



A report on the
activities and
events of 2009
and beyond



The Community Foundation
of Southeastern Connecticut
Nurturing our community for more than 25 years





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Our mission is to transform our region into a more vital, caring community.

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We were meant to be together, but...



Laurel Butler is the chair of the merged Community Foundation. Rheo Brouillard was chair of the former Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area, and is a trustee of the Community Foundation.

"For most of us, home is not eastern Connecticut, but our town or even neighborhood. That's the strength of a community foundation. Your endowment saves, preserves, and protects those aspects of community you care about most."

PEOPLE DON'T THINK THERE IS A PLACE CALLED "eastern Connecticut", but there is.

First, eastern Connecticut is a geological reality. Predicting our independent nature, or perhaps stimulating it, the rivers of eastern Connecticut do not depend on nor feed into the Connecticut River.

Instead they form a region that was primed for settlement by Native Americans seeking year-round climates; farmers needing tolerable soil and ports to ship their goods; revolutionaries demanding self-governance; industrialists needing modest rivers to power their mills; whalers and boat-builders and fishermen requiring navigable and fruitful waters; and immigrants – some willing, some not – from around the world who could make their homes here.

Second, then, eastern Connecticut's communities are tied by history. Towns around Willimantic and Putnam existed because of the mills. Norwich and New London depended on the farmers and manufacturers for products to ship, just as the reverse was true. The defense industry depended on a steady, reliable workforce.

Community foundations here have history, too

Once upon a time there were three community foundations in eastern Connecticut. The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut, nee the Pequot Foundation, has served the 11 cities and towns of New London and the coast for 26 years. The Eastern Connecticut Community Foundation was prominent in a wide circle around greater Norwich and the Community Foundation of Northeast Connecticut covered the Windham area and east and north to the borders. The latter two merged to become the Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area in 2006.

As of January 1, 2010, we are one community foundation, presently doing business under the name of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut. With 42 cities and towns – one quarter of the state's total – we cover the largest geographic area of the state's 18 community foundations.

Bottom line: merging made sense

But for almost all of us, our 'home' is not eastern Connecticut, but our town or even our neighborhood. We may identify most strongly with our congregation, our ethnicity, our alma mater, our commitment to the environment, our love of the arts.

That's the strength – and the promise – of a community foundation. Your permanent endowment saves, preserves, and protects those aspects of community you care about most.

Why did we merge? For you. After 18 months of interviews, research, and discussion, our two boards decided that *your* charitable goals were best met by us uniting under a single flag.

Operational efficiencies will ensure that a very experienced staff will work with you – whether you live in Woodstock or Waterford – to help the nonprofits, causes, towns, and more that you care about.

We look forward to a continued history, together.

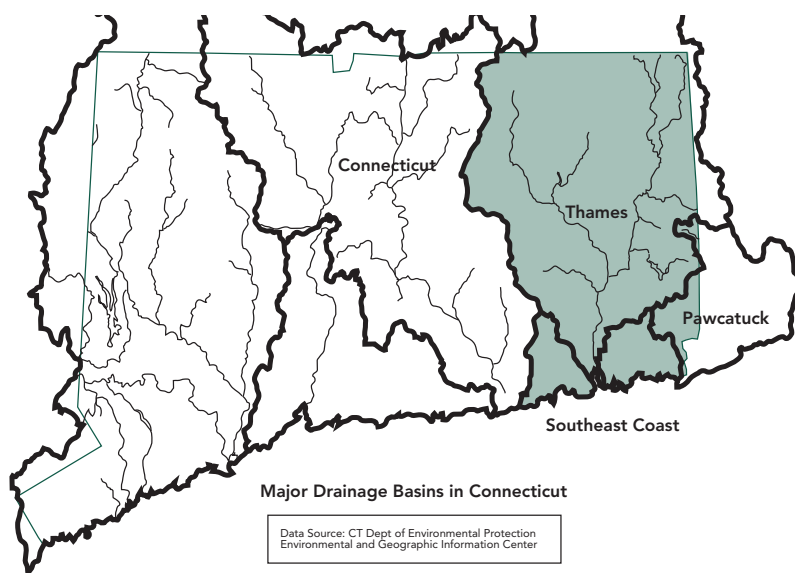
East of the River: the united history of where you live

EASTERN CONNECTICUT is a unique place – a part of the state, but a place apart – a distinctive region that has in many ways from the start defined what Connecticut truly means.

It is a place of striking beauty, remarkable natural resources, and a resourceful people whose history speaks of grand accomplishment – and great disappointment.

Its story is one of successive cycles of economic boom and bust – of struggle and resilience – of reinvention and revival.

Throughout its constantly transforming history, the region continues to be profoundly connected to its past.



The Natural Setting

Eastern Connecticut's distinctiveness is rooted in the land itself.

“East of the river is a very different place. That is, the physical geography is different. You can see that just by looking at the drainage. If you go to the west, all the rivers run down to the Connecticut, and join it. If you go to the east, the rivers run away from the Connecticut. So the eastern part of the state has always been more alienated from the namesake river, the Connecticut River, than is the west.”

- Robert Thorson, Professor
Geology & Geophysics
University of Connecticut

All the words and most of the graphics on the next ten pages are directly from the 2004 documentary "East of the River". Please see credits and caveats on page 11

“Wampum is a shell bead. The largest distribution of these shellfish appeared to be between the Connecticut River and Narragansett Bay. And whoever controlled that wampum controlled the fur trade. For a short period of time, eastern Connecticut probably became the most important geographic locale in all of North America.”

- Kevin McBride
Director of Research
Mashantucket Pequot
Museum



Pre-1600

Human beings entered eastern Connecticut about 10,000 years ago. A gentle topography allowed for easy movement of people and animals over the landscape. The shoreline's rich marine estuaries attracted a native population to its bountiful fishing and hunting areas.

Pequot War 1637-1638

“The competition between the native groups, and between the European powers, eventually resulted in conflict between the English and the Pequots. [The major example is], of course, the Pequot War in 1637 and '38.”

- Kevin McBride

Soon after the Pequot War, European settlers began spreading up the Connecticut and Thames Rivers and along the length of Long Island Sound in search of farmland.



An exhibit on making wampum at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. The recently-discovered wampum belt pictured to the left was discussed at a Spring lecture by Dr. Margaret Bruchac, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut.

“Most of northeastern Connecticut was settled on the basis of land speculation, so that you had individualized settlement. You didn't have the communal spirit that you had in earlier settled places. From the start you had a very different kind of attitude toward community, especially in northeastern Connecticut.”

- Kit Collier, State Historian

1630s

The European settlers who started arriving in the region in the 1630s found Indian tribal groups with complex alliances and shifting boundaries. In the eastern region, all paid tribute to the Pequots, the strongest, most populous tribe in the area.

The Europeans – first the Dutch, then the English – established a lucrative trade in furs with the native population.



"All the forests we see today are of relatively recent origin. Most of the land around here would have been farms. They were small family farms, widely spread out. That was true right up until World War II."

- **Bruce Clouette, Historian**
Public Archaeology Survey Team



1650-1750

Earlier Connecticut towns were communal, settled by Puritans for religious reasons. These new northeastern towns were founded on different principles.

"The most important product being sent to sea out of eastern Connecticut was livestock. After that came the produce of the farm: that could have been flour. Lard and salt pork and salt beef were large important exports. After that came codfish and that brings us right back down to the coast."

- **Glenn Gordinier, Historian**
Mystic Seaport

Slave Trade

After sailing out of Norwich and unloading at the large West Indies plantations, Connecticut vessels often sailed on to West Africa and brought back cargoes of slaves.

Africans were a presence in eastern Connecticut from early in the life of the colony. Many African slaves labored in rural parts of eastern Connecticut, some on large plantation-style farms.

You gather the most radical of the patriots coming from eastern Connecticut.

"There were tight and severe times as a general rule all through the early 1700s. And this is one of the factors that led to anxieties that created the great religious movement, "The Great Awakening." And that in turn led to a breakdown in deference, and that breakdown in deference then fed into the opposition to the royal policies of the 1760s and 1770s."

- **Kit Collier**

The artist John Trumbull served as an aide to George Washington in the Revolutionary War. The Jonathan Trumbull House is located in Lebanon.



"Southeastern Connecticut had the heaviest concentration of people of African ancestry during the colonial period, during the 1600s, 1700s. You could find them engaged in bond servant work in people's households, in the fields, working around the docks."

- **Stacey Close, Professor**
History, Eastern Connecticut State University

“As the seaport towns developed, so did the inland towns to supply them with goods for shipment.

“Norwich had a very advantageous position, because it could, by being inland, cut off the trade goods coming in from the inland area, and ship them out of Norwich instead of New London. Norwich grew at the expense of New London during the 18th century and in the 19th century, with the manufacturing.”

- Dale Plummer,
Norwich Town Historian



Maritime Connections and the Cities 1750-1850



(Top L-R) Palmer shipyards, Norwich Harbor,
New London docks, New London Oyster Depot



“Starting in Norwich and working your way south through Ledyard, Gales Ferry, Montville, New London, and then Groton, Mystic and Stonington and all the areas south of here: [all were] very rich areas for maritime activity: whaling, shipbuilding, fishing and almost every every other occupation.”

- Bill Peterson, Senior Curator
Mystic Seaport

“In 1850, 60 percent of the employed men of color in New London are mariners. Almost all of them, doubtless, are whalemens.”

- Glenn Gordinier

“New London became a fully-engaged whaling port beginning about 1819 and it remained so for the better part of the next century.
New London, for a period of time, was the second-largest whaling port in the world, only behind New Bedford.

“That meant we needed to have hundreds and thousands of men to work on those ships. We’d find young men coming from the urban centers and from the hinterland coming into New London signing on to whaling ships. We would also find men coming back from other parts of the world.

“It’s pretty clear that southeastern Connecticut, being here on the shoulder of the sea, gives it a different character. It gave the people who lived here different sorts of lives and different concerns. It will always be a part of the identity of this community.”

- Glenn Gordinier



View of New London from Shore Road

“Four-fifths of the textile mills of Connecticut were located in eastern Connecticut.”

**- Chris Bickford, Executive Director
New London County Historical
Society**



The Textile Industry 1850-1950

When the industrial revolution took hold in the 19th century, eastern Connecticut quickly became a center of the emerging textile industry.

“Eastern Connecticut was blessed with these rivers that were not so big that you couldn’t possibly dam them and use them for water power, but not so small that all you could do was get a saw mill or a grist mill out of it. We have a lot of those middle-sized streams like the Shetucket River, which could produce several-hundred horse power that could be adapted to use in textile production.”

- Bruce Clouette

“I worked in two of the mills myself when I got out of high school in 1938. This was our future. You’d work in the mill. We called it Belding University instead of Belding Mills. And we were going to marry, have three kids, stay in Putnam all of our lives, and make a go of it.”

