



The Community Foundation
of Southeastern Connecticut

Nurturing our community for more than 25 years

A Report on the Events of 2008 and Beyond

Dream... Connect... Build.

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



Cover: Detail of *The Mystic River*, ca. 1910, by Guy C. Wiggins (1883-1962).

In 2009, the Florence Griswold Museum announced the promised gift of more than 40 important American Impressionist paintings from the collection of longtime trustee Clement C. Moore. *The Mystic River*, reproduced on the cover with the generous approval of the Moore family, captures perfectly the bustling maritime activity and commerce central to the history and identity of southeastern Connecticut. The Moores' gift to the Museum, and by extension to the community as a whole, is a testament to the spirit of philanthropy that also characterizes our region.

The Community Foundation gratefully acknowledges the Moores and the Florence Griswold Museum for the loan of this painting's image.

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2008 felt like riding the Tilt-A-Whirl at Ocean Beach. Your community foundation celebrated unanticipated highs, as mentioned in the Highlights, and experienced unforeseen lows as did all of Wall Street and Main Street. While our good

work soared, our endowment lost ground. Like all charitable foundations in the world, we were humbled as we strived to keep our grantmaking steady and strong. After all, it is your money we are guarding and granting.

My hat is off to the steadfastness and good management of our beloved nonprofit organizations. They too have been weathering the financial winds of change while demands on them spiral. Yet the music continues to play, the soup kitchens keep on serving, and the schools work even harder.

Every nonprofit has a niche; it still has to earn a place in the world

I used to believe that we had too many fragile nonprofits competing for too few slices from too small a pie. I sat with group after group to encourage mergers. I discouraged on principle anyone who came to discuss establishing a new 501 (c)(3). “WE HAVE TOO MANY!” was my mantra; “collaborate!” was my cry.

But now I believe we just have to bake more pies.

As I consider the rich field of community resources we enjoy, especially when a crisis hits, I can’t think of a single nonprofit I would simply eliminate. I have come to regard our collection of small, nimble and passionate providers as the soul of our region, a “safety net” of services.

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Each town has them, complete with the cadre of board members, donors, professional staff and volunteers who keep them alive and relevant. This pool of leadership and commitment remains inspirational, despite budget cuts, staff shrinkage and external pressure.

Introducing four standout agencies that represent essential sectors

So, this year’s annual report features four leading agencies, representing essential sectors of our community: the Arts, Social Services, Health and Education. They represent the hard choices the

Community Foundation’s grants committees must face every year.

From their perspective, our grants serve as “a stimulus package” accessible by all...

Thank you; you remained steady in 2008!

Despite the toll the economy took on each of us in 2008, somehow you remained steadfast in your philanthropy. You continued to serve on boards and committees and continued to volunteer wherever you were needed.

You also continued to give, enabling the Community Foundation to increase its grants and scholarships in 2008 by 2% with the promise of maintaining that level in 2009. The permanent endowment you have nurtured over the years continues to provide a steady source of grantmaking dollars, in good times and bad, just as it was designed to do.

Congratulations and thank you! Enjoy your reading!

Alice F. Fitzpatrick
President

Celebrated **25th Anniversary** with regionwide events, gift to the community, awards and accolades.

Contributions

A record high **\$7,011,411**

Largest gift ever, \$3.5 million from the estate of Waterford resident, Edmund O'Brien

\$38.3 million given since 1983

Funds

18 **new funds** established in 2008
245 named funds created since 1983

Grants

\$15.3 million since 1983

\$1.66 million in 2008

Announced **largest grant ever**: \$1.5 million to 13 libraries in our eleven towns. (see page 41)



The Connecticut Humanities Council bestowed a 2009 Wilbur Cross Award on the Community Foundation for our \$1.5 million *Love our Libraries* grant. Pictured here are l to r: Bruce Fraser, CHC Executive Director, Laurel Butler, CFSECT Board Chair and Mally Cox-Chapman, CHC Trustee

We wanted to make a major gift to our community. We wanted to celebrate, to honor our donors and to have impact across all eleven of our towns.

We decided on a \$1.5 million grant to our thirteen libraries because we value their role; we call it our *LOVE OUR LIBRARIES* initiative.

We asked the libraries to give us their best ideas for meeting their communities' needs.

Well, it has been like rubbing a magic lamp and letting the genie out. Take a look at the inside back flap to see what has happened!

- Laurel A. Butler, CFSECT Board Chair



The nationally based Council on Foundations gave us their highest award for last year's annual report. Why not? They were stories about you! (We have a few left if you need keepsakes.)

Many planted the "garden" that became the Community Foundation. We distributed seed packets in your honor. Did you have a wonderful harvest?



These nonprofits are transformers



In 2006, the IRS reported there were 11,805 registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits in Connecticut. An estimated 10% of them are based in southeastern Connecticut.

More than half of Connecticut's nonprofits have total revenues of less than \$25,000 a year, but that is no indicator of their impact on people's lives. They are the after school programs that keep children safely off the streets and school-ready. They are the food pantries that offer groceries from the third week when the food stamps run out until the end of the month.

They are the volunteer animal shelters that find good homes for strays, and the community-staffed nature preserves that clear the paths and rebuild the wooden bridges. They are the cooperative arts centers and they are the free clinics.

They help newcomers find basic services and interpreters and they take meals to senior citizens in their homes. They coach youth on the baseball diamond and in the computer lab.

The **Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut** seeks out and partners with the nonprofits whose visions regularly exceed their reach. These are the groups that will ultimately change people's lives.

Transformation takes time, resources and sustained effort. Your engagement with the Community Foundation makes it possible to vigorously support those that deliver on their missions.

Here are the stories of just four of the region's "transformers":

- ✦ Connecticut College's Office of Volunteers & Community Service,
- ✦ Garde Arts Center,
- ✦ Thames River Community Service, and
- ✦ Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut.

These treasured community assets have a track record of constancy and nimbleness in their respective fields: education, the arts, human services and health.

Community engagement is part of the mission

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Connecticut College believes that scholarship and community engagement are fully intertwined. In any year, more than 500 Connecticut College students, faculty and staff members participate in the community as volunteers. The College has a well-deserved reputation for helping nonprofits through service learning.

“In addition to providing much-needed grant resources, the Community Foundation has worked with us to strengthen our outreach,” says Tracee Reiser, Associate Dean of Community Learning and Director, Office of Volunteers & Community Service, “...on strategies that foster community building and help develop common visions. The Community Foundation provides us with a direct connection to the people who engage, financially and otherwise, in the projects funded by it.

“I think the most important thing to know about the Community Foundation is that it understands that we’re all connected and that what impacts one, impacts us all. It’s the money, yes, but it’s ensuring that the money has a more lasting effect.”



These aren't just students; they are future business owners, Chamber of Commerce presidents, political leaders, nonprofit directors, artists, and parents. They learn about the responsibilities of community here.

