup
 St. Vincent de Paul Place
 Stonington Free Library
 Stonington Village Improvement Association (SVIA)
 Thames River Community Service
 Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA)
 United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut
 United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Hartford

United Community & Family Services
United Way of Southeastern Connecticut
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut

Women & Girls Fund – Southeast Area — \$98,475

Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut
Catholic Charities
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut
The Children's Law Center
Covenant Shelter of New London
Martin House
Montville Youth Service Bureau
Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality (MASH)
New London Adult and Continuing Education

Waterford Country School
Writer's Block Ink

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
Safe Futures
Southeastern Regional Action Council
Striving Toward Empowered Personal Success (STEPS)
Thames River Community Service
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut
We Work 2
Writer's Block Ink

*Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals & the Environment/People for Animals & Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund/
Josephine & Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals/Jacqueline & Marc Chadourne Fund*

Environment — \$155,190

Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound
Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC)
New London Youth Affairs
Niantic River Watershed
Regional Multicultural Magnet School
Science and Technology Magnet High School of
Southeastern Connecticut
Sea Research Foundation – Mystic Aquarium
The Visionaries/Lyme Land Conservation Trust Project

Animal Welfare — \$91,300

Animal Welfare League of New London County
Beech Brook Farm
Connecticut Humane Society
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Groton Animal Foundation
Ocean State Animal Coalition
TEAM: Tait's Every Animal Matters
Waterford Country School

NORTHEAST AREA

Women & Girls Fund – Northeast Area — \$12,500

Access Community Action Agency
Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG)
United Community & Family Services
United Services
Westcott-Wilcox Elderly Residential Housing

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The Arc of New London County
Armenian General Benevolent Union
Artspace
ArtTable
Avery-Copp House Museum
Charles H. Barrows STEM Academy
Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center at
Columbia University Medical
Center
Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
Bethsaida Community
Boston Workers Alliance
Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern
Connecticut
Buffalo City Mission Society
Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School
CARE
Care and Share of East Lyme
Center for Labor Education and
Research
Child & Family Agency of
Southeastern Connecticut
The Children's Law Center
Children's Museum of Southeastern
Connecticut
Chinese Progressive Association
City of New London-City Council
Clean Up Sounds and Harbors
(CUSH)
Common Cents EMS Supply*
Communities in Schools
Community Labor United
Connecticut Children's Medical
Center Foundation
Connecticut Coalition to End
Homelessness (CCEH)
Connecticut Early Music

Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Connecticut Invention Convention
Connecticut Landmarks Society
Connecticut Public Broadcasting
Connecticut Public Television & Radio
Covenant Soup Kitchen
Crosby Fund for Haitian Education
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Muonde
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Performing Arts
EASTCONN - Arts at the Capitol
Theater Magnet High School
Eastern Connecticut Symphony
Orchestra
Environmental Defender Law Center
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center
The Farm School
Feeding America
Florence Griswold Museum
Food Bank of Western New York
Food Share
Forman School
Fractured Atlas
FRESH New London/TSNE
Friends of Fort Trumbull
Friends of Harkness Memorial
State Park
Friends of Writers
Garde Arts Center
Gemma E. Moran United Way/
Labor Food Center
Girl Scouts of Connecticut
Give2Asia
Groton Open Space Association
The Gund Gallery
Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT
Haitian Health Foundation
The Hewitt School
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
Higher Edge
Himalayan HealthCare

The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund
Holy Family Home and Shelter
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Human Rights Center-UC Berkeley
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Hygienic Art
I-Park Foundation
Interdistrict School for Arts and
Communication (ISAAC)
International Festival of Arts & Ideas
International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Ivoryton Playhouse
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social
Action
Jewish Federation of Eastern
Connecticut
Joshua's Trust
Judy Dworin Performance Project
Kahilu Theatre Foundation
Kenyon College
Kenyon Review
La Grua Center
Lawrence + Memorial Hospital
Ledyard High School
The Light House
Loaves & Fishes Ministries
Los Banos Liberation Memorial
Scholarship Foundation
Lyman Allyn Art Museum
Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts
Lyme Ambulance Association
Lyme Land Conservation Trust
Lyme Public Library
Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau
The Madeira School
Madonna Place
Martin House
The Masters School
Mercy Corps
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Musical Masterworks
MusicNow Foundation
Mystic & Noank Library

Mystic Area Shelter And Hospitality (MASH)
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 New London Community Orchestra
 New London County Historical
 Society
 New London Education Foundation
 New London Homeless Hospitality
 Center
 New London Little League
 New London Main Street
 New London Maritime Society
 New London Music Festival
 New London Public Schools
 New London Soccer Club
 New London Youth Affairs
 New London Youth Football League
 North Windham School PTO
 Norwich Free Academy (NFA)
 Ocean Community YMCA
 Officers' Club of Connecticut
 Old Lyme Land Trust
 Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes
 Library
 Old Saybrook Land Trust
 Otis Library
 Our Companions Domestic Animal
 Sanctuary
 Oxfam America
 Partners in Health
 Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for
 Philippine Development
 Pine Point School
 Planned Parenthood Federation of
 America

Planned Parenthood of Southern
 New England
 Point Reyes National Seashore
 Association
 The Population Council
 Public Library of New London
 Read to Grow
 Regional Multicultural Magnet
 School Foundation
 Straight Talk
 River Gallery School
 Riverfront Children's Center
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 Safe Futures
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 Silver Hill Hospital
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 Coalition
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 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
 St. Michael School
 St. Vincent de Paul Place
 Stonington Cemetery Association
 Stonington Community Center
 Stonington Education Fund
 Stonington Free Library
 Stonington Historical Society
 Stonington Land Trust
 Stonington Village Improvement
 Association (SVIA)-James Merrill
 House
 Sweeney Elementary School PTO
 Teens Turning Green - Conscious
 Kitchen
 Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation
 Thames River Community Service
 Thames Valley Council for
 Community Action (TVCCA)

Thompson Ecumenical
 Empowerment Group (TEEG)
 Three Rivers College Foundation
 The Trust for Public Land -
 Connecticut
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni
 Association
 UNICEF
 United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern
 Connecticut
 United Services
 United Way of Southeastern
 Connecticut
 University Liggett School
 University of Connecticut Foundation
 USA for UNHCR
 Virunga Fund
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 Southeastern Connecticut
 Wadsworth Atheneum
 WAMC Northeast Public Radio
 WARM Shelter
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 Waterford Little League
 The Waterford Parks Foundation
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 Waterford Youth Service Bureau
 The Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum
 Westcott-Wilcox Elderly Residential
 Housing
 Williamstown Theater Festival
 Windham Center School PTO
 Windham Free Library Association
 Windham Public Schools
 Windham Region No Freeze Project
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 Windham Theatre Guild
 Women for Women International
 World Wildlife Fund
 Worldwide Fistula Fund
 The Write Source
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 WSHU Public Radio
 Yale University
 Yale University Art Gallery

* For automated external defibrillators
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LEFT PHOTO: AS MANY WILL ATTEST, "PEOPLE MAKE THE ORGANIZATION WHAT IT IS," AND SO IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE WELCOMED SIX NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT OUR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING AT THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. L TO R: DAVID SCHULZ, CATHY BOKOFF, EILEEN OSSEN, ANNE RASH, ULYSSES HAMMOND, AND SANDRA RUEB.