**- Robert Miller,
Putnam Town Historian**



Immigration Waves 1850-present

The first to work in the mills in the early 1800s were the children of area Yankee farm families. Spurred by the potato famine of 1845, Irish immigrants poured into Connecticut with many going to work in the mills.

Willimantic typified the immigration experience.

“It comes out of Providence very early in the first decade of the 19th century, with Samuel Slater and the Brown family developing small factories for the spinning of thread. They’re small scale. They’re employing 20, 30 people at first, and they’re only spinning.

“Within 20 years there are full-blown weaving mills. There were literally scores and scores of mills throughout eastern Connecticut.”

- Chris Bickford



“Even though the rest of Connecticut had developed many industries – firearms, hats, brass industry and so forth – in 1880, textiles were still the number one manufacturing enterprise in Connecticut. Some of them, such as the one in Willimantic, employed thousands of workers. And particularly in an area that’s as rural as this, that was an immense impact.”

- Bruce Clouette



Willimantic

"In 1864, the Willimantic Linen Company was the biggest company in Connecticut. Produced the best cotton thread in the world. This is why Willimantic is known as the Thread City.

"There were 3,500 people working at the mill in 1917 and 18. They would work 60-hour weeks in the mills, in shocking conditions, where you couldn't breathe. The noise, you couldn't see. They would die of brown lung, from breathing in all the cotton dust. In the late 1870s, there were terrible outbreaks of cholera, hundreds were dying every summer with the hot weather because they had no running water.

"For many immigrants, however, working in the mills was a huge improvement over their previous lives."

- Tom Beardsley,
Willimantic Historian

"The Irish came in the 1850s and '60s. Following them came the French-Canadians. In the 1900s there were many eastern Europeans: Polish, Ukrainians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Russians, Italians, Czechs, and after the 1950s and '60s a lot of Puerto Ricans came.

"Each immigrant group that came, I think, did suffer some discrimination. They were impoverished. They were the new kid on the block. Eventually they would assimilate into American culture and all have jobs and houses and speak the language. Then another group would come.

"In the early 20th century, numerous eastern European Jewish immigrants established farms in communities like Colchester, Lebanon and Moodus."

- Bev York, Director
Windham Textile & History Museum



"My father lived in a log cabin with eight children. Here they had brand new houses, and they had 7 rooms. There were 12 children alive in my family so I slept three in a bed for years. It wasn't a drudgery; it was a real improvement over their former lives, you see."

- Rene Dugas, Sr.,
Retired Mill Worker & Photographer
Taftville

"Our largest minority population in Norwich is Haitians and that migration began several years ago when the casinos needed workers. [See "Indian Casinos", page 9] Next to that would be the Asian community. Many of them still work here during the week and return to their homes in the New York area on weekends. But many of them settled here and they'll be part of our community for years to come.

"This has come quickly and in a time when we have a state budget crisis, as well as major problems on the federal level. This impacts the entire region and I think the issues – transportation, school cost, housing – are something that have to be and are being addressed by our council of governments and our economic development organizations."

- Beverly Goulet, Director
Norwich Social Services



The Decline of the Mills 1930s-present

In the last two thirds of the 20th century, one mill after another closed or relocated to the south. Persistent unemployment, declining population, and pockets of rural and urban poverty plagued many old mill towns in the region.

In Putnam, as in many riverside mill towns, major floods in 1936, 1938 and 1955 hastened the steady decline.

“In the ’55 flood, they all went. It was a domino action from up in Massachusetts and we lost all of them. From there on, there isn’t one textile company in Putnam. We lost a thousand people in Putnam after the ’55 flood.

“A lot of people are working, like during World War II, at Electric Boat and Pratt & Whitney, 50 miles. If you were making any money in Putnam, you were going there.”

- Robert Miller

“The Depression hits in the ’30s, and then the post-war boom passes northeastern Connecticut by because the interstate highway system doesn’t come here. Willimantic suffered once the railroads disappeared in the ’50s. And then the mills left in the ’60s, and eventually closed in the ’80s. This decline just kept going, and going, and going.”

- Tom Beardsley



Defense Industry 1940s-present

As the mills faded away in eastern Connecticut, a new economic engine – the defense industry – emerged.

East Hartford aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney employed as many as 47,000 Connecticut workers during the Vietnam War years. Today, the workforce stands at about 11,000.

In the southeast, the Coast Guard Academy, the Naval sub base and submarine maker Electric Boat constitute the heart of the region’s defense community.

EB greatly prospered during the major 20th century conflicts, becoming the region’s largest employer and dominant industry, peaking at 25,000 employees in Connecticut. Employment levels plummeted with the end of the Cold War to about 9,000 today.

“The defense industry, through employment and through the neighborhoods that it supported, really gave people a sense of place and belonging. The fact that it’s not there as much has left some people sort of unmoored, maybe searching a little bit. They wonder what the future will be like for their kids. They know it’ll be different than their lives were. Or their parent’s lives.”

- Mike Swift, Reporter, *The Hartford Courant*



Eastern Mindset

"I almost always write about people with a sort of an eastern Connecticut identity, and also an eastern Connecticut mentality. I think a lot of people who were raised in eastern Connecticut end up staying here. That certainly is the case with me.

"We tend to be independently minded, sort of set in our ways. I think a lot of it has to do with who our grandparents were. Many of our grandparents came over in steerage. They were propelled, I believe, by equal measures of gumption and desperation."

- Wally Lamb, Writer
Eastern CT Resident



Downtown Plainfield

"One of the really nice things about this part of the state is you have a lot more ordinary people. People from working class backgrounds, even if they're not personally working class. I mean, you can talk to someone that works as a metallurgical engineer, and he still remembers his father, his grandfather – they worked in the mill.

"The other part of it is, that it's far enough away from the cosmopolitan centers that it's not a trendy place. It's like small town America used to be."

- Bruce Clouette

Indian Casinos 1990s-present

The most recent transforming force in the region has been the development of two huge Indian-owned casinos: the Mashantucket Pequot's Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. They are the most visible elements of the region's emergence as a tourism and entertainment center.

The casinos have enabled the tribes, descendants of the region's first people, to reconstitute growing native communities with a governmental and cultural infrastructure. The casinos also have generated about 23,000 jobs, making them the largest workforce in the region. Seventy thousand people a day on average visit the casinos, which generate nearly \$400 million annually for the state.



"Clearly the Indian casinos are going to change the culture of southeastern Connecticut. Certainly the towns in the immediate area – North Stonington and Ledyard and Preston – are very much aware of the changes that are being brought to their communities. This is going to spread."

- Kit Collier

Pavlen, istockphoto



Present Day

The region's most serious problem remains the revival of its aging, small cities.



New London today

"[New London's] worst problem is it only has about 6.7 square miles, so there's not much land on which to put economic development. There's some at the state pier, and there's some down in the Fort Trumbull area, and near a new state park.

"It's the best port in Connecticut. And to have a downtown right on the water with a major transportation hub is incredible. If the public and private planners and developers can work intelligently together then it could be a very charming town with a large middle-class residential population downtown."

- Morgan McGinley,
Editorial Page Editor
The New London Day

Norwich today

Norwich, once the richest city in the state, and now one of the poorest, is profiting from its position midway between the two casinos.



"This city was a city without a future until the casinos came. We are the housing center for both casinos. The housing impact has some negatives. Rents have risen very rapidly, but when rents rise, then landowners have money to put into renovations.

"And with the flow of money into our professional offices, lawyers, accountants, and into the myriad small firms that do construction, we now are on the uptick."

- Arthur Lathrop,
Norwich Mayor

Willimantic today

"It's very eastern Connecticut to put those giant spools of thread on the two ends of the bridge. And then to put those Volkswagen-sized big frogs on top of the spools. To me that gives a tribute to history and local legend, but it also is a tribute to this town's self-deprecating sense of humor.

"Willimantic has lots of problems and lots of issues...drug addiction and poverty, and bigotry. Nobody is denying those.

"But there is also in this community, a very, typically eastern Connecticut sense of community.

"And there are solutions afoot in this town."

- Wally Lamb

"We consider ourselves the gateway to the northeast. We're the urban center, if you will, for much of the rural area of eastern Connecticut."

- Michael Paulhus,
First Selectman
Town of Windham

Tourism

The region's history is emerging as one of its most valuable resources. Major attractions like The Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mystic Aquarium and Mystic Seaport, along with numerous historic-home and other smaller museums, bring the stories of Eastern Connecticut to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.



Traveling its roads, viewing the rural landscape and former mill villages, visitors can still get a vivid sense of the region's rich history.



"70% of our land mass is still forests and farms. If you're flying on a plane up the East Coast in the evening, and you look at the pattern of light versus dark, you'll see we're the last big chunk of dark sky country this close to the coast.

"The very blessing of having all this open space is also a curse. It's relatively low-cost compared to other areas of southern New England. We're within an hour and a half of every major urban area in southern New England. That's an acceptable commute for people who want to live in this kind of an environment. I hope our communities will be prepared for increased pressure for development instead of having to be reactive to it."

- **Charlene Cutler, Executive Director**
Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor

"It's just a matter of time before more and more folks realize that, even though we are far away in spirit, we are really right in the middle of a lot of action."

- **Michelle Bourgeois, Former Executive Director,**
Northeast CT Visitors Bureau

Important facts about "East of the River"

All the words and graphics on pages 2-11 were taken from the brilliant 2004 documentary "East of the River", conceived, produced, written, and directed by Ken Simon of SimonPure Productions, and co-produced by the Connecticut Humanities Council and Connecticut Public Television. The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut is pleased to have been a funder. The 60-minute documentary is available from SimonPure Productions.

Thank you to Ken and the Connecticut Humanities Council for permission to capture some of the content, with special honor to the late Bruce Fraser, who was so integral to *The Connecticut Experience* television series.

Thanks also to the dozens of historians and historical societies who have kept the pictures and stories alive so that we might continue to learn from them.

An important caveat: The quotes, statistics, and positions of people in this report are as they were broadcast in 2004. They have not been updated in keeping with our appreciation of this documentary now being part of the recorded culture. In addition, all rights continue to be reserved.

Community Foundations are your personal advisors

In the United States alone, community foundations:

- advise tens of thousands of charitable individuals, families, businesses, and other foundations on the most efficient, effective ways to make a difference
- steward and administer more than \$31 billion in charitable funds
- identify current needs and future options for more than 700 communities and regions.

In eastern Connecticut, your Community Foundation accomplishes this through:

- offering a wide range of charitable giving options, from donor-advised funds to estate planning, that help you meet your charitable wishes
- continual research and involvement in local issues
- innovative projects and grantmaking
- strengthening the nonprofit sector
- prudent investment of more than \$30 million in permanent endowment.

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www.cfsect.org.

Highlights of 2009

Investigated, researched, and negotiated **the merger** of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut and the Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area. The result: the largest (42 cities and towns) of the state's 18 community foundations.