S.I.S.T.E.R. Mentoring Program

Strong women from the College and the greater community



New London middle school girls



Confidence, connections and new skills for girls who produced *Women Who Inspire*, a film making project in which the girls interacted with and interviewed local women who were energetically participating in their careers and communities.

Third Graders Read Best program

Connecticut College student volunteers



New London 3rd graders and teachers



More third graders on track to read at grade level or above, thanks to classroom help and one on one attention from trained and engaged tutors.

Proof of New London's vibrant future

THE GARDE ARTS CENTER

“The Garde Arts Center has proven the experts wrong,” says Steve Sigel, its executive director. “Not only about the future of the Garde itself, but about what they saw for the future of New London. The Garde was emblematic of the recent past: the abandonment of ‘downtowns’, the decline of independent merchants, and a lack of hope.”

Today the Garde exists and thrives, not only as the region’s premier arts center and a central gathering place, but also as the symbol of redevelopment and revitalization in the city.

With the Community Foundation’s support, the Garde has also become an expert at outreach for people from different backgrounds, towns, ages, interests, and income levels.

“Yes, on one level what we do is the arts, but on a much greater scale we create an experience of unity among groups of people that perhaps don’t get to hang out with each other otherwise,” Sigel says. “More than 10,000 kids come through our doors every year . The Garde has become a community living room where people of all ages enjoy great music, dance, film and performances ranging from opera to hip-hop.

Sigel observed that like the Garde, the Community Foundation embraces a “community of communities” and provides a way for people to engage in their interests.



Steve Sigel with young performers who are gaining skills and confidence through arts-based educational programs.

Passport To Literacy program

Third graders challenged to read at least 10 books in 10 weeks



An incentive of free tickets to see a show at the Garde Arts Center



Thousands of books read by 230 third graders, improved reading skills and a connected and diverse audience of kids and their families enjoying a live performance.

Writer’s Block, Ink

Local students ages 8 to 18



Creative performances on the main stage at the Garde Arts Center



At-risk kids are inspired to believe in themselves through artistic expression

Credibility helps lead people from homelessness

THAMES RIVER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thames River Community Service is one of several important nonprofits engaged in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Southeastern Connecticut. And when it comes to that mission, credibility is key.

Their anchor program, the Thames River Family Program, is certainly credible. In recent months, 28 mothers who came to the program with nothing have gone on to own their own homes. Sixty-one children who had been taken away by the State have been reunited with their mothers. Half of the 58 residents of Martin House are working or going to college. Once moving on a forward path, they continue to move forward.

Finding funds for homelessness programs has always been difficult, and the State has recently cut support, points out Tom Hyland, executive director of Thames River Community Service and Martin House. But with the Community Foundation’s support, he has been able to apply for other grants and find other partners.

“The fact that the Community Foundation chooses to support us gives our programs more credibility. Its dollars leverage other dollars,” Hyland says. “We have been able to attract donations that wouldn’t have come forth if the Community Foundation did not exist.”



Thames River Community Service director Tom Hyland with children from the Family Program.

Parent-Child Communication program

15 mothers and their children victimized by family violence



Experienced counselors teaching effective communication and conflict resolution strategies



Stronger, healthier, more connected families that can break the cycle of domestic violence

Employment and Career Training

20 unemployed women with children



Training, support and childcare for job-seekers



A self-sufficient family fully participating in community life

Making a little go a long way

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

Simple and inexpensive programs can make the biggest difference in people's lives. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut (VNASC) knows how to leverage a few dollars into services that have a profound and lasting effect.

With the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut as a partner, VNASC finds itself reaching further into the community to serve people in new ways.

"The Community Foundation is always looking out for us," says VNASC President Mary Lenzini.

"The staff has its ears to the ground for other resources. Through the Community Foundation we found out about grants being awarded by the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA). We applied for and won a grant for a van to transport supplies and equipment."

Lenzini says she often turns to the Community Foundation for clarity, consultation, and support. She was considering a program that would involve intensive nursing visits to first-time mothers and their babies, but it would be expensive and complicated.

"The Community Foundation staff helped me talk it through. They were able to connect us with other interested parties and we were able to get the program off the ground."



Mary Lenzini, VNASC executive director, and colleagues discuss community outreach opportunities.

Home Care Services

Low income women who need services not covered by insurance



Visits and basic care from VNASC home health aides



Women who are able to stay in their homes and remain active members of their communities

Scholarship Program

Dedicated VNASC staff



Scholarships for specialized training that staff would not have otherwise received



Better healthcare services for the community

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

Chester W. Kitchings Fund	1983	Mildred E. "Millie" Devine Fund	1996
Doris R. & Benjamin A. Levinson Fund	1983	Robert and Lois Geary Fund	1996
Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Leatherman Fund	1983	Shirley Beal Fund	1997
New London Rotary Club Memorial Fund	1983	John O'Brien Fund	1997
Palmer/Bodenwein Fund	1983	Margaret and William Orkney and Grant Hileman Fund	1997
Shea Fund	1983	Carolyn L. and Kenneth E. Grube Memorial Fund	1997
Marjory & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Fund	1983	Millard R. York Fund	1997
Catherine M. & Charles R. Sortor Fund	1983	Anonymous IV Fund	1997
Stamm Family Fund	1983	Carol L. Chappell Fund	1998
Elaine M. and Dr. David Ginsberg Fund	1984	Whittemore-Kepple Fund	1998
Union Trust Fund	1984	Alva G. Greenberg Fund	1998
Avery-Hammond Fund	1984	Anonymous V	1998
Carrie V. and Horace W. Rowe Family Fund	1985	Dyanne M. Rafal Fund	1998
Coastal (New London Federal Savings & Loan) Fund	1985	Matthews Family Fund	1998
Solomons Family Fund	1986	The Nightingale Fund	1998
David C. Smith Memorial Fund	1987	Bredeson Family Fund	1998
Robert W. Marrion Founding President Fund	1987	Peter Block Fund	1998
William J. Hazlewood Fund	1987	Susan H. Timken Fund	1998
New England Savings Bank Fund	1988	Betty Richards Tripp Fund	1999
Harry R. and Dorothy S. Hazard Fund	1989	George Jagger Fund	1999
Harvey Mallove Memorial Fund	1990	Minnie and Dorothy Levinson Fund	1999
Dorothy West Lathrop & Harriet Sullivan Wallace Fund	1990	William R. Hannaford Fund	1999
Thomas Edison Troland Memorial Fund	1991	Irma Baker Memorial Fund	2000
Robert A. Doherty Memorial Fund	1992	Melvin Simon Fund	2000
Joan and Thomas Wetmore Fund	1992	Isadore and Isabelle Rogovin Fund	2001
Mary Hewitt & Edward Mann Fund	1993	Reid and Linda MacCluggage Fund	2002
General Unrestricted Fund	1993	Old Black Point Association Fund	2002
<i>Over the years, many people have chosen to give directly to the Community Foundation's unrestricted fund rather than establish their own charitable fund.</i>		Ann and Gordon Douglas Fund	2003
George A. Ott Fund	1996	Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hammond Fund	2004
J. Martin and Caroline S. Leatherman Fund	1996	Hertenstein Family Fund	2005
Victoria & Charles Glassenberg Fund	1996	James and Isabelle English Fund	2006
John T. & Evelyn MacDougall Fund	1996	Anonymous X Fund	2007
		Marjorie Inkster Staton Fund	2007
		Priscilla F. Hodges Fund	2007
		Roger and Cornelia Dickinson Fund	2008

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

The Women & Girls Fund and Let's Read (pages 21 and 23, respectively), are good examples.