RIGHT PHOTO: ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS L TO R: GOVIND MENON, CHAIR, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MARILYN NELSON, POET LAUREATE OF CONNECTICUT (2001-2006); MARYAM ELAHI, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND CEO; AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER DAVID ADDAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WILLIAM CASPAR GRAUSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND. ADDAMS TOLD THE ASSEMBLED FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: "GOOD WORKS, MULTIPLIED, IS WHAT WE ALL NEED; WHAT YOU HAVE DONE CAN INSPIRE AND PROVIDE A LIGHT TO OTHERS TROUBLED BY DAUNTING PROBLEMS."



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GARDE ARTS CENTER, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND OUR SOUTHEAST AREA WOMEN & GIRLS FUND PRESENTED THE ACCLAIMED NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM "THE TRIALS OF SPRING" ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AT THE GARDE THEATER. AFTER THE SCREENING, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT MARYAM ELAHI PARTICIPATED IN A Q&A WITH THE FILM'S EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR, OSCAR-NOMINATED GINI RETICKER. THE FILM CHRONICLES THE TRUE STORY OF HEND NAFEA, A YOUNG EGYPTIAN WOMAN WHO BECOMES AN UNLIKELY ACTIVIST ON A SEARCH FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. HER MESSAGE RESONATED WITH ALL WHO SEEK TO GIVE WOMEN A VOICE AND TO EMPOWER PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. L. TO R.: ELAHI, NAIMA GHERBI (MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEAST AREA WOMEN & GIRLS FUND STEERING COMMITTEE), NAFEA, RETICKER.

Donor Advised Funds

These funds allow individuals, families, organizations and businesses to recommend specific nonprofits they would like to support.

Alessi Family Fund	2009	Lieber Family Fund	2006
Alessi Family Fund for Women & Girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund – Norwich)	2014	Julia J. & Carl W. Lindquist, MD Fund	2001
Alice Fund	2013	Jon Martenson Fund	2005
Anonymous VII	2007	Michelle E. Maitland & Joshua C. Martin Fund	2008
Anonymous IX Fund	2006	John E. & Elizabeth M. Martin Fund	2002
Anonymous XI	2011	Sarah Ann Martin Fund	2004
Baird Family Fund	2014	Morgan McGinley Family Fund	2007
Baker Costa Mallette Fund	2013	Avery Russell Morgan Children's Literacy Fund (affiliated with Let's Read Fund)	2000
Jane M. Brannegan Literacy Fund (affiliated with the Let's Read Fund)	2009	Grace Badger Murphy Fund	2011
Neal & Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund	1998	O'Brien Goodman Family Fund	2013
Boettner Fund	2004	Margaret M. O'Shea Education Fund	2008
Buscetto Family & Friends Fund	2008	Ossen Fund for the Arts	2006
Monica M. Carlin Memorial Fund	2009	Ossen Fund for Windham	2014
Melinda Carlisle Fund	2005	Francis J. & Sally T. Pavetti Fund	1985
Elsie Childs Fund	2012	Pochal Family Fund	2012
Colonial Cooperative Care Charitable Fund	2000	Larry Pontbriant Athletic Safety Fund	2007
Community Arts & Education Fund	2008	Ralph Averill Powers Foundation Fund	2007
Kevin Crosbie Fund	2002	Preston Community Fund	2015
Dangremond Family Fund	2004	Pursuit Fitness Children's Fund	2000
Harold & Miriam Dean Fund	2003	Colin & Loretta Rice Family Fund	2003
Rudolph & John Dirks Fund	2009	Richard E. & Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund	2000
Anthony & Elizabeth Enders Fund	2002	Barbara Sahagan Fund	2014
Elizabeth & William Foye Fund	2010	Philip A. Turner Fund	2011
Bill Foye Philippine Scholarship Fund	2014	Sidney Faithfull Van Zandt Environmental Education Fund	2014
Fund for Norwich Arts	2010	John T. Savage Memorial Fund	2004
David Garbo, Jr. Fund	2013	Elaine Pearl Shapiro & Michael Shapiro Charitable Fund	2004
Gildersleeve/White Fund	1984	Dr. Jamie Allen Shaughnessy Fund	2012
Judith Glassenberg Classroom Enrichment Fund (affiliated with the Let's Read Fund)	2005	David & Theresa Sistare Fund	2003
Michael J. Gorman Fund for Persons with Disabilities	2005	June D. Strunk Fund (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)	2009
Gross Family Fund	1999	Lisa Thomasco & Darrell Fox Fund	2013
Heritage Fund	2004	Toulmin Family Fund	2001
David & Muriel Hinkle Fund	2002	James Trainor Memorial Fund	2013
Howe Charitable Fund	1997	Pamela and Samuel Wheeler Fund	2014
Javor Family Fund	2007	Estella E. Whipple Fund (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)	2009
Barbara Kiss Johnson Fund	2002	Woolworth Family Fund for Stonington	2008
Lathrop Family Fund (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)	2009		
Lewis Female Cent Society Fund (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)	1999	<i>Funds created in 2015 in bold</i>	

Field of Interest Funds

Field of interest funds give donors the option to support overarching issues that are important to them. The Community Foundation then invests in promising projects and organizations that address these areas of interest.

Arts Alliance Fund	2002	Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals and the Environment	2014
<i>To promote artistic endeavors</i>		<i>To advance animal welfare (both domestic and wildlife) and support environmental projects (with an emphasis on environmental education) in New London County</i>	
Arts in Education Fund	1995	Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund	2003
<i>To support arts education in Norwich</i>		<i>To prevent domestic violence & provide treatment for its victims (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Jane Dugan Baird Fund	2009	LaMattina Family Fund	2012
<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>		<i>To support programs that provide opportunities for at-risk boys & young men</i>	
Beaver Brook Fund	2000	Let's Read Fund	2002
<i>To advance the treatment of mental illness</i>		<i>To support literacy programs that encourage a love of reading & learning</i>	
Broach Fund	2009	Love Family Fund	2009
<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust	1989	Love Our Libraries Fund	2008
<i>For Groton-based organizations</i>		<i>To support 13 libraries in southeastern CT</i>	
Jacqueline and Marc Chadourne Fund	2014	Carole Marks Fund	2009
<i>To support programs and organizations supported by the People for Animals & Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Bernard and Alice Chalecki Fund	2014	Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Education Fund	2001
<i>To provide scholarships for students in eastern CT who are pursuing studies in health-related fields</i>		<i>To foster habits of tolerance & inclusion among children</i>	
Marion E. Doro Fund	2009	Andrew & Elaine McKirdy Fund	2002
<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>		<i>To support educational, economic, and/or social advancement programs for disadvantaged persons</i>	
Frisbie - Chapman Memorial Fund	2010	Peg Moran Fund	2015
<i>To support organizations offering programs & services for economically and socially disadvantaged Norwich youth</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Carl Clark Graves Fund	1999	Murstein Family Fund	2005
<i>To advance the sports of crew, sculling & other water-based activities</i>		<i>To provide women access to educational & job training opportunities (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Greater Norwich Education Fund	2003	People for Animals & Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund	2007
<i>For enrichment programs in Norwich Public Schools</i>		<i>To promote the well-being & humane treatment and protection of animals & wildlife</i>	
Louise Guarnaccia Fund for Non-Traditional Students	2006	C. A. Pike Fund	1996
<i>To help non-traditional female students enhance their employment opportunities (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund-Windham Area)</i>		<i>To support healthy families</i>	
Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund	1998	Elvia Enders Richards Fund	1986
<i>For children's programs in southeastern CT</i>		<i>For home health care services</i>	
Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund	2002	Josephine & Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals	2007
<i>To assist disadvantaged people in the Windham area & promote self-sufficiency through education & training</i>		<i>For the care & comfort of animals in the Town of Groton (affiliated with the P.A.W. Fund)</i>	
Scott F. LaFrance Fund	2014		
<i>For scholarships and other educational/enrichment opportunities for special needs students at Plainfield High School</i>			