You generously contributed \$2.9 million, despite the profound economic uncertainty around us. That included:

- 4 new endowed donor-advised funds (*page 13*)
- 4 new endowed designated funds (*page 16*)
- 3 new agency endowments (*page 17*)
- 2 new unrestricted funds (*page 19*)
- 5 new scholarship funds (*page 31*)

Investment returns of 23%. As of December 31, 2009, the Community Foundation's assets were already back up to \$32 million, nearing the pre-recession high of \$35 million.

While many local funders cut their grantmaking 20% or more, the Community Foundation **maintained general grants and scholarships at \$1.6 million**, the average of the three prior years. This is a tribute to a prudent spending rule (*see Financials, page 49*) and new gifts.

Ten benefactors rose to Carole Marks Scott's **Women & Girls 10th Anniversary Challenge**, resulting in 11 new endowments worth \$200,000 (*pages 20 and 24*).

An anonymous donor contributed **our largest private foundation grant ever**: a \$125,000 challenge to raise an additional \$250,000 for the Love Our Libraries initiative (*see page 21*). We met the challenge and awarded \$1.3 million to 13 local libraries.

We offered three well-attended **Technical Assistance Seminars** for nonprofits and their Boards:

- Board Development & Fundraising
- Results Based Accountability
- Tough Times/Tough Decisions, a legal seminar.

Our Family of Funds

Your charitable work through a community foundation is unique. You establish a “charitable fund” during your lifetime or through planned giving. If you endow the fund, you ensure the cause or organization you choose will be funded in perpetuity, in your name.

Each type of charitable fund has a special quality, to meet your charitable needs and style. The funds fall along a continuum, from where the donor actively identifies the preferred grantee to where the donor leaves the choice entirely to the Community Foundation’s discretion.

Donor Directed Funds... when you are fully engaged in the grantmaking

Donor Advised Funds allow individuals, families and businesses to be actively involved in grantmaking from the funds during their lifetimes.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Gildersleeve/White Fund	1984	Elaine Pearl Shapiro and Michael Shapiro Charitable Fund	2004	Rudolph and John Dirks Fund	2009
Francis J. and Sally T. Pavetti Fund	1986	Heritage Fund	2004	Lathrop Family Fund	2009
Howe Charitable Fund	1997	Sarah Ann Martin Fund	2004	Non-endowed Donor Advised funds	
Neal & Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund	1998	Carlisle Fund	2005	Anonymous Fund	
Lewis Female Cent Society Fund	1999	Smith Memorial Fund	2006	Anonymous IX Fund	
Gross Family Fund	1999	Javor Family Fund	2007	Wayne Boettner Fund	
Richard E. and Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund	2000	Morgan McGinley Family Fund	2007	Buscetto Family & Friends Fund	
Toulmin Family Fund	2001	Ralph Averill Powers Foundation Fund	2007	Elizabeth Newell Butler Gregory Fund	
Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund	2002	Michelle E. Maitland and Joshua C. Martin Fund	2008	Monica M. Carlin Memorial Fund	
David and Muriel Hinkle Fund	2002	Margaret M. O’Shea Education Fund	2008	Community Arts & Education Fund	
Barbara Kiss Johnson Fund	2002	Woolworth Family Stonington Fund	2008	Heritage Fund	
Harold and Miriam Dean Fund	2003	Alessi Family Fund	2009	Lieber Family Fund	
Anonymous VIII Fund	2003	Jane M. Brannegan Literacy Fund	2009	Del and Nancy Wells Family Fund	
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Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area

Colonial Cooperative Care Charitable Fund	2000	Julia J. & Carl W. Lindquist, M.D. Fund	2001	Larry Pontbriant Athletic Safety Fund	2007
Michael J. Gorman Fund for Persons with Disabilities Fund	2005	John E. & Elizabeth M. Martin Fund	2002	Pursuit Fitness Children’s Fund	2000
Greater Windham Public Safety Fund	2002	Jon Martenson Fund	2005	Colin & Loretta Rice Family Fund	2003
		Norwich Area Physicians’ Fund	1990	John T. Savage Memorial Fund	2004
		Ossen Fund for the Arts	2006	Windham Public Schools Fund	2002

The result: you recommended more than \$422,948 to nonprofits in eastern Connecticut (and beyond)

2009 Donor Advised Grants

Abbey of St. Warburga
American Red Cross
Annual Bishop's Appeal
Avodah Dance Ensemble
Backus Foundation
Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School
Bermultinational Limited
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SE CT
Bikes for Kids
Burchfield Penny Art Center
Cambridge School of Weston
Camfed International
Center for Cuban Studies
Center for Labor Education and Research
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT
City Life/Vida Urbana
Connecticut Concert Ballet
Connecticut Early Music
Connecticut Food Bank
Connecticut Landmarks Society
Connecticut Legal Services
Connecticut Public Television & Radio
Crosby Fund for Haitian Education
Democracy South
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Doctors without Borders USA
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center
Families United for Children's Mental Health
Fiscal Policy Studies Institute
Florence Griswold Museum
Foote School
FRESH/New London
Garde Arts Center
Haitian Health Foundation
Haitian Ministries
Heavy Hitters USA
Heifer International
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
Hispanic Alliance
Hospice of Southeastern CT
Hygienic Art
Interdistrict School for Arts and Communications
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
Kenneth Joyce Foundation
Kente Cultural Center
Kenyon Review
Long Wharf Theater Foundation
Lyman Allyn Art Museum
Lyme Art Association
MacCurdy-Salisbury Education Foundation
Madonna Place

Martin House
Meals on Wheels SECT
Mitchell College
Musical Masterworks
Mystic Area Shelter And Hospitality
Mystic Arts Center
Mystic & Noank Library
Mystic Seaport Museum
Neighborhood Alliance
New London Adult and Continuing Education

New London Community Boating
New London Community Meal Center
New London County Historical Society
New London Education Foundation
New London Firefighters
New London High School
New London High School Music Boosters
New London Homeless Hospitality Center
New London Little League
New London Main Street

Anthony Alessi: Never too busy to give

DR. ANTHONY ALESSI HAS NO TIME TO WASTE. On any day, he is tending to a network of private doctors in eastern Connecticut while he maintains his own busy neurological practice. He may be consulting with college and professional sports teams or with a boxing commission, for which he was named Ringside Physician of the Year. You may hear him on WXLN, WTIC or XM satellite radio or read his regular columns in the *Norwich Bulletin*. He might be working on a sequel to his "Healthy Sports" book or planning his sixth humanitarian trip to Haiti.

Despite the hectic schedule, somehow he has always managed to find time to give...with his colleagues, with his wife and children, and of himself. Two donor-advised funds at the Community Foundation provide the necessary structure.



Dr. Alessi on his most recent trip to Haiti.

"My wife and I come from families of givers," he notes. "I think it's an environment parents pass on to their children. We supported several charities, but you'd have a hard time figuring out the rhyme or reason among them. I wanted a more organized approach that would involve my daughters, too," one of whom is an attorney; the other two are in medical school.

Similarly, as a founder, the current president, and "one of 380 doctor/owners" of Colonial Cooperative Care, Dr. Alessi and his medical colleagues wanted a mechanism to

show their gratitude and improve the health of people in the area.

"What's great about donor-advised funds are their extreme flexibility. The grantees and projects can run the gamut."

He has a favorite story.

"I'm particularly impressed with how little money it can take to make a difference. A fellow columnist at the *Bulletin* wrote about his daughter's work in the South Bronx with the Teach America program. She was looking for help to buy books for her classroom. My family donated \$350 and they were able to buy many books. It was gratifying for all of us."

"You don't want to leave statues or monuments behind. You want to know your children will keep doing good things. There's no better legacy than that."

New London Music Festival
 New London National Little League
 New London Public Schools
 New London Soccer Club
 New London Youth Affairs
 New London Youth Organization
 NFF/HF SE CT Chapter
 Niagara University
 Noank Baptist Group Homes
 NYU Steinhardt
 North Windham School PTO
 Ocean Community YMCA
 Otis Library
 Oxfam America
 Pine Point School
 Prevent Blindness Tri-State
 Project Hope
 Read to Grow
 Riverfront Children's Center
 Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary
 Salt Marsh Opera Company
 Salvation Army
 Save Ocean Beach
 Shiloh Development Corp.
 Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries
 Sound Music
 Stonington Community Center
 Stonington Education Fund
 Terra Firma Farm
 Thames River Family Program
 Theaterworks
 Trust for Public Land
 United Church of Stonington/
 Borough Clock Fund
 University of Connecticut Foundation
 Visiting Nurse Association of SE CT
 Voice & Future Fund
 Voluntown Peace Trust
 W.A.R.M. Shelter
 Walls Temple AME Zion Church
 Wateraid America
 Windham Public Schools
 Women's Center of Southeastern CT
 WSHU Public Radio

Does a Donor Advised Fund sound right for you?

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Bobruffs have a special definition of 'community'

NEAL AND JANE LASSEN BOBRUFF CAN TRACE BACK THEIR COURTSHIP directly to charitable giving.

Both graduated from Pine Point School in Stonington, though two grades apart.

"I took my elders' words to heart," he says. "They said we have a duty to give back, even if you can only give \$5. During law school, I got an appeal from Pine Point and I'm pretty sure I was only able to send \$5."

Jane remembers, "I was volunteering at Pine Point, and I sent thank you notes to donors."

"And she sent a very nice note to me," he replies.

Fast forward: the couple married in 1988.



"All people deserve to have their basic needs met: health, food, and shelter."

- Jane Bobruff

They identify with southeastern Connecticut

"The region has so much to offer," says Jane. "There is a powerful sense of community." Knowing generations of families and friends from our area, the couple is just as likely to attend bar mitzvahs and weddings as they are retirements and funerals.

"We appreciated that the Community Foundation supported everything happening in the region: human services, certainly, but also education to the arts. That's important to us."

Neal joined the Board of Trustees in 1994.

"I had just opened my solo law practice. When you're first starting, it's hard to justify spending any time away from it. But I knew that in the long run it would be more fulfilling to give my time to our community."

Her 40th birthday celebration leads to providing basic needs

Jane had actually known of the Community Foundation for years; her aunt Marie Lassen Battles Smith was an early supporter. As her 40th birthday neared in 2000, the couple decided to make the ties closer.

"We wanted to have a party and we knew people would bring gifts," she says. "We just wanted to celebrate our good fortune in being part of this community."

"So we asked our friends, in lieu of gifts, to donate to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, the Martin Luther King Scholarship Trust Fund, or the Neal and Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund at the Community Foundation.

"All people deserve to have their basic needs met: health, food, and shelter," she points out. "Our grants are always strategic: legal aid for the homeless, the soup kitchen in New London, and so on."

"As part of a community, we feel we're helping by giving back and we're honoring our family and friends, past and present, by continuing their wonderful example."

