

The Community Foundation  
of Southeastern Connecticut



Nurturing our Community for 25 years

1983 — 2008





community  
commitment





*Our mission  
is to  
transform  
our region into  
a more vital,  
caring community.  
Dream...  
Connect...  
Build*

### What I've learned from you.

Since I joined the Community Foundation 13 years ago, I've been continually impressed by how deeply you care about this region. It may be your town, it may be the shoreline, or a single high school or library. Perhaps your family has been here for generations; maybe you first started living here after college. It doesn't seem to matter. It's about loving where you live.

I'm biased, it's true. I come in contact with the most caring, most generous of you. You come to the Community Foundation, I think, because of your desire to give something back. You rarely give because you have accumulated great wealth or are seeking tax deductions, I've found. Instead, you are invariably moved by a wellspring of gratitude and a strong sense of personal responsibility.

I choke up when a family apologizes that their gift 'isn't big enough'. When the wife says, "We've had such a good life here," and the husband adds, "Our children are doing just fine on their own." I am thrilled that the Community Foundation has the unique structure in place to preserve this generous spirit forever.

This commemorative book honors several 'old timers' who — a quarter of a century ago — understood the character of the people of this region and the promise of a community foundation. It also celebrates the "new breed" of enthusiastic, young and focused donors who are intentional and directive in their giving, whether it is to address issues like open space or hunger, or arts and education.



Yes, this "community garden" continues to surprise me not only with the bountiful harvest we enjoy each year, but by the deep-rooted sense of belonging shared by the many gardeners who tend to it so lovingly.

Thank you from this grateful groundskeeper.

Alice F. Fitzpatrick  
President





# Together, we're a community garden.

Like all gardeners, the people who designed the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut began with a vision of rich growth and a dream of bountiful harvests.

They all cared deeply about southeastern Connecticut — and still do, in person, or in the legacy they have left behind. They believed our region was ready to join the nation's community foundation movement as an effective, accessible way to assist generous people who wanted to preserve the best of the past, confront the challenges of today, and always be prepared for the future.

Then they got to work. They reached into their own pockets, they explained the new concept to their friends and neighbors. They organized meetings and they formed committees.