Elvia Enders Richards Fund <i>For home health care services</i>	1986	Arts Alliance Fund <i>To promote artistic endeavors</i>	2002
Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust <i>For Groton-based organizations</i>	1989	Let's Read Fund <i>To support literacy programs that foster a love of learning and reading</i>	2002
Henry C. White Memorial Fund <i>To help prevent and treat substance abuse</i>	1990	Andrew and Elaine McKirdy Fund <i>To support educational, economic and/or social advancement for disadvantaged persons</i>	2002
Anonymous II <i>To support healthy families</i>	1996	The Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund <i>To prevent domestic violence and provide treatment for its victims (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)</i>	2003
The Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund <i>For children's programs</i>	1998	Judith Glassenberg Classroom Enrichment Fund <i>To provide academic enrichment in local public schools (affiliated with the Let's Read Fund)</i>	2005
Carl Clark Graves Fund <i>To advance the sports of crew, sculling and other water-based activities</i>	1999	Murstein Family Fund <i>To provide women access to educational & job training opportunities (affiliated with Women & Girls Fund)</i>	2005
Women & Girls Fund <i>To improve the lives of local women and girls</i>	1999	Josephine and Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals <i>For the care of animals in Groton</i>	2007
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 Our Libraries <i>To support our thirteen local libraries See page 41.</i>	2008
Beaver Brook Fund <i>To advance the treatment of mental illness</i>	2000		
Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Education Fund <i>To foster habits of tolerance and inclusion among children</i>	2001		

Designated Funds support your best-loved nonprofits forever by creating a predictable and valuable revenue stream to further their general mission or specific programs.

Florence and Raphael Shafner Fund <i>Benefits L&M Hospital, American Red Cross, Child & Family Agency, Public Library of New London & West Farms Land Trust</i>	1984	Jane W. Williams Fund <i>Benefits Mystic/Noank Library, Noank Historical Society, Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut</i>	1988
Rose & Sigmund Strochlitz Fund <i>Supports Waterford Public Library</i>	1986	Martha H. Griffis Fund <i>Supports the Public Library of New London</i>	1991
Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund <i>For Williams School Award and Scholarship</i>	1987	United Way Endowment Fund	1993
		Walter V. Baker Fund <i>Supports the Public Library of New London</i>	1994

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Anonymous III Fund <i>Benefits VNASC, Waterford Public Library and Waterford Scholars</i>	1996	Constance Pike Fund <i>Supports the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center</i>	2005
Hartman Park Endowment Fund <i>Supports the maintenance of Hartman Park in Lyme</i>	1997	Lesniowski Fund <i>Supports scholarships awarded by the New London Education Foundation</i>	2006
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship Fund	1997	Kitchings Homeless Initiative <i>To help prevent and address homelessness in our region</i>	2006
Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund <i>Benefits Children's Museum, Hospice, L&M Hospital and St. Paul's Church</i>	1998	Kitchings New London Resident Scholar Fund <i>Benefits New London Science & Technology Magnet School Resident Scholar program</i>	2006
Beaumont Family Fund <i>Supports scholarships awarded by the Mystic Rotary Club</i>	1999	St. Mary Star of the Sea School <i>Benefits St. Mary Star of the Sea School</i>	2006
Kenneth G. Chapman Fund <i>Supports numerous organizations identified by the donor</i>	2000	Borough Clock Fund II <i>To restore and maintain the Stonington Borough clock tower</i>	2007
The Sarah Morse ECB Dance Scholarship Fund <i>Benefits the Eastern Connecticut Ballet</i>	2000	Homeless Hospitality Center Fund <i>To support services for the homeless</i>	2007
Stonington Education Fund	2000	Starfish Fund <i>To assist local residents in emergencies or to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency</i>	2007
Old Lyme Social Service Emergency Fund <i>Benefits Old Lyme Social Services</i>	2001	Priscilla & Charles Hodges Memorial Fund <i>Benefits Thames Valley Music School, Stonington Library & the Community Foundation of SECT</i>	2008
The Leonard and Irene Zuckerbraun Family Fund <i>Supports the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Young Artists Competition</i>	2004	Edson Strickland Fund <i>For Women & Girls Fund/Smith Memorial Fund Initiatives</i>	2008
Leah Beyer Memorial Fund <i>Supports Niantic Center School</i>	2005		

Nonprofits establish **Agency Endowment Funds** at the Community Foundation for several reasons. They include assurance for donors and a guaranteed revenue stream for long-term financial health and stability.

Jack Banner Memorial Fund (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)	1998	Alliance For Living Fund	2002
Brodhead Scholarship Fund (Noank Baptist Church)	2001	DNA EpiCenter Fund	2002
Connecticut Early Music Fund	2001	Mitch & Betty Salomon (Wood Pawcatuck Watershed) Fund	2002
Fred and Jo Falkner Fund (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)	2001	Mystic Arts Center Education Endowment Fund	2002
The Griffis Art Center Fund	2001	A Moveable Feast Fund	2003
Hempsted Heritage Fund	2001	Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Fund	2003
New London Education Foundation Fund	2001	Lyme Art Association Fund	2003
Shiloh Baptist Church Fund	2001	ARC of New London County Fund	2003

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Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut Fund	2004	Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Fund	2007
Covenant Shelter of New London Fund	2004	New London County Historical Society Fund	2007
Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut Fund	2004	Waterford Senior Services Ednowment Fund	2007
Stonington Community Center Fund	2006	Dr. Carl Wies Scholarship Fund	2008
		Southeastern Connecticut Women's Network	2008

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

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

Donor Advised Funds allow individuals, families or businesses to recommend where the fund's dollars might do the most good.