Designated Funds support your best-loved nonprofits forever by creating a predictable and valuable revenue stream to further their general mission or specific programs. The Designated Funds below distributed more than \$165,000 to nonprofits throughout eastern Connecticut in 2009.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Florence and Raphael Shafner Fund	1984
<i>L&M Hospital, American Red Cross, Child & Family Agency, Public Library of New London & West Farms Land Trust</i>	
Rose & Sigmund Strochlitz Fund	1986
<i>Waterford Public Library</i>	
Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund	1987
<i>for Williams School Award and Scholarship</i>	
Jane W. Williams Fund	1988
<i>Mystic/Noank Library, Noank Historical Society, Literacy Volunteers</i>	
Martha H. Griffis Fund	1991
<i>Public Library of New London</i>	
Walter V. Baker Fund	1994
<i>Public Library of New London</i>	
Anonymous III Fund	1996
<i>VNA, Waterford Public Library and Waterford Scholars</i>	
Hartman Park Endowment Fund	1997
<i>Hartman Park in Lyme</i>	
Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund	1998
<i>Children's Museum, Hospice, L&M Hospital and St. Paul's Church</i>	
Beaumont Family Fund	1999
<i>Mystic Rotary Club scholarships</i>	
Sarah Morse ECB Dance Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>Eastern Connecticut Ballet</i>	
Brodhead Scholarship Fund	2001
<i>Noank Baptist Church</i>	
Fred and Jo Falkner Fund	2001
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>	
Old Lyme Social Service Emergency Fund	2001
<i>Old Lyme Social Services</i>	
Leonard and Irene Zuckerbraun Family Fund	2004
<i>Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra Instrumental Competition</i>	
Constance Pike Fund	2005
<i>Old Lyme Children's Learning Center</i>	
Lesniowski Fund	2006
<i>New London Education Foundation scholarships</i>	
St. Mary Star of the Sea School	2006
<i>St. Mary Star of the Sea School</i>	
Starfish Fund	2007
<i>assists L&M Hospital community partnerships</i>	
Priscilla & Charles Hodges Memorial Fund	2008
<i>Thames Valley Music School, Stonington Library & the Community Foundation of SECT</i>	
Edson Strickland Fund	2008
<i>for Women & Girls Fund/Smith Memorial Fund initiatives</i>	
Bill Memorial Library Fund	2009
East Lyme Public Library Fund	2009
Salem Free Public Library Fund	2009
Stonington Free Library Fund	2009



Rick Mayer

New London Homeless Hospitality staff meet with the Community Care Team to discuss a client audit.

Non-endowed Designated Funds

Leah Beyer Memorial Fund
<i>Niantic Center School</i>
Kenneth G. Chapman Fund
<i>Various organizations</i>
Homeless Hospitality Center Fund
<i>to support services for the homeless</i>
Kitchings Homeless Initiative
<i>to prevent and address homelessness</i>
Kitchings New London Resident Scholar Fund
<i>benefits New London Science & Technology Magnet School Resident Scholar program</i>

Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area

David J. Calchera/East Conn-ACT Fund
EastConn-ACT Scholarship Fund
Catherine Melling Memorial Fund
<i>for the New London County 4-H Club</i>
Norwich Department of Public Utilities - Safety Net Fund
<i>Norwich Human Services, to provide emergency utility assistance</i>
Almond Paine Fund
<i>for Protestant churches in Killingly that hold regular Sunday School classes</i>

Non-endowed Designated Funds

McSweeney Regional Senior Center Fund
Veteran's Memorial Greenway Fund
<i>for veterans' memorials in Willimantic</i>

Does a Designated Fund sound right for you?
See pages 43-44 or visit www.cfsect.org

Agency Endowment Funds

Nonprofits establish their endowments at the Community Foundation for two good reasons. One, to assure their own donors that long-term charitable gifts will be managed by a successful, stable, and committed institution. Two, to produce a guaranteed revenue stream for long-term financial health and stability. The nonprofits below received more than \$70,000 in distributions in 2009.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

United Way Endowment Fund	1993
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship Fund	1997
Jack Banner Memorial Fund (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)	1998
Stonington Education Fund	2000
Connecticut Early Music Fund	2001
Griffis Art Center Fund	2001
Hempsted Heritage Fund	2001
New London Education Foundation Fund	2001
Shiloh Baptist Church Fund	2001
Alliance for Living Fund	2002
Mitch & Betty Salomon (<i>Wood Pawcatuck Watershed</i>) Fund	2002
Mystic Arts Center Education Endowment Fund	2002
A Moveable Feast Fund	2003
Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Fund	2003
Lyme Art Association/Cooper Ferry Endowment Fund	2003
ARC of New London County Fund	2003
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut Fund	2004
Covenant Shelter of New London Fund	2004
Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut Fund	2004
Stonington Community Center Fund	2006
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Fund	2007
New London County Historical Society Fund	2007

Waterford Senior Services Endowment Fund	2007
Dr. Carl Wies Scholarship Fund	2008
Southeastern Connecticut Women's Network Fund	2008
Clock Tower Fund	2009
James Merrill House Fund	2009
Riverfront Children's Center Fund	2009

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Windham Theatre Guild Fund	2003
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Operating Endowment Funds

strengthen the Community Foundation's role as a funder, a community leader, convener and advocate.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Ann & Karel den Tex Fund	1996
Harry and Sarah Birenbaum Fund	1998
Helen Vergason Trust	1998
Fitzpatrick Fund for the 21st Century	1998
Adele Clement Trust	1998
Marion E. Sanford Fund	2000
Robert F. Shannon Fund	2002
Administrative Endowment Fund	2003
William G. Booth Fund	2004

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Administrative Endowment Fund



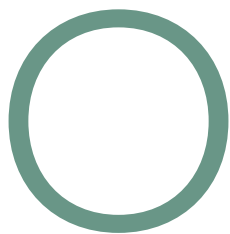
from the New London County Historical Society

Should your nonprofit invest its endowment at the Community Foundation?

See pages 43-44 or visit www.cfsect.org

Discretionary Funds

when you leave the decision to the Community Foundation



ver the past quarter century, the Community Foundation has learned a lot

about eastern Connecticut.

We've interviewed community leaders, tramped the land trusts, inspected hospital wards, toured the food pantries, played in the children's centers, sat in inner city classrooms, visited libraries, attended town meetings, read economic forecasts, reviewed hundreds (if not thousands) of nonprofits' budgets, and more.

Based on that, many of you have decided that our experienced staff, volunteers and Trustees are best equipped to see that your dollars go for the best possible use. People are especially likely to do so after working with the Community Foundation during their lifetimes. Many people want their funds to remain flexible after their deaths to respond to current needs and issues.

You leave us varying levels of "discretion" in our grantmaking.

Unrestricted funds are just that: the Community Foundation chooses the issue, the grantee, the project, etc.

Donors can establish **field of interest funds** when you want to define the parameters, e.g. the town, the cause, the discipline, the age group, and so on, but not the actual grant recipient.

Special collaborative initiatives, such as Women & Girls Funds, enable people to come together to identify both issues and grantees.

The following pages discuss the Community Foundation's Discretionary Funds and grantmaking, which represents approximately one-fourth of our grants.

Unrestricted Funds allow the Board and staff to identify compelling community needs and the best use of your charitable dollars to address them.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Chester W. Kitchings Fund	1983	David C. Smith Memorial Fund	1987	John T. & Evelyn MacDougall Fund	1996
Doris R. & Benjamin A. Levinson Fund	1983	Robert W. Marrion Founding President Fund	1987	Mildred E. "Millie" Devine Fund	1996
Mr. & Mrs. J. Martin Leatherman Fund	1983	William J. Hazlewood Fund	1987	Robert and Lois Geary Fund	1996
New London Rotary Club Memorial Fund	1983	New England Savings Bank Fund	1988	Shirley Beal Fund	1997
Palmer/Bodenwein Fund	1983	Harry R. and Dorothy S. Hazard Fund	1989	John O'Brien Fund	1997
Shea Fund	1983	Rosalind M. and Harvey N. Mallove Memorial Fund	1990	Margaret and William Orkney and Grant Hileman Fund	1997
Marjorie & Laurence P. Smith Fund	1983	Dorothy West Lathrop & Harriet Sullivan Wallace Fund	1990	Carolyn L. and Kenneth E. Grube Memorial Fund	1997
Catherine M. & Charles R. Sortor Fund	1983	Thomas Edison Troland Memorial Fund	1991	Millard R. York Fund	1997
Stamm Family Fund	1983	Robert A. Doherty Memorial Fund	1992	Anonymous IV Fund	1997
Elaine M. and Dr. David Ginsberg Fund	1984	Joan and Thomas Wetmore Fund	1992	Carol L. Chappell Fund	1998
Union Trust Fund	1984	Mary Hewitt & Edward Mann Fund	1993	Whittemore-Kepple Fund	1998
Avery-Hammond Fund	1984	General Unrestricted Fund	1993	Alva G. Greenberg Fund	1998
Carrie V. and Horace W. Rowe Family Fund	1985	George A. Ott Fund	1996	Anonymous V	1998
Coastal (New London Federal Savings & Loan) Fund	1985	J. Martin and Caroline S. Leatherman Fund	1996	Dyanne M. Rafal Fund	1998
Solomons Family Fund	1986	Victoria & Charles Glassenberg Fund	1996	Matthews Family Fund	1998
				Nightingale Fund	1998
				Bredeson Family Fund	1998
				Peter Block Fund	1998
				Susan H. Timken Fund	1998

Betty Richards Tripp Fund	1999
George Jagger Fund	1999
Minnie and Dorothy Levinson Fund	1999
William R. Hannaford Fund	1999
Irma Baker Memorial Fund	2000
Melvin Simon Fund	2000
Isadore and Isabelle Rogovin Fund	2001
Reid and Linda MacCluggage Fund	2002
Old Black Point Association Fund	2002
Ann and Gordon Douglas Fund	2003
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hammond Fund	2004
Hertenstein Family Fund	2005
James and Isabelle English Fund	2006
Anonymous X Fund	2007
Marjorie Inkster Staton Fund	2007
Priscilla F. Hodges Fund	2007
Roger and Cornelia Dickinson Fund	2008
O'Brien Family Fund	2008
Helen Brewster Fund	2009
Stanley Popiel Fund	2009

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Judith & David Anderson Fund
Anonymous I Fund
Anonymous II Fund
Big 4 Radio Stations Fund
Elsie A. Brown Fund
Camp Family Fund
Chelsea Groton Bank Fund
Dime Savings Bank Fund
Eastern Federal Bank Fund
Eastern Connecticut Developmental Council Fund
R. S. Gernon Trust Fund
Dorothy C. Goodwin Fund
Gorin's Furniture Fund
Jewett City Savings Bank Fund
Drs. Joan & Manuel E. Kadish Fund
Liberty Bank Fund
Juliet Wilbur Long Teachers Fund
Manchester Savings Bank Fund
New London County Mutual Fund
New London Day Fund
Norwich Savings Society Fund
Kathleen W. & John T. Roan Fund
Estelle & Harold Ross Fund
Charles & Susan Seeman Fund
Stella Shannon Fund
Millie & Martin Shapiro Fund
Jerome & Marian Silverstein Fund
Margaret Connelley Sullivan Fund

"Our parents brought us up
with the understanding that
we're 'obligated' to give back."