Science Education Fund	2002	Whelen Family Fund	2009
<i>To support science education programs for youth in southeastern Connecticut</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>	
Grace & Lewis Sears Memorial Fund	2010	Henry C. White Memorial Fund	1990
<i>To support organizations offering programs & services for economically and socially disadvantaged Norwich youth</i>		<i>To help treat & prevent substance abuse</i>	
Serve Here CT	2014	Women & Girls Fund-Northeast Area	2013
<i>To provide young adults between the ages of 18 to 29 with the opportunity to improve the social, welfare, health, and educational environment of the people in Connecticut</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls</i>	
Smith Literary Fund	2011	Women & Girls Fund-Norwich Area	2006
<i>To encourage literary historical research and writing through college scholarships & writing programs</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls</i>	
Barbara Timken Fund	2009	Women & Girls Fund-Southeast Area	1999
<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls</i>	
Beth Walker Fund	2009	Women & Girls Fund-Windham Area	2004
<i>To improve the lives of women & girls (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund-SE)</i>		<i>To improve the lives of women & girls</i>	
		Edward Wozniak Arts Access Fund	2010
		<i>To provide youth with access to the arts</i>	
		<i>Funds created in 2015 in bold</i>	

Designated Funds

Designated funds work well for charitable people who want to help one or more specific nonprofits advance their mission and programs in perpetuity.

Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund	1998	Martin V. Daly Memorial Scholarship Fund	2012
<i>Children's Museum, Center for Hospice Care SECT, L&M Hospital, & St. Paul's Church</i>		<i>Scholarships for Griswold High School</i>	
Lou Allen Scholarship Fund	2014	Allen James Day Memorial Award Fund	2012
<i>For scholarships for graduating students at New London Science & Technology Magnet High School</i>		<i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	
Almond Paine Fund	1996	Robert E. Davidson Fund	2014
<i>For Protestant churches in Killingly that hold regular Sunday School classes</i>		<i>To benefit Eastern Regional Mental Health Board's education & advocacy efforts</i>	
Anonymous III Fund	1996	Roger Mason Day Memorial Award Fund	2012
<i>VNA of SE CT & Waterford Public Library</i>		<i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	
Walter V. Baker Fund	1994	Dean's Mill School 2009/SHS 2017 Fund	2009
<i>Public Library of New London</i>		Denison Greening Project Fund	2013
Beaumont Family Fund	1999	<i>To help make land available to local farmers</i>	
<i>Mystic Rotary Club Scholarships</i>		EASTCONN (ACT) Scholarship Fund	2004
Bill Memorial Library Fund	2009	<i>Scholarships for EASTCONN/ACT Students</i>	
Brodhead Scholarship Fund	2001	East Lyme Public Library Fund	2009
<i>Noank Baptist Church</i>		Town of Eastford 8th Grade Awards Fund	2012
David J. Calchera/EASTCONN/ACT Fund	2005	<i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	
<i>Scholarships for EASTCONN/ACT Students</i>		Fred & Jo Falkner Fund	2001
Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. Foundation Fund	2002	<i>To benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters initiatives in southeastern CT</i>	
		Martha H. Griffis Fund	1991
		<i>Public Library of New London</i>	

Hartman Park Endowment Fund <i>Hartman Park in Lyme</i>	1997	Florence & Raphael Shafner Charitable Fund <i>L&M Hospital, American Red Cross,</i>	1984
Hearing Youth Voices Fund <i>For a study of New London students' perspective on schools</i>	2012	<i>Child & Family Agency, Public Library of New London, Waterford Land Trust, Center for Hospice Care, VNA of Southeastern CT</i>	
Priscilla & Charles Hodges Memorial Fund <i>Thames Valley Music School, Stonington Free Library, & Community Foundation of Eastern CT</i>	2008	William Shand Memorial Award Fund <i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	2012
Jacobs Family Fund <i>High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. & the Community Foundation of Eastern CT</i>	2012	Starfish Fund <i>For Hispanic Alliance outreach to disadvantaged individuals & families</i>	2007
Olivette Kozey Art Award Fund <i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	2012	String Theory School of Music <i>For music instruction scholarships for disadvantaged children in eastern CT</i>	2012
Ledyard High School Choral Music Fund <i>To benefit LHS music programs and choral youth music in southeast CT</i>	2013	Rose & Sigmund Strochlitz Fund <i>Waterford Public Library</i>	1986
Lesniowski Fund	2006	Stonington Free Library Fund	2009
Judith Vaill Lombardo Fund for the Creative Arts <i>To promote excellence in writing and the visual and performing arts in East Lyme Public Schools New London Education Foundation Scholarships</i>	2015	Team Joe Kelly Fund <i>To support children & families being served by the Oncology Department of CT Children's Medical Center</i>	2013
Catherine Melling Memorial Fund <i>New London County 4-H Foundation</i>	1999	Betty Richards Tripp Fund <i>Stonington Free Library</i>	1999
Sarah Morse ECB Dance Scholarship Fund <i>Eastern Connecticut Ballet</i>	2000	Veterans Memorial Greenway Fund <i>For memorials in Willimantic</i>	2003
New London Resident Scholar Fund <i>New London Science & Technology Magnet High School</i>	2006	William S. Warren Academic Award Fund <i>To benefit Eastford Elementary School students</i>	2012
Norwich Area Physicians' Fund <i>United Community & Family Services, Norwich</i>	1990	Waterford Education Foundation/ Waterford High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund <i>Waterford High School Scholarships</i>	2010
Norwich Department of Public Utilities Fund-Safety Net Program <i>Norwich Human Services - emergency utility assistance</i>	2006	Evelyn Carlson Widham Memorial Fund <i>Waterford Historical Society & Waterford Public Library</i>	2012
Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Fund	2012	Jane Wheadon Memorial Fund <i>For Senior Center programs in the City of New London</i>	2015
Old Lyme Social Services Emergency Fund	2001	Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund <i>Williams School award & scholarship</i>	1987
Constance Pike Fund <i>Old Lyme Children's Learning Center</i>	2005	Jane W. Williams Fund <i>Mystic/Noank Library, Noank Historical Society & Literacy Volunteers</i>	1988
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church Fund	2006	Windham Before & After School Program Fund <i>To support the before & after school program initiatives of the Windham Public Schools</i>	2011
Salem Free Public Library Fund	2009	Leonard & Irene Zuckerbraun Family Fund <i>Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra Young Artists Competition</i>	2004
Friends of the Science & Technology Magnet High School Fund	2007		
Janey Schultz Scholarship Fund <i>For Three Rivers Community College Scholarships for women pursuing nursing or allied health studies</i>	2011		

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Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds help to address emerging community needs. Donors place their trust in a group of knowledgeable volunteers and staff to review grant applications, conduct site visits and then use these discretionary dollars to award grants to organizations that make a positive and meaningful difference.