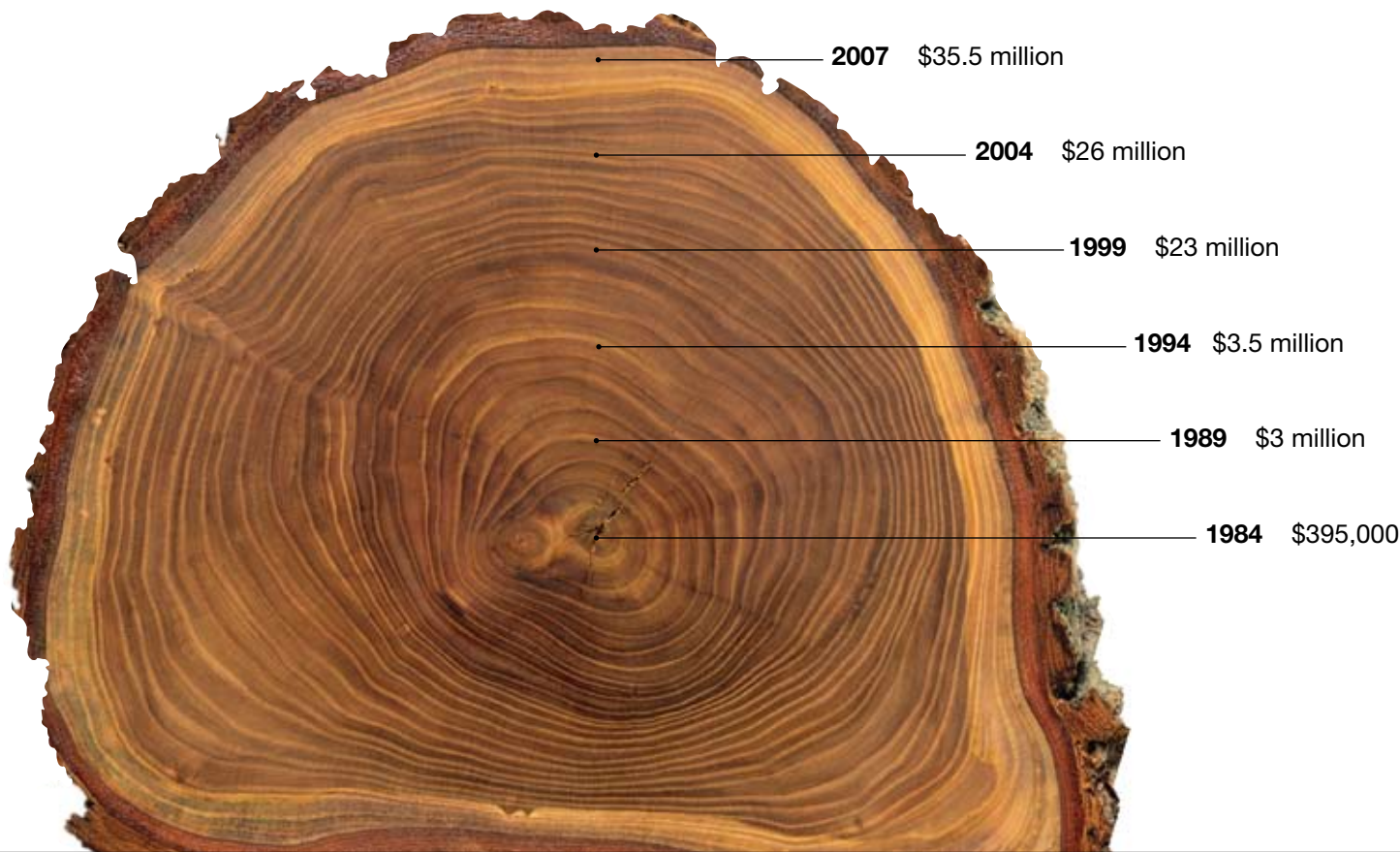


The Pequot Foundation was able to incorporate in 1982. In 1984, we “harvested” the first grants, totaling \$12,309.

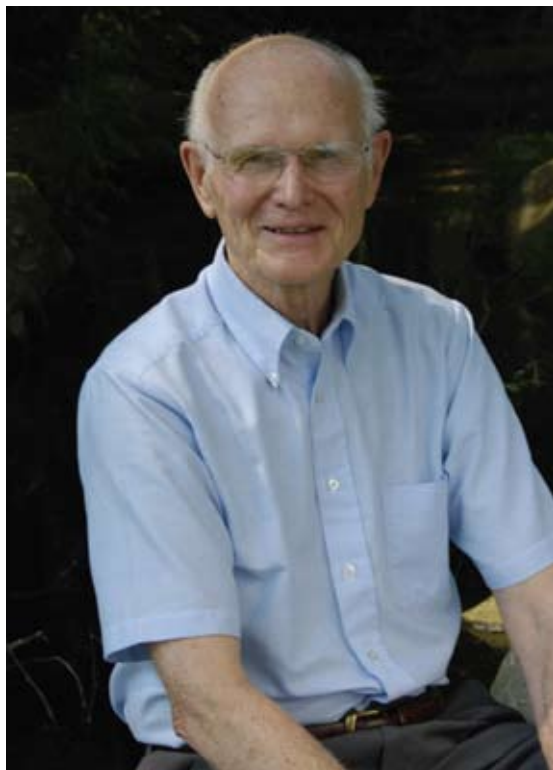
The garden has steadily grown, as thousands more gardeners – like you – have contributed your time, donations, and expertise.

This year, with assets that have grown to more than \$35 million, your “community garden” will grant \$1.6 million in all 11 towns. Thank you to our early planters, six of whom are featured here, and to all of you who have joined or will join this wonderful community garden.