- Marty Shapiro

Millie & Marty Shapiro

They came, they stayed, they'll give forever

NORWICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FIVE-YEAR STOPOVER for Marty and Millie Shapiro when they arrived from Cambridge, MA in the mid-1960s. He was overseeing a venture project investment; she was having the couple's second child. The five years passed, then 10. The Shapiros had a third child. More than 40 years later, Norwich is still a beloved home.



They quickly became deeply engaged with both the Jewish community and the secular community beyond, from their leadership at Beth Jacob Synagogue and the UJA to the then-fledgling Eastern Connecticut Community Foundation.

"Wherever I am, I get involved in local projects," Mrs. Shapiro explains. "I knew about the Community Foundation from my other activities. I truly respected that board. They were honest and logical, and all that goes along with that." She accepted an invitation to join the board: "I needed them, too, as a creative outlet to do good."

Marty Shapiro adds, "The word 'foundation' wasn't foreign to us; we knew what the goals were. Our parents brought us up with the understanding that we're 'obligated' to give back."

The Shapiros gave a welcome boost to the young charity by establishing two permanent endowments, one with no restrictions, the other to support arts in education. In both cases, the Community Foundation is free to choose the grantees or initiatives, now and forever.

"At modest levels, restricted funds just hamper an organization," he points out.

But like their community activities – Millie's current passion is the Otis Library – the couple are very involved in their personal charitable giving.

"It's a joy and a pleasure to be able to give," he says. "I feel sorry for the people who get 'writer's cramp' when it comes time to write a check for something that matters.

"Give more generously to fewer organizations," he advises. "Go visit, see what they've got, and then do something meaningful."

Like the Shapiros.

Field of Interest Funds allow the Community Foundation to support promising projects and nonprofits working in areas of interest our donors specifically identify, such as the needs of young children, the environment, the homeless, or the arts.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Elvia Enders Richards Fund <i>for home health care services</i>	1986	Murstein Family Fund <i>to provide women access to educational & job training opportunities (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund)</i>	2005
Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust <i>for Groton-based organizations</i>	1989	Josephine and Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals <i>for the care, comfort, feeding and luxuries of animals - Town of Groton</i>	2007
Henry C. White Memorial Fund <i>to help prevent and treat substance abuse</i>	1990	Love Our Libraries <i>to support 13 local libraries in southeastern Connecticut</i>	2008
Anonymous II <i>to support healthy families</i>	1996	The following new funds are affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut. (See "The Challenge" on page 24.)	
The Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund <i>for children's programs</i>	1998	Jane Dugan Baird Fund	2009
Carl Clark Graves Fund <i>to advance the sports of crew, sculling and other water-based activities</i>	1999	Broach Fund	2009
Women & Girls Fund <i>to improve the lives of local women and girls</i>	1999	Marion E. Doro Fund	2009
Avery Russell Morgan Children's Literacy Fund <i>to promote the love of reading in children (affiliated with the Let's Read Fund)</i>	2000	Love Family Fund	2009
Beaver Brook Fund <i>to advance the treatment of mental illness</i>	2000	Carole Marks Fund	2009
Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Education Fund <i>to foster habits of tolerance and inclusion among children</i>	2001	June D. Strunk Fund	2009
Arts Alliance Fund <i>to promote artistic endeavors</i>	2002	Barbara Timken Fund	2009
		Beth Walker Fund	2009
		Whelen Family Fund	2009
		Estella E. Whipple Fund	2009



Photo courtesy of VNA of Southeastern Connecticut

Science Education Fund (formerly DNA EpiCenter Fund) <i>to support science education programs for youth in southeastern Connecticut</i>	2005	Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area	
Let's Read Fund <i>to support literacy programs that engender a love of learning and reading</i>	2002	Arts in Education Fund <i>to support arts education programs in Norwich</i>	1995
Andrew and Elaine McKirdy Fund <i>to support educational, economic and/or social advancement programs for disadvantaged persons</i>	2002	Business/Industry Children's Fund <i>for children's programs in New London County</i>	2002
The Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund <i>to prevent domestic violence and provide treatment for its victims (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)</i>	2003	Greater Norwich Education Fund <i>for enrichment programs in NEA school districts</i>	2003
Judith Glassenberg Classroom Enrichment Fund <i>to provide academic enrichment in local public schools (affiliated with the Let's Read Fund)</i>	2005	Louise Guarnaccia Fund for Nontraditional Students <i>to help non-traditional female students enhance their employment opportunities (affiliated with Windham area W&G Fund)</i>	2006
		George L. Holt Public Welfare Fund <i>to assist disadvantaged people in the Windham area and promote self-sufficiency through education and training.</i>	2002
		Women & Girls Fund - Norwich Area <i>to improve the lives of women & girls in the Norwich area</i>	2006
		Women & Girls Fund - Windham Area <i>to improve the lives of women & girls in the Windham area</i>	2004
		2009 Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut Grants Committee	
		John Butler*, Chair	Nancy Lathrop
		Joan Butler	Mary Katherine Porter
		Jean Ceddia	Dyanne Rafal
		Ellen Cummings	Kathy Valliere
		Mary Dangremond	Aracelis Vazquez*
		Rose Jones*	* Trustee
		Patty Kitchings	* Deceased
		Patricia Kluepfel*	
		Neil Kluepfel	

We continue to “Love Our Libraries”

IN 2009, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION awarded \$100,000 to each of southeastern Connecticut’s 13 public libraries to celebrate CFSECT’s 25th Anniversary, and the essential role libraries play in a community’s life.

After the initial shock (theirs), the response was enthusiastic, creative, and wildly appreciative. Each library crafted a unique proposal, suitable to its town’s demographics, financial position and personality.

Town libraries now have new teen rooms, updated and expanded technology, strong outreach programs aimed at seniors, teens and children, as well as restored architectural



splendor. Newly-plumped endowment funds are providing a welcome security blanket for many cash-strapped budgets.

The libraries have also found common ground in every single town joining the *One Book, Every Young Child* program, led by the starring cast of librarians.

We couldn’t have asked for a better thank-you note!

The Norwich Y closed, but we still sent 10 kids to camp

THE YMCA OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT’S BELOVED CAMP ANDERSON can’t be replaced. But try telling that to the ten high-risk, low-income Norwich area children who had the time of their lives Summer 2009 at the Mystic Beach Camp, thanks to the Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area’s discretionary grant.

“Many children and their families depended heavily on Camp Anderson’s low fees and scholarship assistance that they used to get from the Y,” said Rheo Brouillard from the Community Foundation. “We couldn’t let them down!”

The Community Foundation supplied a \$2,900 grant and partnered with Thames River Community Services and the Mystic Branch of the Ocean Community YMCA to identify 10 children ages 4-14 who would most benefit.

A “traditional” camp setting

“We work hard to maintain a traditional focus,” noted YMCA Mystic Branch Director Tim Babcock. “The kids get swimming lessons and beach time. They can go kayaking and canoeing. They can try archery and make arts and crafts. The time is pretty packed!”

“We were particularly glad to work with the Community Foundation to welcome the children of Norwich here.”



“Many children and their families depended heavily on Camp Anderson’s low fees and scholarship assistance that they used to get from the Y. We couldn’t let them down!”

- Rheo Brouillard

The result of your generosity: Sixty-two innovative projects and initiatives that tackled affordable housing, public education, literacy, basic needs, arts, health, the environment, and more.

2009 Discretionary Grants

Alliance For Living	
<i>Housing stability for clients</i>	\$9,000
Bethsaida Community	
<i>Expansion of services for women</i>	\$4,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SE CT	
<i>Mentoring for children of incarcerated parents</i>	\$8,000
Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut	
<i>After-school program in Groton</i>	\$8,000
Catholic Charities	
<i>Emergency basic needs assistance</i>	\$5,000
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	
<i>BP Learned Mission summer program</i>	\$12,500
Child Adoption Resource Association	
<i>Recruitment and placement of adoptive families</i>	\$8,000
Children First of Southeastern CT	
<i>Regional effort to improve young children's lives</i>	\$5,000
Community Coalition for Children	
<i>Public education program for parents and educators</i>	\$8,000
Connecticut Legal Services	
<i>Accessing benefits for homeless population</i>	\$15,000
Connecticut Library Consortium	
<i>"One Book, One Region" reading program</i>	\$2,500
Connecticut Storytelling Center	
<i>Storytelling programs at New London schools</i>	\$5,000
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	
<i>Science programming for schools</i>	\$8,000
Drop-In Learning Center	
<i>Summer Enrichment Program</i>	\$10,000
Eastern Connecticut Ballet	
<i>"Nutcracker" and "Fairy Tale Ballet" assemblies</i>	\$7,500
Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra	
<i>Full symphony concerts for schoolchildren</i>	\$10,000
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	
<i>Playwriting workshops for teens</i>	\$10,000
Flock Theatre	
<i>"Macbeth" productions for students</i>	\$5,000
Florence Griswold Museum	
<i>Weekend programming free to community residents</i>	\$8,000
FRESH New London	
<i>Community gardens and education program</i>	\$10,000



Photo courtesy of LAAM.

Young girl participates in Lyman Allyn Art Museum's children's program.

Front Porch Foundation		Lifefaq	
<i>Services and programs to residents of New London public housing</i>	\$15,000	<i>Mentoring program at New London High School</i>	\$7,500
Garde Arts Center		Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center	
<i>After-school arts programming</i>	\$15,000	<i>Summer program for children with disabilities</i>	\$5,000
H.O.P.E.		Literacy Volunteers of Eastern CT	
<i>Housing renovation</i>	\$5,000	<i>Satellite programs for English learners</i>	\$7,500
Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut		Lyman Allyn Art Museum	
<i>New homes for local families</i>	\$10,000	<i>Children's programs</i>	\$8,000
Hearts, Hands & Homes		Madonna Place	
<i>Parent support groups for challenging adoptive children</i>	\$3,000	<i>Fatherhood program</i>	\$7,500
Historically Black College Alumni		Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality	
<i>College tour for minority students</i>	\$3,000	<i>Sponsorship of two families in temporary shelter</i>	\$7,500
Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut		Mystic Arts Center	
<i>Complementary therapies program</i>	\$5,000	<i>Elementary school programs</i>	\$7,500
Hygienic Art After School		Mystic Ballet	
<i>Creative writing program</i>	\$7,500	<i>After-school ballet program in New London</i>	\$7,500
Jewish Federation of Eastern CT		Mystic Seaport Museum	
<i>Case management and social services</i>	\$7,500	<i>"Map Spot" exhibit</i>	\$8,000
Judy Dworin Performance Project		New London Adult and Continuing Education	
<i>Expressive arts program for incarcerated women</i>	\$5,000	<i>Distance learning for adult students</i>	\$7,500
Kente Cultural Center		New London Community Boating	
<i>Health seminars for senior citizens</i>	\$4,000	<i>Sailing program for New London children</i>	\$4,200
L&M Office of Community Health and Partnerships			
<i>Car seats and installation for low-income children</i>	\$2,500		

New London Community Meal Center	
Roof replacement	\$8,000
New London County Historical Society	
Shaw Mansion renovation project	\$2,500
New London Homeless Hospitality	
Daytime program to connect homeless with services	\$20,000
New London Main Street	
Two family festivals	\$8,000
New London Rotary Foundation	
Camp program for middle school students	\$12,000
New London Youth Organization	
Youth community center and café in New London	\$7,500
Ocean Community YMCA	
Family programs	\$2,000
Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)	
Culinary arts training for unemployed	\$7,500
Prevent Blindness Tri-State	
Healthy eyes screening for pre-schoolers	\$5,000
Riverfront Children's Center	
Tuition assistance for six families	\$10,000
Sea Research Foundation	
Marine science education for New London students	\$8,000
Stonington Community Center	
Seating for community programming	\$4,000



Rick Mayer

Community Foundation Trustee Dyanne Rafal (l.) meets with board members of the New London Youth Organization.