Judith & David Anderson Fund	2000	Drs. Joan & Manuel E. Kadish Fund	1997
Anonymous I (Norwich) Fund	2000	Chester W. Kitchings Fund	1983
Anonymous II (Norwich) Fund	2000	Dorothy West Lathrop & Harriet Sullivan	1990
Anonymous IV Fund	1997	Wallace Fund	
Avery-Hammond Fund	1984	J. Martin & Caroline S. Leatherman Fund	1996
Irma Baker Memorial Fund	2000	Mr. & Mrs. J. Martin Leatherman Fund	1983
Barbara J. Baldwin Fund	2015	Doris R. & Benjamin A. Levinson Fund	1983
Shirley Beal Fund	1997	Minnie & Dorothy Levinson Fund	1999
Big 4 Radio Stations Fund	2000	Liberty Bank Fund	1997
Peter Block Fund	1998	Juliet Wilber Long Teachers' Memorial Fund	1995
Bredeson Family Fund	1998	Reid & Linda MacCluggage Fund	2002
Helen Brewster Fund	2009	John T. & Evelyn MacDougall Fund	1996
Elsie A. Brown Fund	1990	Rosalind M. & Harvey N. Mallove Fund	1989
Nancy & Howard Brundage Fund	2012	Robert W. Marrion Founding President Fund	1987
Camp Family Fund	1987	Matthews Family Fund	1998
Carol L. Chappell Fund	1998	New England Savings Bank Fund	1988
Chelsea Groton Bank Fund	1997	New London County Mutual Fund	2000
Coastal Fund (New London Federal Savings & Loan)	1985	New London Day Fund	2000
Margaret Connelly Sullivan Fund	2000	New London Rotary Club Fund	1983
Mildred E. "Millie" Devine Fund	1996	Nightingale Fund	1998
Roger & Cornelia Dickinson Fund	2008	Norwich Savings Society Fund	1999
Dime Savings Bank Fund	1997	O'Brien Family Fund	2008
Robert A. Doherty Memorial Fund	1992	Donald & Marilyn O'Brien Fund	1998
Ann & Gordon Douglas Fund	2003	John O'Brien Fund	1997
Eastern Connecticut Development Council Fund	2000	Old Black Point Association Fund	2002
Eastern Federal Bank Fund	1997	Margaret & William Orkney and	1997
James & Isabelle English Fund	2006	Grant Hileman Fund	
Robert & Lois Geary Fund	1996	George A. Ott Fund	1996
R. S. Gernon Trust Fund	1994	Palmer/Bodenwein Fund	1983
Elaine M. & Dr. David Ginsberg Fund	1984	Stanley Popiel Fund	2009
Glassenberg Family Fund	1996	Dyanne M. Rafal Fund	1998
Dorothy C. Goodwin Fund	1993	Kathleen W. & John T. Roan Fund	2000
Gorin's Furniture Fund	1997	Isadore & Isabelle Rogovin Fund	2001
Alva G. Greenberg Fund	1998	Estelle & Harold Ross Fund	2000
Carolyn L. & Kenneth E. Grube Memorial Fund	1997	Carrie V. & Horace W. Rowe Family Fund	1985
Mr. & Mrs. William G. Hammond Fund	2004	SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc.	2000
William R. Hannaford Fund	1999	(formerly Savings Bank of Manchester)	
Harry R. & Dorothy S. Hazard Fund	1989	Charles & Susan Seeman Fund	2000
William J. Hazlewood Fund	1987	Stella Shannon Fund	1999
Hertenstein Family Fund	2005	Millie & Martin Shapiro Fund	1998
Mary Hewitt & Edward Mann Fund	1993	Shea Fund	1983
George Jagger Fund	1999	Jerome & Marian Silverstein Fund	2000
Jewett City Savings Bank Fund	1997	Melvin Simon Fund	2000
Richard & Clarissa Jones Fund	2005	David C. Smith Memorial Fund	1987

Marjory B. & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Fund	1983	Thomas Edison Troland Memorial Fund	1990
Solomons Family Fund	1986	Union Trust Fund	1984
Catherine M. & Charles R. Sortor Fund	1983	Joan & Thomas Wetmore Fund	1992
Stamm Family Fund	1983	Whittemore-Kepple Fund	1998
Marjorie Inkster Staton Fund	2007	Millard R. York Fund	1997
Susan H. Timken Fund	1998		

SCHOLARSHIP FLASHBACK

ROCHELLE DUYAN: COMING FULL CIRCLE

In 1998, when the Community Foundation awarded a scholarship to Rochelle Duyan, the New London High School senior sat down and wrote a thank you note to the members of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee. Eighteen years later, now a recent law school graduate, Rochelle has found the perfect way to say "thank you" all over again: she joined the Scholarship Committee herself this year.

"I want to give every candidate the high level of attention that I received when I was trying to fulfill my goal of going to college," she says.

The first-born child of immigrants from the Philippines, Rochelle had set her sights on college but, as the first in her family to do so, neither she nor her parents had any idea how to fund her education. The Foundation's scholarship and other community support allowed her to enroll at UConn's Avery Point campus. Two years later she transferred to Connecticut College, graduating in 2002 with a degree in sociology.

Rochelle launched a career that included working seven years as a senior assistant and paralegal at Connecticut College. Her next step was to enroll in Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, MA.

"My daughter was entering first grade at the same time I started law school, so I would often say to her, 'We are both in our first year of school!'" Rochelle recalls with a smile.

She earned a J.D. in 2014, then worked as an Information Risk Consultant at Mass Mutual Financial Group, practiced family law in New London, and is now on the State of Connecticut Probate Panel. The attorney runs her own practice, which focuses on estate planning: helping people with their wills, living wills, and power of attorney.

What message would she send to the next generation of students as they make choices about higher education and launching a career?

"You can do it all, but you can't do it by yourself," she advises. She points to all the people who helped her along the way: the donors who created the Rose and Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund for New London students, members of the scholarship committee, and a very persistent guidance counselor.

"You have to find your support system and ask them for help," she adds. "Then remember that those people are standing behind you, and you cannot let them down."



Scholarship Funds

Forward thinking benefactors opened educational doors for more than 200 students thanks to these funds that provided \$520,725 in scholarships.