Gildersleeve/White Fund	1984	Morgan McGinley Family Fund	2007
Francis J. and Sally T. Pavetti Fund	1986	Ralph Averill Powers Foundation Fund	2007
Howe Charitable Fund	1997	Michelle E. Maitland and Joshua C. Martin Fund	2008
Neal & Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund	1998	Margaret M. O'Shea Education Fund	2008
Lewis Female Cent Society Fund (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)	1999	Woolworth Family Stonington Fund	2008
Gross Family Fund	1999		
Barbara Kiss Johnson Fund	1999	Anonymous IX Fund	annual funding
Richard E. and Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund	2000	Sally Bill Fund	annual funding
Toulmin Family Fund	2001	Wayne Boettner Fund	annual funding
Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund	2002	Buscetto Family & Friends Fund	annual funding
David and Muriel Hinkle Fund	2002	Elizabeth Newell Butler Gregory Fund	annual funding
Harold and Miriam Dean Fund	2003	Community Arts & Education Fund	annual funding
Anonymous VIII Fund	2003	Alva Greenberg Fund II	annual funding
Dangremond Family Fund	2003	Roger Gross Fund	annual funding
The Elaine Pearl Shapiro and Michael Shapiro Charitable Fund	2004	Heritage Fund	annual funding
The Heritage Fund	2004	ISAAC Fund	annual funding
Sarah Ann Martin Fund	2004	Lieber Family Fund	annual funding
Carlisle Fund	2005	Recovery Yoga Fund	annual funding
Smith Memorial Fund (affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)	2006	Del and Nancy Wells Family Fund	annual funding
Javor Family Fund	2007		

Donors opened educational opportunities and access when they created these 61 **scholarship funds**

Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund	1983	Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>For a New London High School student who has overcome great hardship</i>		<i>For an art student, with preference for someone with a physical disability</i>	
Marjory B. & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship Fund	1983	Waterford Scholars Fund	1996
<i>For an outstanding student with financial need from each of 5 local high schools</i>		<i>For outstanding students in Waterford</i>	
Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund	1983	Beatrice McEwen Fund	1996
<i>For a New London High School student who shows great promise and motivation</i>		<i>For students with high academic achievement and financial need</i>	
William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund	1988	Harvey Family Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>For a New London High School student who intends to study business</i>		<i>For a 'well-rounded' Stonington High School student</i>	
Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund	1988	Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund	1996
<i>For a New London High School student showing excellence in civics and politics</i>		<i>For a student with strong academic standing</i>	
George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund	1989	Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>For a Groton student pursuing health related studies</i>		<i>For students pursuing a career in engineering or science</i>	
Mallove Family Scholarship Fund	1989	Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>For a New London High School student with strong academic performance</i>		<i>For a student with good academics and notable Irish or Polish heritage</i>	
Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund	1991	William Pedace Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>For a Stonington High School student who will pursue marine biology</i>		<i>For a New London High School student with strong academic standing</i>	
James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund	1993	Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund	1997
<i>For a Montville High School student who will study engineering</i>		<i>For a student with strong academic standing</i>	
John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund	1993	Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund	1998
<i>For a serious student of the creative arts</i>		<i>For a Stonington High School student with skill in soccer</i>	
Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund	1993	John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund	1998
<i>For a student at UConn's School of Agricultural & Natural Resources</i>		<i>For a student with an interest in health care</i>	
Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund	1993	Pat Patterson Music Scholarship Fund	1999
<i>For a student with strong academic ability</i>		<i>For a student with an interest in music, preferably jazz</i>	
C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship	1994	Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship	1999
<i>For a New London student with excellence in public affairs and government</i>		<i>For a top-ranked student with an interest in medicine or the arts</i>	
Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund	1994	The Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>For a Williams School essay contest winner: "Press On Regardless"</i>		<i>For a Stonington resident pursuing unique educational opportunities</i>	
Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996	General Scholarship Fund	2000
<i>For a Waterford High School student with strong community service involvement</i>		<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>	

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The Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund	2001	Jack Stefanski Athletic Scholarship	2007
<i>For a student with good academic standing and financial need</i>		<i>For a New London High School graduate pursuing a sports related career</i>	
Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund	2002	John Deligeorges M. D. Memorial Scholarship Fund	2007
<i>To encourage students to pursue nursing careers</i>		<i>For an East Lyme High School graduate pursuing the life sciences, sciences or engineering</i>	
Eric Evans Scholarship Fund	2002	Patricia C. Norman Scholarship Fund	2007
<i>For a student at Syracuse University or a graduate of St. Bernard High School</i>		<i>For a Ledyard High School graduate pursuing a degree or career related to music</i>	
Don Lumadue Scholarship Fund	2003	Thomas & Olga Sotir and Walter & Susie Watson Scholarship	2007
<i>For a student of the fine or performing arts</i>		<i>For graduates of the Community Foundation's eleven town region</i>	
Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund	2003	Edith M. Harris Scholarship Fund	2008
<i>For students identified by the Hispanic Alliance</i>		<i>For students pursuing a career in nursing</i>	
The Viola A. and Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004	Caryn Nesbitt, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008
<i>For a student pursuing a career in education</i>		<i>For female medical students from the foundation's eleven towns</i>	
Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2004	Arnold Avery Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a student of the building trades, technology or business</i>		<i>For a Fitch High School student of marine science, library science, or English</i>	
Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004	Citizens Bank Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a student with good academic standing, interested in biology and/or soccer</i>		<i>For a student with financial need and a record of community involvement</i>	
Kemaphoom "Ahn" Chanawongse Scholarship Fund	2004	Dicesare-Bentley/William Bentley Memorial Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For distribution by Waterford High School</i>		<i>For students from 5 towns who will pursue an engineering degree</i>	
Freddy Fayal Scholarship Fund	2005	David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a Stonington High School student pursuing a college degree or career training</i>		<i>For graduates of Fitch, Ledyard, and Stonington high schools</i>	
Beaumont Scholarship Fund	2006	FRESH Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a Stonington High School graduate with academic ability and financial need</i>		<i>For interns of the FRESH New London Program</i>	
Rachel E. Harma Scholarship Fund	2006	Hygienic Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a Stonington High School student studying marketing or business</i>		<i>For students of the visual arts</i>	
RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award	2006	Dr. Charles K. Lee Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a New London High School or vocational/technical school student</i>		<i>For a minority student of science (funded by New London Rotary)</i>	
Malcolm F. & Harriet B. Brown Scholarship Fund	2006	Alyce Orenstein Scholarship Fund	<i>annual funding</i>
<i>For a high school graduate of Hispanic descent</i>		<i>For distribution by the New London Education Fund</i>	
Carl Jr. & Dorothy Croft Safford Scholarship Fund	2006		
<i>For a Fitch High School graduate studying the sciences</i>			
Carl Jr. and Dorothy Safford UCONN Scholarship Fund	2006		
<i>For a student planning to attend UConn School of Engineering</i>			

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut awards grants to federally recognized 501(c)(3) organizations and to other charitable, educational and civic organizations serving the towns of New London, Groton, Waterford, Ledyard, Stonington, North Stonington, Salem, Montville, East Lyme, Old Lyme and Lyme. Grants are made in the areas of **arts and culture, community development, education, environment, and health and social services**. The Foundation also awards college scholarships to area students.

For nonprofits and other eligible organizations, the grantseeking process should always begin with a review of the grants guidelines which can be found on our website. The next important step is a phone call to the Foundation's program director, Jennifer O'Brien, to discuss your proposal ideas.