Terra Firma Farm		University of Connecticut Foundation	
Youth-directed farm-stand	\$5,000	New London Public Schools/Shoreline Academy pilot school	\$15,000
Thames Valley Council for Community Action		W.A.R.M.	
Preparation and delivery of meals to homebound elderly and ill	\$7,500	Shelter and community soup kitchen	\$5,000
The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut		Young Audiences of Connecticut	
Visits to medically frail patients	\$9,500	Dance and music residency program in New London schools	\$5,000
United Way of Southeastern CT		Total	\$470,500
Heating assistance	\$10,000		



Rick Mayer

Riverfront Children's Center received a grant to cover tuition for six families.

Applying for Community Foundation Discretionary Grants

The Community Foundation has a competitive grantmaking program for charitable, educational, and civic organizations serving the towns of New London, Groton, Waterford, Ledyard, Stonington, North Stonington, Salem, Montville, East Lyme, Old Lyme and Lyme.

Grants are made in the areas of arts and culture, community development, education, environment, and health and human services. Guidelines and applications can be found online at www.cfsect.org, by calling the Community Foundation at (860) 442-3572, or via e-mail to Program Director Jennifer O'Brien at JennOB@cfsect.org.

The deadline for discretionary grant applications is November 15, 2010.

Applications for discretionary grants serving the towns of the former Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area are currently by invitation only.



Triple the effort for women and girls!

With the merger of the two foundations, the Community Foundation is now privileged to coordinate three funds addressing the specific issues of women and girls: the Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut, the Women & Girls Fund of the Windham Area, and the Women & Girls Fund of the Norwich Area.

2009 grants from the Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut

Bethsaida Community

Intensive case management for victims of domestic violence at Katie Blair House. \$2,400

To support job searches and job retention \$1,000

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut \$5,000

Education and support for teens in New London public schools to reduce unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases

Connecticut College \$5,000

Mentor program for middle school girls in documentary production and to encourage political and social awareness

Connecticut Community Care \$8,000

Independent Living Fund for elderly New London women for living and medical expenses

Front Porch Foundation \$5,000

Education, activities and direct services for New London's senior housing

Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut \$4,000

Community events, meals, and transportation to shopping and medical appointments

Kente Cultural Center \$2,000

Program for minority adolescent and teen girls to address social issues and provide positive activities

L&M Office of Community Health and Partnerships \$5,000

Peer to peer campaign to address teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

Martin House \$4,200

Support for women from abusive situations who live in Martin House

New London Adult and Continuing Education \$6,000

Program for teens 16 to 19 enrolled in adult education using mentors, group support and education

New London Youth Affairs \$4,000

Workforce readiness program for teens

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut \$7,000

STARS, a peer education group in New London High School

Thames River Family Program \$3,500

Training for mothers to break the cycle of domestic violence

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut \$8,600

Home health care visits to senior women in New London

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Education and awareness program about dating violence for adolescent girls \$5,900

Salon services for women as they seek employment \$500

Awareness and support for elders regarding domestic violence \$1,000

Total: \$78,100

In 2009, Carole Marks Scott issued a 10th anniversary challenge; women of SE Connecticut rose to the occasion



On September 10, 2009, the Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut celebrated its 10th Anniversary at the Garde Arts Center in New London showcasing films written, produced, and directed by local women.

Thus, the evening was a perfect dramatic setting for a surprise announcement on behalf of national radio personality and Mystic resident Carole Marks Scott.

Scott, CEO of Focus Communications and host of *A Touch of Grey: The Talk Show for Grownups*, promised to match the gifts of the first 10 women to establish their own \$10,000 named funds under the umbrella of the Women & Girls Fund.

Within one week, six women had stepped up, and by the end of the month, the challenge was met, with \$200,000 added to the Women & Girls Fund.

A great beginning to another decade of helping women and girls achieve a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities!

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Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut Founding Members

At the forefront of this powerful effort were the Founding Members who committed at least \$1,000. Their contributions continue to change the lives of area women and girls.

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Applying for Women & Girls Fund of Southeastern Connecticut grants

We welcome projects that:

- Address teen pregnancy
- Prevent domestic violence and treat its victims
- Provide for the needs of New London women with limited incomes, aged 62 and over
- Help women enter or re-enter the workforce

Guidelines and applications can be found online at www.cfsect.org, by calling the Community Foundation at (860) 442-3572, or via e-mail to Program Director Jennifer O'Brien at JennOB@cfsect.org.

Women & Girls Fund of the Windham Area 2009 Grants

Ashford Youth Services Bureau <i>to provide support groups for stay-at-home parents while providing activities for children</i>	\$1,000
Companions and Homemakers <i>to train and mentor Spanish-speaking employees, ultimately producing an education video</i>	\$2,500
Connecticut Legal Services <i>for services to victims of domestic violence</i>	\$5,000
Generations Family Health Center <i>to provide gynecological care to uninsured women</i>	\$2,000
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters <i>to provide mentors for younger women with women of color</i>	\$1,000
Perception Programs <i>to improve literacy among female offenders</i>	\$2,000
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut	\$1,500
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry <i>to provide emergency auto and home repair services to single mothers</i>	\$3,000
Windham Community Memorial Hospital <i>to educate Latina women on how to take control of their health and the health of their families</i>	\$2,500
Windham County 4-H Foundation <i>to enable four girls to attend a one-week nature camp</i>	\$1,500
Total:	\$22,000

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Applying

The Women & Girls Fund of the Windham Area welcomes proposals that address one of more of the following priorities:

- Literacy programs for all ages
- Women's healthcare and mental health services
- Training and mentoring programs for women and girls
- Violence prevention programs
- New employment opportunities
- Integrating Latino families into community leadership
- Affordable, quality child care

Grants will generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Deadline for submission: February 16, 2011.

Visit www.cfsect.org for more information and to download the grant application or contact Alison Woods at 877-442-3572 or alison@cfsect.org.

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Pausing during an art activity are, from left, a college student mentor, Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters President and CEO, Laura Green, and one of the lucky mentored grade school children.



*Harriet Richards
Lewis and child*

The Lewis Century Society

How a penny grows to almost \$2.4 million

Harriet Richards Lewis was a founding member of the Female Cent Society in 1810, a group of New London women who gave a penny a week to aid women and children in need.

Lewis left the very first bequest to the Society, which was later renamed in her honor. In 1999, the still-active Lewis Century Society turned over its nest egg to the Community Foundation, setting the stage for the Women & Girls Fund.

Today the three Women & Girls Funds stand at almost \$2.4 million, thanks in part to the foresight and generosity of people like Harriet Lewis.

The Lewis Century Society acknowledges those individuals who are including any of the Women & Girls Funds in their wills or estate plans:

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Applying

The Women & Girls Fund of the Norwich Area seeks proposals that:

- Advance family economic security
- Prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
- Promote healthy relationships and safe environments for women and girls

Grants will be awarded for initiatives that serve women and/or girls in the towns of: Norwich, Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.

Visit www.cfsect.org for more information and to download the grant application or contact Alison Woods at 860-442-3572 or alison@cfsect.org.



Let's Read Fund: catching up by 3rd grade

The Let's Read Fund supports programs in southeastern Connecticut that promote a love of reading and get children reading at grade level by 3rd grade, a strong indicator of future success in school. Funded projects take a variety of approaches: tutoring and mentoring, integrating arts and literacy, summer reading efforts, professional development for teachers and parents, and sometimes, just getting books into the hands and homes of kids who don't have them.

2009 Grants

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT/BP Learned Mission <i>After school and summer literacy programs including field trips and theater performances for New London students.</i>	\$4,000
Connecticut College (OVCS) <i>Reading tutorial program for New London 3rd graders</i>	\$3,000
Connecticut Storytelling Center <i>Early literacy training for preschool teachers in Groton and Pawcatuck</i>	\$3,200
Drop-In Learning Center <i>Book distribution in New London, Groton, Ledyard and Waterford</i>	\$4,000
Flock Theatre <i>After school program for New London middle schoolers to develop a Shakespeare play performance</i>	\$2,000
Front Porch Foundation <i>Reading and art summer program at public housing sites in New London</i>	\$4,000
Lillie B. Haynes School/East Lyme Public Schools <i>Second grade performance project developing scripts with stories, songs, dances, and student-written dialogue</i>	\$1,250
New London Adult and Continuing Education <i>Home literacy program for New London Even Start families</i>	\$2,500
Riverfront Children's Center <i>Infant, toddler, and pre-school family literacy evenings</i>	\$1,200
University of Connecticut at Avery Point/ West Side Middle School, Groton <i>Mentoring, reading, and book discussion activities between UConn students and at-risk Groton middle schoolers.</i>	\$3,750
Wheeler Middle School/N. Stonington Public Schools <i>Professional development for middle school teachers to enhance students' "reading to learn" skills</i>	\$2,100
Total	\$31,000

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Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association

Preserving the cultural heritage of central and northeastern Connecticut

The Cultural Heritage Program was a three-year collaboration between the Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area and the Connecticut Humanities Council. Through it, grants were awarded to museums and other heritage organizations for projects that broaden public appreciation for the region's rich history, values, and traditions.

2009 Cultural Heritage Grants

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People for Animals & Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund

An endowment helps Scout, too!

When Scout, the Corgi below, was struck by a car, the Groton Animal Foundation came to the rescue, treating his many cuts, burns and bruises. Happily, Scout has since been adopted by a great family and is happy and thriving in his new home.

Scout's luck was in part due to Josephine Sacco of Groton. Before she passed away in 2006, she decided she would continue to care for animals, even after she was gone. So she left a bequest totaling more than \$300,000 to the Community Foundation that will provide care and comfort for animals in the Town of Groton forever: the Josephine and Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals.