## 25 years of growth: Assets



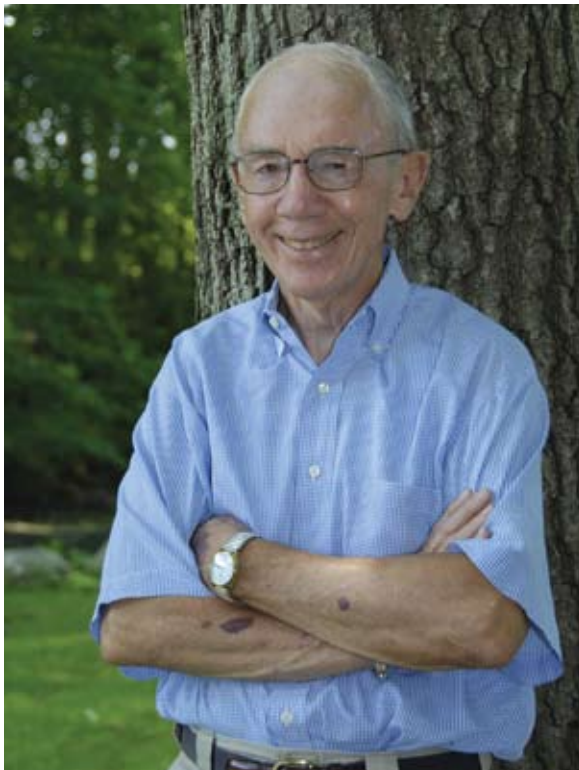
# A special thanks to the early planters.



## Tom Wetmore

RETIRED COAST GUARD REAR ADMIRAL AND  
FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 1983-1992.

*"I found that the most satisfying thing about my involvement with the Community Foundation is that we offer a full spectrum of giving so that everyone who wants to help can. It can be a gift of \$5 or \$5,000 or \$50,000. There is a place for every generous impulse."*



## Bob Marrion

ATTORNEY AND FOUNDING BOARD PRESIDENT,  
1983-1987.

*"We thought that by establishing a community foundation for this area, we would in some modest way help the entire community. What we have now seems beyond the possibilities we imagined then. Credibility and good people make it work."*



## John Bysko

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER, CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANT AND FOUNDING TRUSTEE  
1983-1988.

*"Twenty five years ago, when George Swift and I were trust officers, our banks put up the seed money to start the Community Foundation. We talked with people who were movers and shakers, leaders in the community. They stepped forward. It's very gratifying now to see that we have a good-sized, well-managed, greatly respected foundation that continues to grow. People turn to it with confidence when they want to leave a legacy."*