Terry Manning Aleman - Pomfret Community School Scholarship Fund	2015	Frederick, Theodore & James Haddad Scholarship Fund	2007
Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund	1997	Rachel E. Harma Scholarship Fund	2006
Dr. James T. Anderson Scholarship Fund	2011	Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal Scholarship Fund	2012
Arnold W. Avery Scholarship Fund	2004	Edith M. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008
Dennis S. Barlow Scholarship Award Fund	2012	Harvey Family Scholarship Fund	1996
Beaumont Scholarship Fund	2006	Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund	1983
Malcolm F. & Harriet B. Brown Scholarship Fund	2006	Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund	1983
Cahill Black Point Education Fund	2012	Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
Daniel Canter Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008	Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2004
Cynthia A. Carano Memorial Scholarship Fund	2010	Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund	2003
Harold D. Carpenter Scholarship Fund	2012	Robert L. Howard, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2015
Paul N. Carpenter Athletic Memorial Scholarship Fund	1992	Katie Jackson Scholarship Fund	2015
Kemaphoom "Ahn" Chanawongse Scholarship Fund	2004	Ruben Elijah Reiser Johnson Scholarship Fund	2011
Matthew Chew Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Arts	2010	Walter S. Kapala Scholarship Fund	2014
Citizens Bank Community Service Scholarship Fund	2001	Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund	1998
Michael Collins Achievement Scholarship Fund	2015	Latin Network for the Visual Arts Scholarship Fund	2010
Ernest W. & Elizabeth K. Cone Scholarship Fund	2007	George & Beverly Letz Fitch Scholarship Fund	1989
Margaret Mary Curtin Scholarship Fund	2010	George & Beverly Letz Wheeler Scholarship Fund	2010
Hilda Fischer Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund	2011	Eleanor K. Lewis Scholarship Fund	2012
John Deligeorges, MD Memorial Scholarship Fund	2007	Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund	1988
Robert T. Desjardins Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008	Don Lumadue Scholarship Fund	2003
Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund	2000	Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund	1997
David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship Fund	2006	Mallove Family Scholarship Fund	1989
C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship Fund	1994	Peter Matthews Scholarship Fund	2010
Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004	Christa McAulliffe Scholarship Fund	2012
Town of Eastford General Scholarship Fund	2012	Beatrice McEwen Scholarship Fund	1996
Thomas J. Ellis, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2013	Edythe & Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund	2002
William Emberton Scholarship Fund	2012	Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund	1993	William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund	1988
Eric Evans Scholarship Fund	2002	Alfred G. & Imogen M. Moss Scholarship Fund	2009
Freddy Fayal Scholarship Fund	2005	Caryn Nesbitt, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008
Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund	1996	NL Rotary/Dr. Charles K. Lee Scholarship Fund	1999
FRESH Scholarship Fund	2008	Patricia C. Norman Scholarship Fund	2007
John Geissler Memorial Scholarship Fund	2013	Nunes Family Scholarship Fund	2011
General Scholarship Fund	2000	John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund	1998
Danny Gilman Memorial Scholarship Fund	2013	Alyce Orenstein Scholarship Fund	2008
Edward & Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship Fund	1999	Pat & Ernestine Patterson Music Scholarship Fund	1999
RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award	2006	Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund	1994
Clayton M. Grey Memorial Scholarship Fund	2014	William Pedace Scholarship Fund	1997
		Pfizer Scholarship Fund	2013
		Dana Michael Poole Scholarship Fund	2012
		Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund	1991
		John F. Root Scholarship Fund	2005

SCHOLARSHIP FLASHBACK

NIKOLIN KUTROLI: GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP OTHERS

“I have always wanted to give back to other people,” says Nik Kutrolli. It is a conviction that he has put into action from a very early age.

When he arrived in New London from Albania in 1995, the 8-year-old Nik did not speak a word of English. After fleeing the unrest in their native country, his parents were granted U.S. citizenship through political asylum, and the family began building a new life in southeastern Connecticut. They did so with the help of relatives and many others in the New London community who welcomed them as family.

Ten years later, in 2005, the 18-year-old Nik walked into the offices of the Community Foundation to be interviewed as a candidate for one of the four-year Marjory B. & Laurence P. “Jim” Smith Scholarships, then one of the largest and few multi-year awards.

“My guidance counselor hadn’t supplied any background information on me to the scholarship committee, saying that he didn’t wish to ‘steal my thunder’ and that I had to tell my story in my own words,” Nik recalls today.

The high-achieving New London High School senior made an impression on the committee and later that year became the first in his family to attend college.

After starting off on a pre-med and pharmacy track

at the University of Connecticut, he discovered that his strengths lay in finance; he graduated with a degree in that field in 2010 and was offered a position at Liberty Mutual Insurance.



THE KUTROLI SIBLINGS ALL RECEIVED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION. FROM THE LEFT: GEORGE (OHIO STATE, 2016); OLSA (URI, 2013); ALEX (UCONN, 2011, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL 2015); AND NIK (UCONN 2010, SNHU 2015).

Now living in Peabody Mass., he has worked as a claims team leader for the company ever since. Nik observed two other milestones in his life last year: he got married and also earned his MBA from Southern New Hampshire University.

All three of his siblings have followed in his footsteps as scholarship recipients from the Community Foundation: Olsa, (URI class of 2013); Alex Lisandri, (UConn class of 2011, and George Washington University Law School 2015); and the youngest, George, (Ohio State, class of 2016).

In 2012, Nik made his first gift to the Community Foundation. Today he is proud to be in the category of “loyal donors,” those who contribute each and every year.

“It’s my way of saying thanks to all the people who have invested in me over the years,” he explains. “Everyone in New London was always willing to go above and beyond for me—my family, our church, the teachers and guidance counselors at the public schools, and also the people at the Community Foundation—and I will never, ever forget that.”

Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund	2001	Jack Stefanski Athletic Scholarship Fund	2007
Carl, Jr. & Dorothy Croft Safford Scholarship Fund	2006	Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund	2000
Carl, Jr. & Dorothy Safford UCONN Scholarship Fund	2006	James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund	1993
Laura B. Seder Memorial Scholarship Fund	2011	Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund	1997
Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship Fund	2015	Viola A. & Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004
Mary K. Sharpe Memorial Business Scholarship Fund	2012	Union School Association Scholarship Fund	2013
Edith Wheaton Smith Scholarship Fund	2012	Emil Vaida Scholarship Fund	2012
CDR James L. Smith Scholarship Fund	2012	Aldo Valentini Scholarship Fund	2009
Marjory B. Smith Scholarship Fund	1983	Waterford Scholars Fund	1996
Marjory B. & Laurence P. “Jim” Smith Scholarship Fund	1983	Tim West Memorial Scholarship Fund	2009
Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund	1993	Cornelius & Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund	1993
		<i>Funds created in 2015 in bold</i>	

Keeping Others on Track with Higher Education

THE ROBERT L. HOWARD, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FINANCING A COLLEGE

EDUCATION can be like climbing a long, steep road, but students from Eastern Connecticut will receive some extra traction thanks to the **Robert L. Howard, Jr. Scholarship Fund**.

In addition to having a solid academic standing, a good character, and financial need, candidates for the scholarship will receive priority if they pursue a sport once loved by the late Robert L. Howard, Jr.: motocross racing.