The Community Foundation has expanded her vision to establish the P.A.W. Fund, encouraging animal lovers throughout eastern Connecticut to donate to an endowment benefitting our finned, furry, and feathered friends forever.



Photo courtesy of the Groton Animal Foundation.

Scout the Corgi.

2009 P.A.W. Fund Grants

Animal Rescue Fund	\$2,500
<i>To aid and assist stray animals and pets of financially challenged families in the Town of Groton.</i>	
Animal Welfare League of New London County	\$3,750
<i>to spay/neuter stray and pound cats in Groton, to provide vet care for Groton animals and to augment pet food supplies at Groton Animal Control and Groton Social Services.</i>	
Groton Animal Foundation	\$3,750
<i>To provide preventative and emergency medical care for stray and abandoned animals in the custody of the Town of Groton Animal Control department.</i>	
Total	\$10,000

Scholarship Funds

Forward-thinking benefactors opened educational doors for more than 160 students of all ages in 2009, thanks to these funds which distributed more than \$275,000 in scholarships.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund	1983
<i>for a New London HS student who has overcome great hardship</i>	
Marjory B. & Laurence P. Smith Scholarship Fund	1983
<i>for an outstanding student from each of five local high schools with financial need</i>	
Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund	1983
<i>for a New London HS student who shows great promise and motivation</i>	
William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund	1988
<i>for a New London HS student who intends to study business</i>	
Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund	1988
<i>for a New London HS student showing excellence in civics and politics</i>	
George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund - Fitch HS	1989
<i>for a Groton student pursuing health related studies</i>	
Mallove Family Scholarship Fund	1989
<i>for a New London HS student with strong academic performance</i>	
Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund	1991
<i>for a Stonington HS student who will pursue marine biology</i>	
James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund	1993
<i>for a Montville HS student who will study engineering</i>	
John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund	1993
<i>for a serious student of the creative arts</i>	
Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund	1993
<i>for a student at UConn's School of Agricultural & Natural Resources</i>	
Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund	1993
<i>for a student with strong academic ability</i>	
C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship	1994
<i>for a New London student with excellence in public affairs and government</i>	
Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund	1994
<i>for a Williams School essay contest winner: "Press On Regardless"</i>	
Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>for a Waterford HS student with strong community service involvement</i>	
Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>for an art student, with preference for someone with a physical disability</i>	
Waterford Scholars Fund	1996
<i>for outstanding students residing in Waterford</i>	
Beatrice McEwen Fund	1996
<i>for students with high academic achievement and financial need</i>	
Harvey Family Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>for a Stonington HS student with a well-rounded track record</i>	
Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>for a student with strong academic standing</i>	
Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>for students pursuing a career in engineering or science</i>	
Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>for a student with good academics and notable Irish or Polish heritage</i>	



William Pedace Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>for a New London HS student with strong academic standing</i>	
Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>for a student with strong academic standing</i>	
Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund	1998
<i>for a Stonington HS student with skill in soccer</i>	
John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund	1998
<i>for a student with an interest in health care</i>	
Pat and Ernestine Patterson Music Scholarship Fund	1999
<i>for a student with an interest in music, preferably jazz</i>	
Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship	1999
<i>for a top-ranked student with an interest in medicine or the arts</i>	
The Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>for a Stonington resident pursuing unique educational opportunities</i>	
General Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>for unrestricted educational purposes</i>	
Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>for a minority student with an interest in health or human services</i>	
The Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund	2001
<i>for a student with good academic standing and financial need</i>	
Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund	2002
<i>to encourage students to pursue nursing as a career</i>	

Applying for scholarships

The annual deadline for scholarship applications is April 1.

Guidelines and applications for scholarships determined directly by the Community Foundation can be found online early in 2011 at www.cfsect.org under "Scholarships", by calling the Community Foundation at (860) 442-3572, or via e-mail to Program Director Jennifer O'Brien at JennOB@cfsect.org.

Some Community Foundation scholarships, however, are administered directly by the schools themselves. Students should check with their guidance counselors.

Caryn Nesbitt, MD Memorial Scholarship names first awardee

To support a female medical school student who has a focus on primary care, an interest in women's care and a desire to practice in southeastern Connecticut

Friends, family, colleagues, and patients chose to memorialize Dr. Caryn M. Nesbitt's life by encouraging other women to follow in her dedicated footsteps. Irina Lisker, pictured second from left with the Nesbitt family, was named the first recipient of the Nesbitt Scholarship in 2009.

A deserving awardee, Lisker is a native of Ukraine who was raised in Waterford. She graduated from Waterford High School in 2002 and Mount Holyoke College in 2006. She is currently a student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and plans on completing a Family Medicine residency. She is involved in the Urban Service Track at UConn and has volunteered for the Community Health Center. She hopes to practice at New London's Community Health Center.

The Caryn Nesbitt, MD Memorial Scholarship joins seven other endowments people have established at the Community Foundation to ensure that motivated young people from eastern Connecticut are a part of the nation's healthy future.



Caryn Nesbitt's daughters Jacqui Parker (l.) and Olivia Parker (r.) flank scholarship winner Irina Lisker and Caryn's husband, Dr. Prior Parker.

Health-related scholarship funds

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 Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship
 Edith M. Harris Scholarship Fund
 George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund - Fitch HS
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Three years ago I applied to college because everyone was doing it and it seemed like the right move. I had dreamed of going to school but realistically I would tell myself: "Let's face it, there is no way."

I guess three years later everyone who doubted it possible, including myself, learned a powerful message: to have faith and to believe in your community.

Indeed here I am writing this letter in Dr. Cole's lab doing a research project on a protein involved in viral infections and I'm thinking: "Who knew?". I guess the Smith family and the Community Foundation did.

I am now a senior at the University of Connecticut two semesters away of grabbing that degree in Biophysics and the minor in Mathematics... Despite ...the grief this semester presented after my family and I lost so much in the Haiti earthquake back on January 12, I stand proud of my accomplishments because I know people believe in me and I would not want to disappoint them.

I truly wish I got to meet the Smith family. I am eternally grateful to their continuous generous support. I am even more grateful to the CFSECT keeping faith in the youth of New London particularly New London High School.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you again!

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How you can make a difference



You can create a permanent charitable answer.



You can establish an endowed fund that honors your family, business, or nonprofit forever.



You can ensure that your charitable giving will support your chosen causes, communities or organizations during your lifetime and beyond.

You establish the parameters.

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

- What do you hope to accomplish?
- What issues do you care about?
- How actively do you want you and your family (and future generations) to be involved?
- Do you wish to give anonymously?

You give wisely, in the best way and at the right time for you.

You can start an endowment in an hour or two today with a tax deductible contribution of \$5,000-10,000 (varies according to type of fund). You choose the asset to donate that best suits your financial situation; the choices are broad. Setting up an endowment never costs you anything (a modest annual fee is assessed on the endowment).

You can create a fund that provides you with tax benefits and income during your lifetime and serves your philanthropic wishes after your death.

Or, you may choose to create your legacy in your will or a trust to be sure that all your lifetime needs and those of loved ones have been take care of. The Community Foundation is happy to work with you now so we understand your wishes.

We're always just a meeting, phone call, an email or a website away.

You can find out everything you need to know about charitable giving, in the way you choose. We're happy to meet with you (and your professional advisor, if you choose) in person.

Call Alison Woods, director of gift planning, or Kip Parker, director of the TriCounty Division, at (860) 442-3572 or (877) 442-3572.

Want an answer by e-mail first? Send your questions or comments to Alison@cfsect.org or Kip@cfsect.org. Or visit us 24 hours a day at www.cfsect.org.

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Which type of fund is right for you?

Unrestricted Fund

Can address any community need (\$5,000 minimum).

By establishing an unrestricted fund, you signal your trust in the Community Foundation's Board and staff to identify compelling community needs and the best use of your charitable dollars to address them. Unrestricted funds support research, major initiatives, focus areas, capital projects, and more. (See page 18 for a listing of unrestricted funds)

Field of Interest Fund

You pick the issue; we identify the best project (\$5,000 minimum).

You know you want your charitable legacy to always address the needs of young children, or the environment, or the homeless or the arts. With a field of interest fund you instruct the Community Foundation to seek out the most promising projects and nonprofits working in your favorite area. (See page 20 for a listing of field of interest funds)

Donor-Advised Fund

Keeping you, and future generations, actively involved (\$10,000 minimum).

Donor-advised funds are the perfect vehicle for the charitable individual, family, or business that wants to recommend where the fund's dollars might do the most good, year in and

year out. Donor advisors can consult with the Community Foundation's experienced staff or recommend favorite nonprofits. And you can pass advisory rights to the next generation! (See page 13 for a listing of donor advised funds)

Designated Fund

Support your best-loved nonprofits forever (\$5,000 minimum).

Permanent endowments can free an organization's dreams! Given a large enough endowment, a nonprofit can build appropriate facilities, hire enough staff, have enough materials, serve enough families, all without spending half of each day fundraising. They can even spend time planning for the future! (See page 16 for a listing of designated funds)

Scholarship Fund

Nourish educational aspirations (\$10,000 minimum).

Whether it's a recent high school graduate, a working person aiming to improve or a woman re-entering the workforce, you can make it possible for someone to pursue educational goals. Donors can work with the foundation staff to establish geographic, field of study or other guidelines. (See page 30)

Agency Endowment Fund

(\$5,000 minimum)

A nonprofit organization (with the help of its supporters) can create a permanent revenue stream for the future strength of that organization. (See page 17)

Operating Endowment Fund

(\$5,000 minimum)

Donors provide for the ongoing work of the Community Foundation. (See page 17)

Special Initiatives

You may also be interested in supporting the Community Foundation's Special Initiatives: the Women & Girls Funds, which improve the lives of local women and girls, the *Let's Read* Fund, which fosters literacy among children and their families, the P.A.W. (People for Animals and Wildlife) Fund, and the Love Our Libraries Fund, which supports libraries in 11 towns.

A description of Special Initiatives start on page 24.

When you can't give now

Many donors prefer to leave charitable assets upon their deaths after ensuring that they and their loved ones have been cared for. Some ways to make a future gift include:

- Bequests in wills and trusts
- Retirement plan designations
- Life insurance
- Remainder interest in real estate.

Gifts that give you income can change the world, too!

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

Life income gift options include:

- Charitable gift annuities
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable lead trusts

Depending on the vehicle, the remaining dollars are used to establish one of the funds on this page.

2009 Professional Advisors

Many professional advisors know when the Community Foundation is the right match for their clients' charitable situations. Historically more than half our endowments have been established as the result of their expertise and guidance. We thank the following for their advice and community service.

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Thank you for 10 great years, Jess!

In her 10 years of dedicated service, Jessica MacMahon Whelen bloomed from providing prescribed clerical support to becoming the virtual command center of our operations. She orchestrated both the front office and the back office, supporting trustees, staff and volunteers with brains and good cheer. Donors loved her and grantees valued her help.

We wish her great fun and satisfaction in her new life.