Visit us at www.cfsect.org or contact Jennifer O'Brien, program director, at 860-442-3572 or jennob@cfsect.org

The Foundation makes awards in the following grants cycles:

General Grants:

November 15 deadline

The Women & Girls Fund:

August 15 deadline

Let's Read Fund:

March 15 deadline

Scholarships:

April 1 deadline

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

Hard work and great ideas resulted in awards to the following agencies.

The Community Foundation approved the following 2008 grants following a rigorous application procedure, which included identifying challenges, needs, budgets and goals. Staff and community volunteers review each application, conduct site visits, and prioritize each request against other proposals and community needs. The Board of Trustees approves the final choices of grantees. Grant funds come from unrestricted, field-of-interest and often donor advised funds (see pages 8, 9, and 11) and other gifts. With scholarships added in, the Foundation awarded a total of \$1.66 million in 2008.

Alliance For Living

Safety net program for client services \$10,000

Artreach

Client transportation Fund \$3,000

Art's Cafe Mystic

Student Poets Laureate program \$4,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut

Mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents \$10,000

Care and Share Soup Kitchen

Community meals program \$3,000

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut

Handicapped accessibility improvements \$10,000

ChildSight

Vision screenings and glasses for New London youth \$5,000

Community Coalition for Children

Community workshops on child, family and parenting issues \$7,500

Connecticut Early Music

Music program for New London middle school students \$2,850

Connecticut Library Consortium

Support of the One Book, One Region program \$2,500

Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund

Science and technology expo for local girls \$2,500

Covenant Shelter of New London

Replacement of fire escape \$5,780

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Safety improvements to entrance \$10,500

Drop-In Learning Center

Summer enrichment program for children \$10,000

Eastern Connecticut Ballet

Nutcracker program in schools \$5,900

Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities

Renovation of vacant home for low income family \$4,500

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra

Young People's Concert for 2,400 students \$15,000

Eugene O'Neill Theater Center

Playwriting workshops for high school students \$8,675

Flock Theatre

Macbeth performance for students \$7,000

Florence Griswold Museum

Community Free Week of museum activities \$7,500

FRESH New London

Service learning for youth in community gardens \$7,500

Friends of Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve

Improvements to entrance of nature preserve \$8,500

Front Porch Foundation

Community-building activities in New London public housing \$10,000

Garde Arts Center

After-school arts programming \$15,000

Hearts, Hands & Homes

Support for foster and adoptive families \$2,500

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding

Delta Society Pet Partner Team for disabled children and adults \$5,000

Historically Black College Alumni

College tour to encourage youth to pursue education \$3,000

Hygienic Art

Do the Write Thing creative writing program \$2,500

Kente Cultural Center

Support of community events \$7,000

Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Programs for school children \$15,000

2008 Grants for Projects and Initiatives

Madonna Place

Parenting program for fathers \$10,000

Martin House

Adult education program for residents \$5,000

Mystic & Noank Library

Lighting fixtures \$1,550

Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality – MASH

Shelter and services for homeless families \$7,642

Mystic Arts Center

Visual Thinking Curriculum art program in schools \$4,000

Mystic Ballet

After-school program for New London students \$7,500

Mystic Marinelife Aquarium

Summer camp for young residents of The Women's Center \$3,500

Mystic River Homes Congregate

Transportation for community outings \$2,000

Mystic Seaport Museum

Hudson Bay Inuit and Captain George Comer exhibit \$16,000

New London Community Boating

Scholarships for summer sailing program \$4,200

New London Community Meal Center

Food and supplies for the homeless population \$10,000

New London Homeless Hospitality

Services for the homeless population \$20,000

New London Main Street

Support of Summertime festivals in New London \$7,500

New London Public Schools

Environmental Educators Coalition \$10,000

New London Youth Affairs

Recreational Alternatives to Drugs (RAD) \$5,042

Niantic Main Street

Improvements for handicapped accessibility \$10,000

Ocean Community YMCA

Support of youth recreation program \$5,000

Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)

Job training and support \$10,000

Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

Emergency fuel assistance and budgeting workshop \$5,000

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut

Healthy Families program for teens and their parents \$10,000

Project Oceanology

Ocean Camp scholarships \$4,400

Read to Grow

Books for Babies to encourage early literacy \$5,000

Riverfront Children's Center

Tuition support for needy families \$10,000

Salt Marsh Opera Co.

School performance and internship program \$6,000

SCADD

Computer skills training \$2,280

Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC)

Prevention Resource Library \$3,500

Special Olympics Connecticut

Track & field event for athletes with intellectual disabilities \$5,000

Stonington Community Center

Improvements to stage lighting for community programs \$8,500

Stonington Education Fund

Support of concerts to benefit music education \$5,000

Surfers Drum & Bugle Corps Alumni Association

Uniforms and instruments for young people \$5,000

Thames Area Citizen Advocacy Program

Advocacy for elderly residents of nursing facilities \$5,000

Thames River Family Program

Support of programs for resident children \$6,000

Thames Valley Council for Community Action

Delivered meals for those homebound due to illness \$10,000

Tommy Toy Fund

Toys and books for needy New London families \$1,000

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut

Heating assistance program \$15,000

Virtual Voyages

Sailing program for at-risk youth \$1,000

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut

Footcare clinic for seniors \$4,370

W.A.R.M. Shelter

Shelter, food and transportation \$5,000

Waterford Senior Services

Fall prevention program \$5,000

Wheeler Library

Computers for four libraries \$6,000

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Domestic Violence Parenting Program for mothers \$5,000

YMCA of Southeastern Connecticut, Coastline Branch

Summer and after-school programs for children \$5,935

Young Audiences of Connecticut

Around the World in Dance for New London elementary schools \$5,000

2008 Designated Grants

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From Designated Funds (see pages 9-10).

American Red Cross of Southeastern Connecticut	\$590	Old Lyme Children's Learning Center	\$1,026
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	\$590	Old Lyme Social Services	\$4,015
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut	\$442	Pine Point School	\$3,500
Eastern Connecticut Ballet	\$1,148	Public Library of New London	\$1,723
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra	\$315	Rotary Club of Mystic	\$2,714
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	\$5,000	St. Edmund's Retreat	\$525
Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut	\$331	St. Mary Star of the Sea School	\$304
L&M Office of Community Health and Partnerships	\$134	St. Paul's Church	\$331
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital	\$1,695	Town of Lyme	\$1,245
Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut	\$496	Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut	\$12,885
Mystic & Noank Library	\$496	Waterford Public Library	\$13,355
Noank Historical Society	\$496	West Farms Land Trust	\$590
		Williams School	\$439

2008 Donor Advised Grants

Grants recommended by donors from their funds (see page 11).