Robert L. Howard, Jr. of North Franklin was only 42 when he lost his life in 2013. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband and father, a hard-working public accountant, and a business leader.

“One of his coworkers once told



THE LATE ROB HOWARD, SHOWN HERE ON A FAMILY TRIP, LEAVES A LEGACY OF HELPING OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS OF EDUCATION AND A BETTER LIFE, THANKS TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED BY HIS WIFE, HEIDI.

me that Rob always did what was right, not what was easy, and that was the case in all areas of his life,” said his wife Heidi Howard. Because both his education and career as a CPA had

been so important to him, she chose to set up an endowed scholarship fund in her husband’s name.

Heidi had heard about the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut through the Trust Department at Dime Bank, and the bank officers helped her to lay the groundwork for the fund.

A native of eastern Connecticut, Rob was a 1993 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Business and a partner and certified public accountant at Mahoney Sabol & Co. LLP in Glastonbury. In 2007 he had earned the Hartford Business Journal’s Top 40 Under Forty Award.

“I would like his legacy to be helping others to attend college and eventually to be proud of their careers and accomplishments,” Heidi says.

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A Living Legacy Will Help Train Future RNs

THE SHIRLEY BRADWAY SERAFIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ALTHOUGH HE LIVED HIS

ENTIRE LIFE in a small town, Peter T. Serafin did not think small when it came to honoring the memory of his wife of 56 years, Shirley Bradway Serafin.

When Peter died in 2014, he left most of his estate to the Community Foundation to establish the **Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship Fund**. He did so to create a permanent tribute to his wife, who had died in 2009, and to encourage others to follow her chosen career path as a registered nurse.

The bequest, which will eventually be over the \$2 million mark, will provide scholarships for residents of

Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock, or Pomfret, with financial need who are enrolled in an R.N. program at an accredited educational institution in Connecticut, Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

According to Attorney Edwin C. Higgins III, executor of Mr. Serafin’s estate, “The fund serves as a testament to the Serafins’ belief in the importance of pursuing strong career educational opportunities. The Community Foundation is perfectly positioned to carry out his intent and assist area residents with their educational goals in the nursing field, whether they are recent high school graduates or people further along in life who aspire to a



SHIRLEY BRADWAY SERAFIN, R.N.

career change.” The first awards were made in May of 2016.

Agency Endowments

Nonprofits establish their own endowments with the Community Foundation for two good reasons: One, to assure their donors that long-term charitable gifts will be managed by a stable, successful and committed institution; two, to produce a predictable revenue stream annually for their missions.

A Moveable Feast Fund	2003
Alliance For Living Fund	2002
ARC of New London County Fund	2003
Isabelle Atwood Fund for Feline Welfare	2015
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut Fund	2004
Clock Tower Fund	2009
Connecticut Early Music Fund	2001
Covenant Shelter of New London Fund	2004
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Inc. Fund	2007
Griffis Art Center Fund	2001
Groton Animal Foundation Fund	2012
Groton Public Library Fund	2011
Hempsted Heritage Fund	2001
ISAAC Fund	2013
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship Fund	1997
Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. Fund	2004
James Merrill House Fund	2009
Mystic Arts Center Education Endowment Fund	2002
Mystic Flag Committee Fund	2015
Natchaug Hospital Fund	2011
New London County Historical Society Fund	2007
New London Education Foundation Fund	2001
Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Fund	2003
Riverfront Children's Center Fund	2009
Rotary Club of Mystic Scholarship Fund	2013
Safe Futures Fund	2013
Mitch & Betty Salomon	2002
(Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association) Fund	
Shiloh Baptist Church Fund	2001
Southeastern Connecticut Women's Network Fund	2008
Stonington Community Center Fund	2006
Stonington Education Fund	2000
United Way Endowment Fund	1993
Waterford Education Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund	2015
Waterford Senior Services Endowment Fund	2007
Dr. Carl Wies Scholarship Fund	2008
Windham Theatre Guild Fund	2003



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS HAPPY TO WELCOME THE MYSTIC FLAG COMMITTEE FUND TO OUR FAMILY OF AGENCY ENDOWED FUNDS.

Sustainability Funds

Sustainability Funds enable the Community Foundation to excel as a community leader, convener, advocate and funder.

Rufus Barringer Fund	1999	Priscilla F. Hodges Fund	2007
Harry & Sarah Birenbaum Fund	1998	Marion E. Sanford Fund	2000
William G. Booth Fund	2004	Robert E. Shannon Fund	2002
Adele Clement Trust	1998	Sustainability Fund (general)	2003
Ann & Karel den Tex Fund	1996	James M. & Alma N. Trench Fund	2010
Fitzpatrick Fund for the 21st Century	1998	Helen Vergason Fund	1998

Future Funds

Donors may establish funds that they will contribute to at a later date through their estate plans. We are grateful for the thoughtful planning of the donors who created these funds.

Anna & Tom Bartunek Animal Fund	2011	Patricia Proctor Scholarship Fund	2015
Harry & Sarah Birenbaum Family Fund	2004	Malcolm & Margaret Robertson Educational Fund	2006
Lynn & Martin Bloom Fund	2012	Barbara W. Skinner Fund	2009
Gladys & Harold Burns Scholarship Fund	2006	Bruce C. Skinner Fund	2009
Common Ground Fund	2014	Thomas & Olga Sotir and Walter & Susie Watson	2007
Costa Family Scholarship Fund	2009	Scholarship Fund	
Bethe & Marcel Dufresne Fund	2009	Eric Treaster Ledyard Community	2014
Fortin Memorial Scholarship Fund	2013	Scholarship Fund	
Denise Gershenov Lewis Scholarship Fund	2012	Milton J. Walters Fund	2012
Steven M. Lewis Best Friends Survival Fund	2012	Edward Murray Weyant Scholarship Fund	2012
Kathryn F. Lord Fund	2011	Sandy, Sidney and Douglas Van Zandt Fund	2014
McAlister Bradley Fund	2008	Catherine Zall Fund	2012
James F. & Terri A. Muren Fund	2002		
Mary & Richard Place/Putnam Ford	2012	<i>Funds created in 2015 in bold</i>	
Scholarship Fund			



EARLY CHILDCARE PROGRAM AT
CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

**EACH OF THE FOUR
WOMEN & GIRLS FUNDS
IS A GIVING COLLECTIVE
DESIGNED TO EMPOWER
WOMEN AS DONORS AND
TO BUILD AN ENDURING
ENDOWMENT AIMED AT
HELPING WOMEN AND
GIRLS BREAK THROUGH
CHALLENGES SO THAT
THEY MAY BUILD
BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR
THEMSELVES AND THEIR
FAMILIES.**

**PHILANTHROPY IS OUR
TOOL FOR CHANGE AND
TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!**



Capturing the Spirit of Our Women & Girls Funds

WORDS LIKE empathy, helping hand, empowerment, sisterhood, family, inclusion, community, strength, friendship, and the future come to mind.

Four funds, one region, one ethos: *Women coming together to lift up other women and their families.*

Northeast Area Women & Girls Fund

Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock.

Norwich Area Women & Girls Fund

Norwich, Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.