Financials: we were steady and stable throughout the storm

Typically, talking about investment return, asset allocation, prudent management and fiduciary oversight doesn't make for an exciting annual report, but in 2009 these fundamentals helped the Community Foundation weather one of the nation's most difficult economic periods.

It meant smoother sailing for your endowment

If you established an endowment, the fund is nearing to its pre-2008 levels already.

If your nonprofit has its agency endowment here, your annual payout remained nearly the same.

If you are a community leader, the Community Foundation was able to maintain the same level of grant-making while other regional funders were cutting theirs.

Foresight and thoughtful policy made our steadiness possible. In 2003, the Community Foundation changed investment managers and style. We switched to a "manager of managers" approach.

Diversified portfolio and spending rules since 2003

At the same time we adopted a new investment policy, which diversified the portfolio (see chart, this page) and set clear spending and grantmaking

guidelines. The prime purpose was to ensure stability in both good and bad markets, both for the generous people who entrust their philanthropic dollars with the Community Foundation, and for the nonprofit sector that depends on a steady source of income.

And it worked. By saving during high income years, we were able to meet needs during economic crisis. Endowment is the perfect vehicle for the long term (see story, page 48).

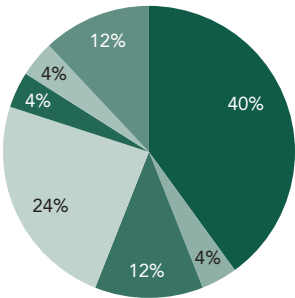
As careful stewards of your generosity, be assured we similarly contained operating costs.

Endowments and funds from the former Community Foundation of the Tri-County Area are being integrated into the same system.

As always, I am happy to answer any of your questions or hear your comments. Please email me at ewozniak@cfsect.org.

Respectfully,
Edward Wozniak,
Chief Financial Officer

Asset Allocation
Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut, as of December 31, 2009



- 40% Large Cap US
- 4% Small Cap US
- 12% Large Cap Intl.
- 24% Fixed Income
- 4% Real Estate
- 4% Emerging Markets
- 12% Alternatives

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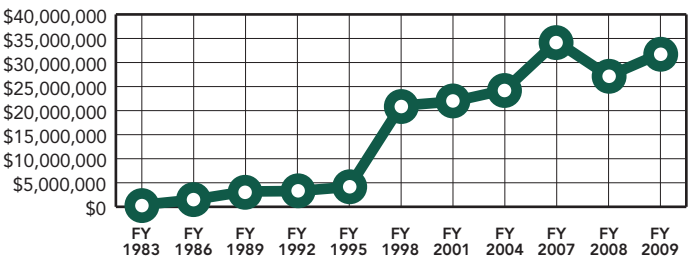
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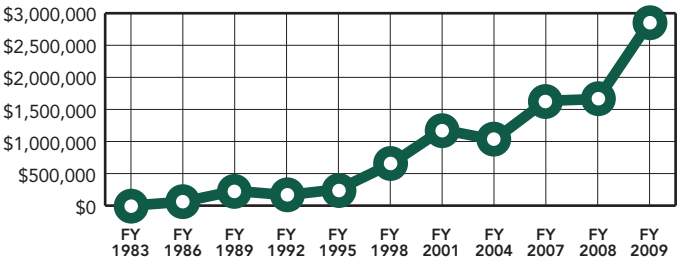
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As the assets grow, so does the support to the community...forever

CFSECT (only) Assets, 1983-2009



CFSECT (only) Grants, 1983-2009



In 16 years, "Anonymous III" has received as good as he (she?) gave

\$817,000 investment yields a half-million dollars in grants and scholarships and is still worth more than \$800,000

The phone rang in the offices of the Community Foundation late one afternoon in 1996. At the time Community Foundation President Alice Fitzpatrick was the only person in the office. Then – as now – she picked up the phone before the second ring.

An attorney was on the other end of the line. He had a client, he said, who wanted to donate 10,000 shares of Pfizer stock for tax reasons and to support three personal interests: a home town library, a scholarship for Waterford students, and the Visiting Nurse Association.

And the client wished to remain anonymous, even to the Community Foundation. Could it be done?

Of course, Fitzpatrick said, and within two days the entire transaction was complete. The Community Foundation arranged for the stock transfer and the donor – through the lawyer – was entitled to the full charitable benefits due on an \$817,000 charitable donation.

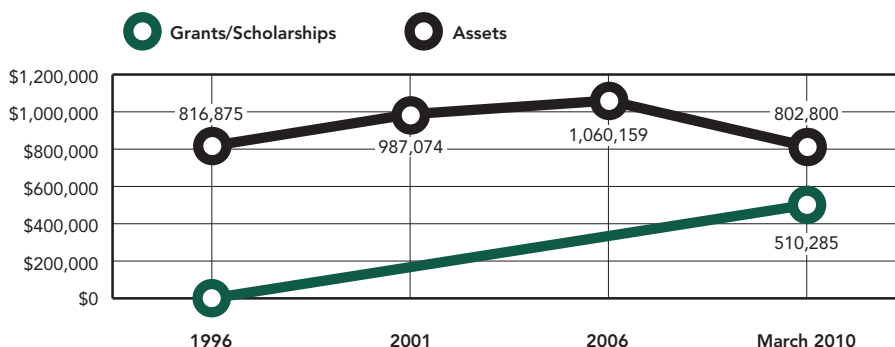
In the meantime, the Anonymous III endowment has done just what it's supposed to do: provided a steady flow of support to the donor's chosen interests while retaining its value.

Like all endowments, Anonymous III was hit hard by the recession, so that its current asset value of \$802,800 is slightly below the initial gift. It grew to more than \$1 million by 2006 and should soon retain its original value.

On the other hand, Anonymous III has given already the equivalent of more than three-fifths of its initial gift value in grants during the same period.

Starting in 1997 and through March 2010, the Anonymous III and the Waterford Scholar funds have provided 112 grants and scholarships totalling \$510,285.

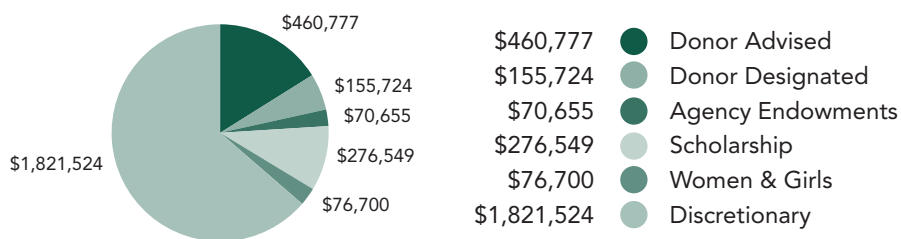
Anonymous III Grants and Assets 1996-2010



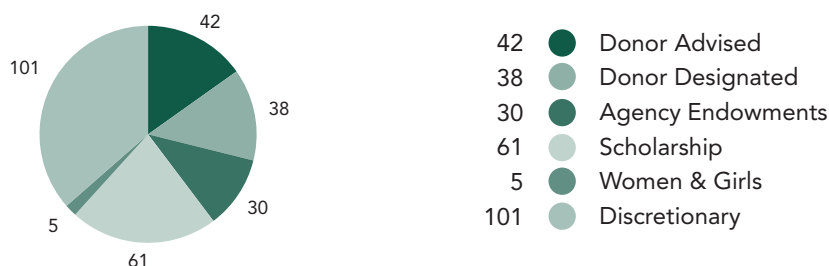
"I'd say that's a pretty good return on philanthropy," says Fitzpatrick, "especially if you add in the tax break the donor received for contributing appreciated stock."

One moral of the story may be "always pick up the phone." The more important one is charitable endowments are great investments.

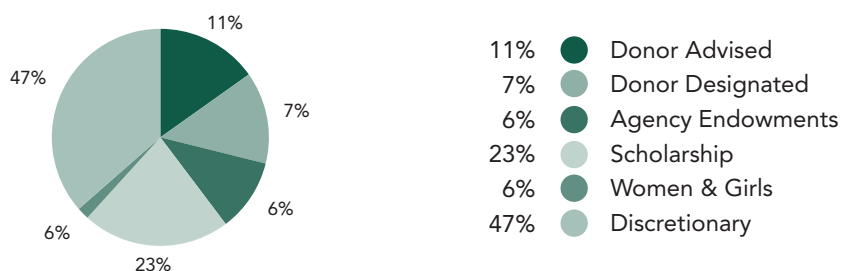
2009 Grant Dollars Per Fund Type



2009 Fund Type by Comparison (Number)



2009 Fund Type by Comparison (Dollars)



The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.
Financial statements December 31, 2009 &
December 31, 2008

	2009	2008
BALANCE SHEET		
Cash and Investments	\$27,075,758	\$22,944,941
Split-interest agreements:	4,926,295	4,027,785
Property and equipment, net	321,612	328,477
Other Assets	122,756	70,733
Total Assets	32,446,421	27,371,936
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Grants and Other Payables	571,156	182,237
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	26,880,488	23,138,990
Temporarily restricted	1,639,900	1,212,587
Permanently restricted	3,354,877	2,838,122
Total net assets	31,875,265	27,189,699
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$32,446,421	\$27,371,936
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
Revenue:		
Contributions	\$2,976,824	\$7,011,411
Investment Gain & Income	4,447,527	(9,592,913)
Change in value of trusts & split interest agreements	897,833	(2,103,409)
Other Income	22,475	39,890
Total Revenue	8,344,659	(4,645,021)
Expenses:		
Grants & Scholarships	(2,861,929)	(1,661,689)
Other Grant Expenses	(237,530)	(256,149)
General & Administrative	(426,996)	(474,886)
Investment Fees	(132,638)	(129,257)
Total Expenses	(3,659,093)	(2,521,981)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	4,685,566	(7,167,002)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	27,189,699	34,356,701
Net Assets - End of Year	\$31,875,265	\$27,189,699

The Community Foundation of The Tri-County Area
Financial statements December 31, 2009 &
December 31, 2008

	2009	2008
BALANCE SHEET		
Cash and Investments	\$1,455,441	\$1,243,079
Other Assets	8,750	10,100
Total Assets	1,464,191	1,253,179
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	8,853	1,875
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	338,053	197,852
Temporarily restricted	298,538	242,584
Permanently restricted	818,747	810,868
Total Net assets	1,455,338	1,251,304
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,464,191	\$1,253,179
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
Revenue:		
Contributions	\$103,467	\$206,371
Net Investment Income	232,385	(367,414)
Other	-	6,680
Total Revenue	335,852	(154,363)
Expenses:		
Grants & Scholarships	87,712	226,631
Fundraising	3,250	18,732
General & Administrative	40,856	45,618
Total Grants & Operating Expenses	131,818	290,981
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	204,034	(445,344)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	1,251,304	1,696,648
Net Assets - End of Year	\$1,455,338	\$1,251,304

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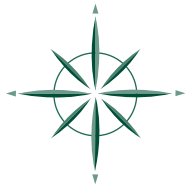
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