American Cancer Society	Connecticut Landmarks Society
American Red Cross	Connecticut Lyric Opera
Animal Welfare League of New London County	Connecticut Public Broadcasting
Applied Sustainable Aquaculture	Council on Foundations
Avalonia Land Conservancy	Covenant Shelter of New London
Avodah Dance Ensemble	Democracy South
Boy Scout Troop 33	Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Boy Scouts of America	DNA EpiCenter
BRAYCE	Doctors without Borders USA
Bulkeley Alumni Association	Earth's Birthday Project
Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut	First Group America
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	Florence Griswold Museum
City Life/Vida Urbana	FRESH New London
City of New London	Garde Arts Center
Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut	The Griffis Art Center
Congregation Beth Shalom	Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut
Connecticut Council for Philanthropy	Haitian Health Foundation
Connecticut Fund for the Environment	Haitian Ministries
Connecticut Humane Society	Heavy Hitters USA

2008 Donor Advised Grants

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
 Hill Health Corporation
 Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut
 Hygienic Art
 Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC)
 JazzReach
 Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
 Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut
 Kente Cultural Center
 Kenyon Review
 Laidlaw Education Service
 L.A.M.B.S. Club
 Landing School
 Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
 Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut
 Longwharf Theater Foundation
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum
 Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts
 Lyme Land Conservation Trust
 The Madeira School
 Martin House
 Massachusetts Affordable Housing
 Mitchell College
 Monroe College
 Musical Masterworks
 Mystic Area Shelter And Hospitality - MASH
 Mystic Marinelife Aquarium
 The Nature Conservancy
 Neighborhood Alliance of New London
 New London Community Meal Center
 New London Community Boating
 New London County Historical Society
 New London Day Nursery
 New London Education Foundation
 New London High School
 New London Homeless Hospitality
 New London National Little League
 New London Main Street
 New London Maritime Society
 New London Public Schools
 New London Soccer Club
 New London Youth Affairs
 Niantic Center School
 Niantic Main Street
 Noank Baptist Church
 Oxfam America
 Public Library of New London
 Read to Grow
 Recovery Yoga
 The Rectory Fund
 Rhode Island Zoological Society
 Rotary Club of New London
 Salt Marsh Opera Company
 Salvation Army
 Save Ocean Beach
 Shiloh Development Corporation
 Sound Community Services
 Special Olympics Connecticut
 Spence Chapin Adoption Services
 Thames River Family Program
 United Church of Stonington
 United Community & Family Services
 United Way of Southeastern Connecticut
 University of Connecticut Foundation
 University of Delaware
 The Visiting Nurse Association
 of Southeastern Connecticut
 Voice & Future Fund
 W.A.R.M. Shelter
 Waterford Ambulance Association
 Waterford Country School
 Women in the Building Trades
 Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut
 Writer's Block, Ink
 WSHU Public Radio
 Yale University
 YMCA of Southeastern Connecticut -Coastline Branch

\$261,350 in scholarship awards help 138 students from eleven towns pursue their educational goals.

Alcino Almeida Scholarship

D'Andre Gooden, Wheeler High School.

Arnold W. Avery Scholarship

Meghan Mizak and Elizabeth Deer, Fitch High School

Beaumont Family Scholarship

Shelby Farrell, Stonington High School

Citizens Bank Scholarship

Katie Bosse, East Lyme High School

John Deligeorges M.D. Memorial Scholarship

Michael Boucher, East Lyme High School

Dicesare-Bentley/William Bentley Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Walsh, Groton; Kevin Froling, Stonington, Michael Boucher, East Lyme and Sai Alluri, Waterford

Patricia K. Drake Scholarship

Ruz Linares, New London High School

David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship

Aaron Korteweg, Hannah Drake and Shannon Burke, Groton; Jason Carty and Hein Le, Ledyard, and Emily Dooling and Heather Brustolon, Stonington

C. Francis Driscoll Citizenship and Public Affairs Scholarship

Todd Buckholt, St. Bernard High School

Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship

Laura Bauman, Ledyard High School

John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Lynch, East Lyme

Freddy Fayal Scholarship

Kristen Binkowski, Stonington High School

Eric Evans Scholarship

Kaitlyn Moore, Stonington

Fletcher Family Scholarship

Katie Bosse, East Lyme High School

Dr. Edward & Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship

Olivia Burdick, Waterford

RADM David M. Goebel USN Leadership Award

Lauren Kersey, New London

Rachel E. Harma Scholarship

Kelly McVeigh, Stonington

Harvey Family Scholarship

Shelby Farrell, Stonington High School

Hendel Family Association Scholarship

Ashley Welsh, New London High School

Dr. Isadore Hendel Scholarship

Hannah Moore, Waterford High School

Rita and Myron Hendel Scholarship

Rachel Ragalye, New London

Edwin Higgins, Jr. Scholarship

Justin Kelly, Fitch High School

Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship

Dylan Anderson, Stonington High School

Dr. Charles K. Lee Rotary Scholarship

Jaime Guzman, New London High School

Beverly G. and George P. Letz Scholarship

Christina Sanchez, Fitch Senior High School

Rose and Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship

Todd Buckholt, New London

Don Lumadue Scholarship

Danielle McGuire, Waterford High School

Gunvor Lund Scholarship

Lee Richter, Lyme; Brian Huta, Nicholas Perry and Megan Rogoff, Montville; Joanna Albert, Stonington; Stephanie Edwards and Joseph Podurgiel, Waterford; and William Whalen, New London.

Mallove Family Scholarship and the William B. Pedace Scholarship

Diana Gomez, New London High School

Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship

Jisanni Baez, New London, Courtney LeBlanc and Maria Vitale, Groton

Gilbert Mead Memorial Scholarship

Sarah McGuire, Waterford.

William and Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship

Norman Harrison, New London High School

Patricia C. Norman Scholarship

Claire Scott, Carley Meyer and Laura Sturm, Ledyard High School

John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship

Rebecca Impelliteri, Montville High School

Pat Patterson Music Scholarship

Rachel Ragalye, New London/Williams School.

Raymond V. Payer Scholarship

Jaime Daniells, Williams School

Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship

Kevin Froling, Stonington High School

Joan and Bob Rutman Scholarship

Nishani Hewage, East Lyme High School

Carl Jr. and Dorothy Croft Safford-University of Connecticut Scholarship

Christine Filosa, Fitch High School

Carl Jr. and Dorothy Croft Safford Scholarship

Laurie Hendrickson, Fitch High School

Marjory B. and Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship

Justine Monte, New London High School; Jasmine Bond-Cavanaugh, Waterford High School; Katelyn Edwards, Montville High School; Katherine O'Toole, East Lyme High School; and Rijo Rajan, Fitch High School

Dr. Thomas Soltz Scholarship

George Kang, Salem

Jack Stefanski Athletic Scholarship

Ashley Welsh, New London High School

Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship

Nicole Lesniewski, Stonington High School

Tuneski/Sheflott Heritage Scholarship

Alyssa Woronik, Salem

Viola A. and Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship

Amy Piacenza, Waterford

James Torrance Scholarship

Leslie Verissimo, Montville

Waterford Scholars Awards

Jennifer Brax, Gina Edwards, Katie Houlihan, Nichole Hughes, Torren McCarthy, Barrett Nuttall, Marie Schenk, and Kyle Turnier, Waterford.