Southeast Area Women & Girls Fund

East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Lyme, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Salem, Stonington and Waterford.

Windham Area Women & Girls Fund

Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Stafford, Union, Willington and Windham/Willimantic.

Whether it's in the New London and Norwich areas, greater Windham or the Northeast Corner, generous people—women and men—have come together to learn and give together, resulting in four permanent endowments that collectively total \$3 million and have given out over \$1.3 million in grants, including \$150,000 in 2015.

Aligning closely with the Community Foundation's strategic plan priorities, the grants support programs that:

- Empower women and girls to make positive decisions
- Promote healthy relationships and reduce domestic violence
- Advance family economic security and help women enter/re-enter the workforce
- Additionally, the Southeast Area Women & Girls Fund focuses on helping New London women ages 62 and older—with limited incomes—remain in their homes.

THANKS TO A GENEROUS BEQUEST through her will in 2015, Peg Moran continues to lend a helping hand to women and girls in southeastern Connecticut through the Peg Moran Fund ... now and forever. A resident of Pawcatuck and a supporter of the Southeast Women & Girls Fund during her life, Peg was well known for her passion for flowers, artisan farming and writing. We are deeply grateful to Peg for her legacy gift and generous spirit.



The Lewis Century Society



The **Lewis Century Society** acknowledges and honors those individuals who include any of the Women & Girls Funds in their wills or estate plans. It is named after Harriet Richards Lewis, a New London woman who left the very first bequest to the Female Cent Society, a group of women who, in the early 19th century, gave a penny a week to aid women and children in need. In 1999, the successor organization now known as the Lewis Female Cent Society, turned over its nest egg to the Community Foundation, setting the stage for all the Women & Girls Funds. The Lewis Female Cent Society continues its good work today.

We are pleased to recognize:

Pamela Akins

Laurie MacTavish Best

Maura Casey

Graham Gavert

Peg Moran

Dr. Nelly Murstein & Dr. Bernard Murstein

Julie A. Olson

Evelyn Peyton

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*To learn more about the Women & Girls Funds, contact
Alison Woods or Lilli Rhodes at 860-442-3572 or alison@cfect.org or lillian@cfect.org.*

Starting Your Own Fund

What would you like to do for our community and how can we help you do it?

The Community Foundation is your natural partner because you love Eastern Connecticut and want to make a difference. We are home to more than 460 charitable funds created by generous individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to support the causes they care about in our region. And, we offer the opportunity to join with others to have even greater impact on important community issues.

Possibilities that suit you.

THROUGH YOUR FUND, YOU CAN

- Select specific causes to support or keep it flexible.
- Contribute to it right away or later through your will or trust.
- Make modest grants or large ones.
- Build your fund through cash, stock, real estate or other assets.
- Get a tax deduction now, but distribute money when convenient to you, not just to meet an annual IRS deadline.
- Remain anonymous if you choose.

FUND OPTIONS

Wherever your generosity leads you, we have a type of fund that will bring it to life!

Donor Advised Fund

To provide flexible giving for those who want to be actively involved.

Unrestricted Fund

To meet the community's greatest needs, no matter how they change over time.

Designated Fund

To support a specific named organization(s).

Field of Interest Fund

To support a broad interest area(s)—such as early childhood education, basic needs, or environmental preservation.

Scholarship Fund

To assist students in a particular field of study, geographic area, or high school.

Agency Endowment Fund

Set up by a nonprofit organization to provide perpetual annual income for that nonprofit.

Sustainability Fund

To strengthen the Community Foundation's role as a leader, convener, funder and advocate throughout Eastern Connecticut.

Special Initiatives

The Community Foundation also welcomes gifts of any amount to support our special initiatives, including:

- *Let's Read* Fund, which encourages early literacy and the love of reading.
- Love our Libraries Fund, which provides resources for local library programs.
- People for Animals and Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund, which supports efforts to protect animals, wildlife, and the environment.
- Women & Girls Funds, which provide funding for programs that improve the lives of women and girls in need in Southeast CT, Norwich, Windham, and Northeast CT.



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WE MAKE IT EASY AND JOYFUL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Setting up a fund with us is quick and convenient. And, if you just want to sit down and discuss the possibilities, we can do that, too ... with no pressure. Our door is always open—let us know how we can help! Contact Alison Woods or Lilli Rhodes at the Foundation at 860-442-3572, 877-442-3572 (toll-free) or by email at alison@cfect.org or lillian@cfect.org

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When you wish to give later...

A legacy, or planned, gift gives you an opportunity to provide for your community after first providing for your loved ones. You can create a fund now and fund it through your estate plan. Future gifts can be made through bequests in wills and trusts, retirement plan designations, life insurance, remainder interest in real estate, and beneficiary forms with your financial institutions.

Planned gifts also can provide you with income, allow you to take advantage of tax benefits, and make a big impact in the future. This is especially true for highly appreciated assets, which continue to generate income for you during your lifetime. Life income options include charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts. Any assets that remain can be used to establish any type of fund.

People Who Care

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS GAVE GENEROUSLY IN 2015 TO SUPPORT ISSUES THAT MATTER TO THEM AND THE WELL-BEING OF OUR REGION. THANK YOU!

\$1,000,000 and above

Alva Greenberg
Estate of Peter G. Letz
Estate of Peter T. Serafin

\$500,000–999,999

Anonymous (2)
City of New London—
Jane Wheadon Fund

\$100,000–499,999

Anonymous
Edward and Mary Lord Foundation
Town of Mansfield—
Isabelle Atwood Fund

\$25,000–99,999

Anonymous (2)
Estate of Barbara J. Baldwin
Elsie & Samuel Childs
Cecile & Art Costa
Meiyan & Stephen Gross
Estate of Doris R. Levinson
Maura & Mark Powers
Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation
Preston Community Fund
United Way of Central and
Northeastern CT
Helen Vergason Trust

\$10,000–24,999

Alice Chalecki*
Isabelle & James English
David Garbo, Jr.
Hispanic Alliance of SECT
Heidi Howard
Sandra & Dan Jackson
Joseph LaFrance
Mary & John LaMattina
Kathleen F. & David W. MacLennan
Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation
Estate of Peg Moran
Pfizer Inc.
Dyanne & John Rafal
Safe Futures

Barbara Sahagan
Sarah & John Steffian
Waterford Education Foundation
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed
Association

\$5,000–9,999

Anderson-Paffard Foundation
Barbara & Douglas Barrett
Clare Fund
David Dresback
Mabel Burchard Fischer Grant
Foundation
Lisa Thomasco & Darrell Fox
Katharine & Richard Gildersleeve
Barbara & Marc Ginsberg
Griffis Foundation
John and Kelly Hartman Foundation
The Jacques Cartier Club
Friends of Team Joe Kelly
Latin Network for the Visual Arts
Denise & Steven Lewis
Curly & Sandy Lieber
Nelly & Bernard Murstein
Mystic Flag Committee
Prior Parker
Karen Stone & David Schulz
Stonington Education Fund
Town of Waterford/Town Hall
Veolia Water NA/New London
Water Authority