Beatrice McEwen Scholarship

Elizabeth Perkins, Cameron McCurdy, Alyssa Northcutt, Joseph Rotchford, Teresa Alfieri, Joshua McGrath, and Chelsea Binkowski, East Lyme; Ashley Perry, Marissa Charles, Geoffrey Taylor, Jessica Murray, Jonathan Wenderoth and Catherine Butta, Groton; Kaileigh Browne, Christine Flemming, Kenneth Dunn, Kristin Laskey, Laura

Servedio, Riley Tompkins, Aubrey Liguore and Ryan Galisewski, Ledyard; Andrew Piccirillo and Kristin Bibbiani, Lyme; Marie Thomas, Michael Beckwith, Melissa Ingoglia, Gabrielle Tassone, Shannon Brown, Benjamin Perry, Jacqueline McOmber, Brenda Rodriguez, Christopher Massad, and Megan McNatt, Montville; Stracey Brusca, Michael Whalen, Anna Westbrook, David Cruz, Anastasia Triandafillou, New London; Vanessa Conklin, Brittany Conklin, Lia Greenleaf and Timothy Sanford, North Stonington; Emily Kearney, Nikita Peperni and Peter Wilczynski, Old Lyme; Grace Murney, Jenna Moore, Emma Lochiatto, Rebecca Lewin, Dylan DePasquale, Nicole Ceil and Heather Czapla, Stonington; Alyssa Smith, Curtis Tripp, Maggie Young, Vanessa Willoughby, Galen Danskin, Emily Culp, Danielle LaFleur and Kelsey McShane, Waterford.



A quilt created by New London middle school girls and Connecticut College students to powerfully reflect the women who inspired them as part of the SISTER program run by the college's Office of Volunteers and Community Service.



The idea of **'women helping women'** set in motion a fabulous success story and a unique effort in southeastern Connecticut. The Women & Girls Fund was started by a group of local women and fueled by hundreds of others who believed that they could reach out to their sisters who needed a helping hand to pursue their dreams. The spirit and commitment that went along with the outpouring of monetary contributions created an unstoppable momentum that continues ten years later. At the forefront of this powerful effort were those of you who became Founding Members of the Fund by committing at least \$1,000. Today, the Women & Girls Fund is a permanent force for good that continues to change the lives of area women and girls for good ... forever.

Catholic Charities

Case management and outreach to New London elderly women. \$10,000

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut

Bi-lingual outreach worker to reduce teen pregnancies in New London middle and high schools. \$10,000

Connecticut College (Office of Volunteers for Community Service)

Mentoring project between middle school and college students to build skills and confidence. \$5,000

Front Porch Foundation

Education and activities for elderly women in New London's public housing. \$6,000

Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut

Meals, activities and services for elderly. \$5,000

L&M Office of Community Health and Partnerships

B Tru 2 U teen to teen campaign to reduce pregnancies and risky behaviors in New London. \$10,000

New London Youth Affairs

After-school programs for teens to learn decision-making skills. \$2,100

Paul & Lisa Program

Program aimed at reduction of sexual exploitation in teens. \$4,000

Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

Employment skills-building for low-income women. \$2,000

Planned Parenthood of Connecticut

Program for teens and their parents about sexual health. \$10,000

Riverfront Children's Center

Employment training for single mothers. \$1,000

Thames River Family Program

Training and support for women entering the workforce. \$5,000

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut

Home healthcare visits to homebound senior women. \$12,000

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Domestic violence education and prevention for local teens. \$7,000

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Support for victims of elder abuse. \$2,000

Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Job skills training for the residents of Phoenix House. \$1,000

Writer's Block Ink

Creative arts program for teens tackling social issues. \$8,500

TOTAL GRANTS \$100,600

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Young people must have the skills they need for happy, productive lives. The **Let's Read Fund** supports local programs that promote a love of reading and that help get kids reading at grade level by 3rd grade, a strong indicator of future success in school. Programs take a variety of approaches: tutoring and mentoring, integrating arts and literacy, summer reading projects, professional development for teachers and parents, and sometimes just getting books into the hands and homes of kids who don't have them.

Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School

Funded in part by the
Judith Glassenberg Classroom
Enrichment Fund

Portraits! Portraits! Portraits!

Integrated arts & literacy
program for Groton
5th graders

\$3,000

Child & Family Agency of SE CT/B.P. Learned Mission

Read Aloud, Real-World Reading
and Reading & the Arts Make
Reading Cool

Literacy programs encompassing
the arts, experiential learning
& book ownership
(k-8th grade)

\$6,000

Connecticut College (OVCS)

Project 3rd Grade Reads Best

Reading tutorial program for
New London 3rd graders

\$3,000

Connecticut Humanities Council

Motheread/Fatheread®

To support 5 family literacy
programs in southern
New London County

\$13,000

Front Porch Foundation Reading & Art Program

Literacy and experiential
learning opportunities for at-risk
New London youth living in low
income public housing
(ages 0-17)

\$8,000

Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut

Reading Partners

Literacy and tutoring program for
New London and Groton
elementary students

\$5,000

Kente Cultural Center

Shout Out & Read

Monthly book club for New
London youth, grades 3-9 focusing
on reading and discussion
of community issues

\$3,000

New London Youth Affairs

Whale's Tales Book Bank
for Children

Expansion of the Whale's Tales
Book Bank to distribute books
to New London pre-school
& elementary students

\$3,500

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

- Dr. Seuss, from *The Lorax*

Leonard J. Tyl Middle School (Montville)

One Book/One Grade

Reading comprehension &
community building program
for 6th graders

\$2,577

Lillie B. Haynes School (East Lyme)

BESTT for Kids: Better Essential
Skills Through Technology

Literacy intervention program
for 2nd grade struggling
readers

\$2,205

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(\$5,000 minimum)

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(\$5,000 minimum)

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December 31, 2008 & December 31, 2007

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,160,136	\$ 1,055,897
Investments	20,784,805	27,831,466
Receivables	67,553	113,132
Split-interest agreements:	4,027,785	6,187,322
Property and equipment, net	328,477	347,423
Prepaid Expenses	3,180	-
Total Assets	\$ 27,371,936	\$ 35,535,240
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	150,196	169,514
Liability Under Gift Annuity	32,041	9,025
Deferred Revenue	-	1,000,000
Net Assets		
Board Designated - Capital	51,551	67,542
Board Designated - Administrative Endowment	1,158,048	1,659,440
Undesignated	21,929,391	26,370,803
Temporarily restricted	1,212,587	2,010,347
Permanently restricted	2,838,122	4,248,569
Total net assets	27,189,699	34,356,701
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 27,371,936	\$ 35,535,240

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

(With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

Revenues, Gains and Other Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2008 Total	2007 Total
Contributions	\$ 6,896,411	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ 7,011,411	\$4,438,550
Change in split-interest agreements	\$2,745	(695,706)		(692,961)	117,406
Change in value of perpetual trust	-	-	(1,410,448)	(1,410,448)	179,168
Investment Gains	(\$9,916,901)	-	-	(9,916,901)	532,246
Investment income	\$323,988	-	-	323,988	1,131,040
Other	\$9,890	-	-	9,890	15,756
Rental income	\$30,000	-	-	30,000	27,600
	(\$2,653,867)	(580,706)	(1,410,448)	(4,645,021)	6,441,766
Less investment fees	(\$129,257)	-	-	(129,257)	(143,873)
Total support	(\$2,783,124)	(580,706)	(1,410,448)	(4,774,278)	6,297,893
Net assets released from restrictions	\$217,054	(217,054)		0	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	(\$2,566,070)	(797,760)	(1,410,448)	(4,774,278)	6,297,893
Expenses					
Program services:					
Grants & Scholarships	\$1,661,689	-	-	1,661,689	1,631,019
Other grant expenses	\$256,149	-	-	256,149	185,764
Total program services	\$1,917,838	-	-	1,917,838	1,816,783
General & administrative expenses	\$474,886	-	-	474,886	436,989
Total expenses	\$2,392,724	-	-	2,392,724	2,253,772
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$4,958,794)	(797,760)	(1,410,448)	(7,167,002)	4,044,121
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$28,097,784	2,010,347	4,248,570	34,356,701	30,312,580
Net Assets - End of Year	\$23,138,990	\$1,212,587	\$2,838,122	\$27,189,699	\$34,356,701

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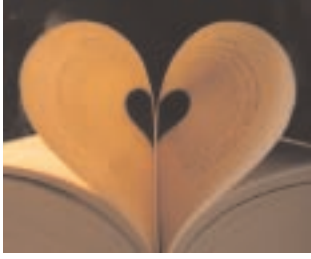
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The Love Our Libraries '13' Million dollar initiative inspires unexpected – but welcome – collaboration

“I was just stunned,” Groton Public Library Director Betty Anne Reiter remembers when she first heard the news in Summer 2008. “There was an event at the senior center that afternoon. I went up to the Town Manager and said, ‘You’re not going to believe this!’”

The “news” was that the Community Foundation would be donating \$100,000 to each of the public libraries in the 11 towns we serve. The occasion was our 25th anniversary.

“We’re used to requesting a thousand dollars to update the book collection, applying for a small grant to run a program. To hear that we were getting \$100,000 without even asking to do what we thought best was, well, amazing!” Reiter says.

Roslyn Rubinstein, her counterpart in Waterford, agrees.

“We’re still in shock,” she admits. “Libraries usually say ‘We’re loved but not funded.’ The foundation’s gift was such a validation of what we do.”

Thirteen libraries tailor efforts to their towns’ individual needs

“Even though we knew it was a non-competitive grant, that we would each receive \$100,000, we also knew we had to show the foundation a viable plan that would work for our community,” Rubinstein reports. “In fact, one of the conditions was that the town leaders sign off on our plan before we submitted it to the foundation.”

That worked particularly well in her case. The Waterford Public Library is using its \$100,000 to add a computer lab, and the town voted another \$50,000 to complete the project. “It is extraordinary – and wonderful – that the town would do so in this economic climate.”

Reiter’s library is expanding to increase its space and offerings for teens.

“Yes, some days we don’t really want more teens,” she laughs. “But

“The Foundation’s faith in us brings back the pride of being a librarian and being in the library world.”

- Betty Ann Reiter,
Groton Public Library

Groton doesn’t have a community center. A lot of kids can easily walk to the library. We have a big group of home-schooled teens who use the library every week. And the teens take out tons of books every day during the summer.

“Our colleagues say, ‘If you have teens in your library, consider it a compliment.’ We do.”

(See other town library projects on the map inside.)

Gift’s ripples turn into waves

The 25th Anniversary *Love Our Libraries* initiative has had some unexpected outcomes as well.

Rubinstein explains:

“There was never a mechanism for library directors to meet. There’s a listserv and statewide gatherings, we’ve always talked. But we never sat down before and shared information in a formal way.”

Now, Rubinstein says, the group calls itself “The 13”. They first met at the Foundation’s office to discuss their grants, and then by themselves to go over their proposals. Now they meet at least quarterly. They even have a logo!

“At one point we said, ‘We need to do a joint initiative!’

Everyone anted up \$1,000 from their grant and we created the ‘One Book for Every Young Child’ project.” “One Book” will introduce Connecticut author Nancy Tafuri’s *The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book* to preschoolers throughout the region, complete with programs and author’s

visits at each library.

“The 13” have also become advocates for greater collaboration among libraries in other regions. They have urged their sister libraries to group according to the community foundation that serves them.

One of the best unplanned results of the initiative has been affirmation of the library’s importance to a community, Reiter reports.

“The foundation’s faith in us brings back the pride of being a librarian and of being in the library world.”

We "Love our Libraries!"



Salem Free Public Library

...will purchase a new circulation system, create a website and add new programming for seniors and young children, including a traveling collection for these populations. It has also started an endowment fund at the Foundation.



Raymond Library (Montville)

...will put in a new automation system and upgrade computers for patrons' use. It will also expand a large print and audiobooks collection for seniors and increase programming within the elementary schools.



Lyme Public Library

...will put this grant toward a new library building in the coming years.



East Lyme Public Library

...chose to devote its entire grant to create an endowed fund at the Community Foundation to forever support new programs.



Public Library of New London

...will make some improvements to the physical space. It will start Project ASPIRE for teens, add some new children's programming as well as expand its offerings for adults.



Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

...will use a portion of its grant for improvements to its community room and new programming for older adults. The balance will be used for future needs of the library.



Waterford Public Library

...will create a computer lab and technology learning center to offer workshops and drop in programs for patrons. They will also purchase new audio-visual equipment for their large meeting and community room.



Ledyard Public Library

...will reconfigure their space for the benefit of several patron groups: a new space for teens, a quiet reading area for adults, an open space for young children's programs, and other improvements to the children's library.



**Wheeler Library/
North Stonington**

...will upgrade its building, improve programs for all patrons and upgrade its new collection and website. It will work with the senior center, local schools and Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center in developing programming.



Groton Public Library

...will create an enclosed space for teens with increased programming, books and technology in response to an upswing in the number of teens coming to the library after school and on weekends.



Mystic Noank Library

...plans to improve its floor plan, expand its teen area, and add new technology for adults and teens.



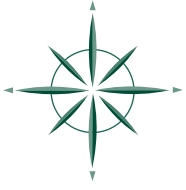
Bill Memorial Library

...will emphasize early literacy and technology by adding computers and furnishings in the children's room and adding six new computers for public use. The library has also created an endowment fund at the Foundation.



Stonington Free Library

...will use approximately half of the grant funding for technology improvements including an interactive website and more laptops for patron use. The balance will go to a permanent endowment at the Foundation.



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