\$2,500–4,999

Wayne Boettner
Mona & Brian Carey
Citizens National Bank
Connecticut Municipal Electric
Energy Cooperative
Martha Gibson
Lorraine & Bruce Grey
Valerie & Royden Grimm
James Lombardo
Friends of James &
Judith Vaill Lombardo
Evelyn MacDougall

New London Firefighters
Susan & Lou Rubino
Denise Shafner
Kimberly & Todd Smith
Friends of Union School Scholarship
Association
Pamela Wheeler

\$1,000–2,499

Lynne & George Allen
Frances Ashley
Cathy & Steven Bokoff
Borner, Aleman & Davis
Kathy & Tom Borner
Jane & Daniel Brannegan
Theresa Broach
Brooks Point Foundation
The Brownington Foundation/
Michael Savage
Nancy & James Butler
Joan Butler
Laurel Butler & Christopher Daniels
Grant Cambridge
Patricia & Daniel Carey
Ellin & Philip Cebollero
Community Foundation for the
National Capital Region
Anna & Basil Deligeorges
Mildred Devine
Cheryl & Michael Duzant
Elizabeth & Anthony Enders
Ben Gahagan
William Gahagan
Nancy & James Giblin
Beverly Goulet
Laurie & Thomas Green
Lisanne Hauck & Willard Hall
Marjorie Hoskin
Emily Mae Howard
Leigh Jones-Bamman
Manuel Kadish
Sally & Carl Keil
Hyunyong Kim
June & Henry Krisch
Chris & Wally Lamb

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 Susan Graham & Stephen Larcen
 Nancy Lathrop
 Sara Lathrop
 Sarah Wester & John Lazzaro
 Dominic Leone
 Jean & Donald Leone
 Adrienne & William Loweth
 Diane Manning
 Louise & Charles Marburg
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 Laura Moorehead
 Bella's Bistro
 The Bulletin
 Chase Graphics
 Chloe's Jewelry
 The Creative Quill
 D.H. Copeland Builders
 Dime Bank
 Dynamic Alliance
 G Seven Catering Company
 Generations Family Health Center
 Goudreau's at Nash Garden Center
 Jessica Tuesdays
 Dr. Erica Kesselman &
 Dr. Joseph Botta
 Lord Thompson Manor
 James and Ellen McGuire
 Minuteman Press

Northeast District Department of Health
 Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
 Putnam Farmers CoOp
 The Raceway Restaurant and Gold Club
 Rational Acoustics LLC
 Renee's Working Girl Catering Service (Renee Berube)
 Salmagundi
 Sprucedale Gardens Nursery and Greenhouse
 Stonebridge Press & Villager Newspapers
 Taylor Brooke Winery (Linda & Richard Auger)
 Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG)
 Trink-et Shoppe
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 Victoria Station Café
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The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society honors those people who have told us of their plans to leave a legacy through the Community Foundation in the future. Bequests, charitable trusts and gift annuities, retirement plans, life insurance . . . all of these options make it possible for you to provide for the organizations and causes that matter to you after you have considered family and friends.

We thank the following people who have informed of us of their legacy intentions. If you are not a member of the Legacy Society but have arranged to establish a fund or add to an existing fund, we hope you will join. Please feel free to call us if we can help you in any way.

Pamela Akins & Barry Levinson
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The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit. — Nelson Henderson

We are honored that the following generous community members entrusted us with their legacy gifts through their wills and trusts in 2015:

Estate of Isabelle Atwood
(through the Town of Mansfield)
Estate of Barbara Baldwin
Estate of Peter G. Letz
Estate of Doris R. Levinson
Estate of Peg Moran
Estate of Peter T. Serafin
Estate of Marjory and
Laurence P. "Jim" Smith

Financial Report

How does the Community Foundation maximize the financial return on your charitable funds while getting as many dollars as possible out to the causes, nonprofits, and communities you care about?

We take great care.

Our investment committee works with our investment manager, Brown Brothers Harriman (www.bbh.com) to preserve and grow our endowment through prudent investment strategies. Our three-pronged asset allocation approach centers on growth, risk reduction and inflation protection. We aim to reduce exposure to market volatility through diversification within risk-managed asset classes.

The Foundation's individual funds are pooled together and are invested in a well-diversified portfolio with less than 3% exposure to fossil fuel companies and tobacco-related investments. A new investment portfolio aligned with the focus of the Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals & the Environment provides an additional option for donor funds to be managed with sensitivity to animal welfare and environmental issues, as well as to tobacco-related investments and fossil fuel companies.

Following general market trends over 2015, the Community Foundation experienced a 2.3% (net of fees) loss on investments. Global markets were generally weak with narrow opportunities, as most asset classes were flat to down. Our six-year annualized rate of return is 7.5% which keeps us in line with our objectives of achieving perpetuity and making annual grant and scholarship awards that keep pace with inflation from the more than 460 funds that charitable people and organizations have established over the Foundation's 33-year history.

CFECT Investment Performance (net of fees):

2015	-2.3%
2014	6.2%
2013	16.2%
2012	14.6%
2011	0.8%
2010	10.7%
6-yr Annualized Return	7.5%

Members of the Investment Committee:

Sam Childs, <i>Chair</i>	Martha Gibson
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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT, INC.

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2015 & December 31, 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
Cash and Investments	\$58,550,445	\$53,441,286
Split-interest agreements:	4,022,579	6,109,451
Property and equipment, net	457,345	439,419
Other Assets	232,065	61,538
Total Assets	\$63,262,434	\$60,051,694

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Grants and Other Payables	\$766,545	\$646,148
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	58,557,495	53,388,661
Temporarily restricted	349,275	2,178,017
Permanently restricted	3,589,119	3,838,868
Total Net Assets	62,495,889	59,405,546
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$63,262,434	\$60,051,694

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT, INC.

Statement of Activities for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 & December 31, 2014

REVENUE:	2015	2014
Contributions	\$10,547,367	\$10,354,325
Investment Gain & Income	(893,401)	2,800,440
Change in value of trusts & split interest agreements	(258,810)	309,679
Other Income	—	14,500
Total Revenue	\$9,395,156	\$13,478,944
EXPENSES:		
Grants & Scholarships	\$5,018,735	\$4,023,103
Other Grant Expenses	309,382	285,864
General & Administrative	777,294	691,108
Investment Fees	199,355	171,605
Total Expenses	\$6,304,766	\$5,171,680
Increase in net assets Before other losses	\$3,090,390	\$8,307,264
Loss on disposal of property	47	141,092
Increase in net assets	3,090,343	8,166,172
Net Assets — Beginning of Year	59,405,546	51,239,374
Net Assets — End of Year	\$62,495,889	\$59,405,546

The Community Foundation's audit is conducted by Blum Shapiro (www.blumshapiro.com). The complete financial statements with accompanying footnotes and Form 990 are available on our website and for inspection at our offices: www.cfect.org/AboutUs/FiscalStewardship

Professional Advisors

Professional advisors often recognize when the Community Foundation is the right match for their clients' charitable intentions. Historically, over half of the gifts to the Community Foundation have come as bequests or other planned gifts, with the guidance and expertise of professional advisors. We thank the following advisors for their advice and community service.

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