# 25 years of growth

## Total contributions

1983-2007= \$31,244,247

2003-2007

\$10,880,553

1984-1987  
\$1,433,465



1988-1992  
\$2,464,549



1993-1997  
\$11,059,746



1998- 2002  
\$5,402,933



## Total grants and scholarships

1983-2007= \$13,661,827

2007  
\$1,634,085

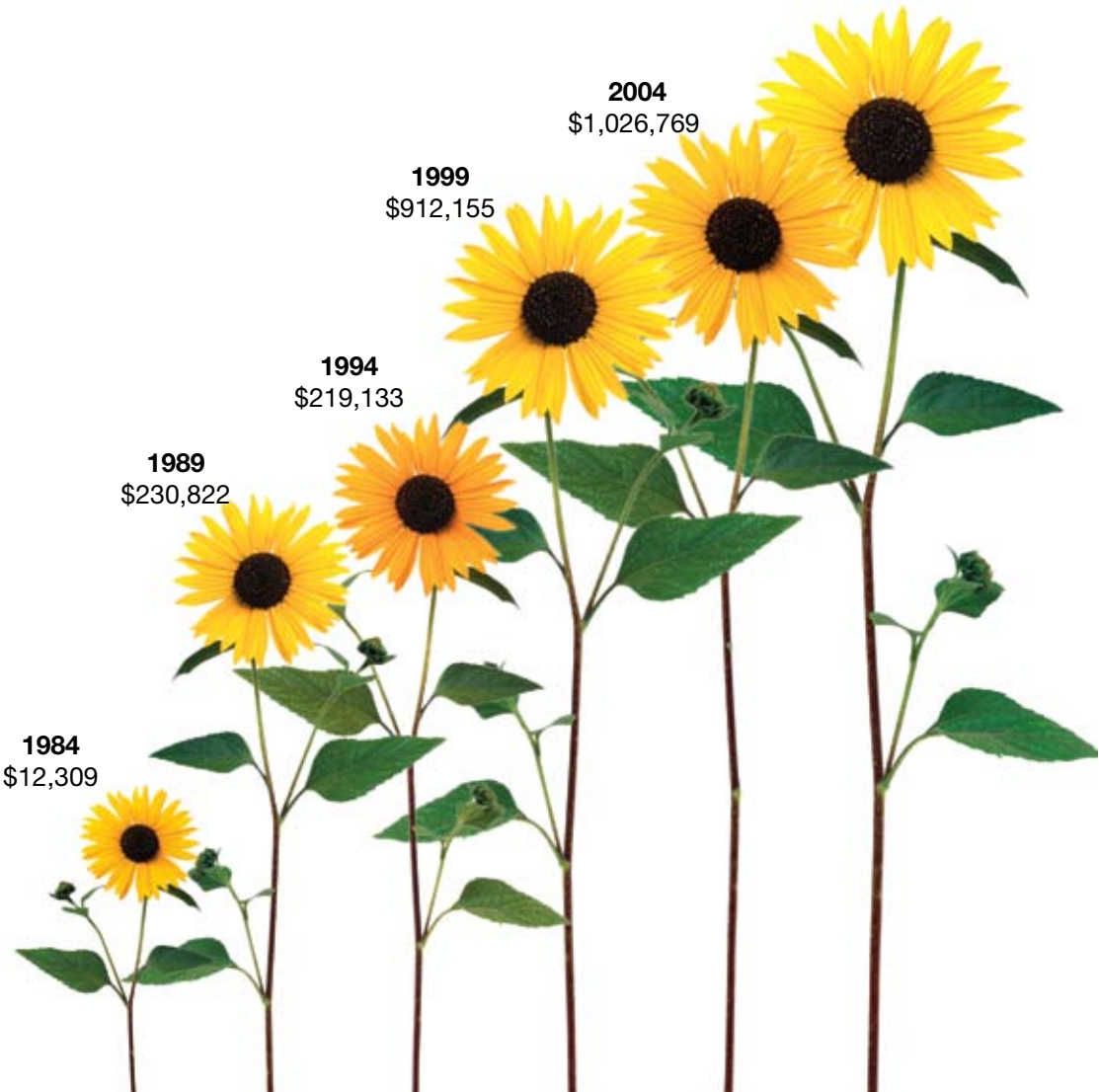
2004  
\$1,026,769

1999  
\$912,155

1994  
\$219,133

1989  
\$230,822

1984  
\$12,309



# A special thanks to the early planters.



## Millie Devine

TRUST OFFICER, PLANNED GIVING CONSULTANT,  
BOARD MEMBER, 1988-1993.

*“Each person has his or her own reason for giving. People think, ‘When I’m gone, what difference will it make?’ When you set up a fund at the Community Foundation, you live on and your perpetual support makes a difference to others forever.”*

*“Since my own family has dwindled, the community has become my family. Why wouldn’t I give to it?”*



## Ann den Tex

COMMUNITY LEADER AND VOLUNTEER, BOARD  
MEMBER 1992-1997, BOARD CHAIR 1995-1997.

*“The breadth of consideration that the Community Foundation brings to its grant making is what makes it relevant and useful, rather than just interesting. My father used to say, ‘Young lady, don’t you ever live anywhere that you don’t make it a better place than you found it.’ That’s what the Community Foundation does — gives people a chance to make their community a better place.”*



## Steve Percy

BUSINESS LEADER AND BOARD MEMBER,  
1987-1992. BOARD CHAIR 1989-1991.

*“The Community Foundation has always been led by local people to help people who live right here. It’s difficult to estimate how many lives the Community Foundation has touched — it has to be thousands.”*





# What you've made possible.

You expect us to pay attention to education, and we do. We seek to wrap our children in a cocoon of opportunity—no matter where their starting point. Then we help people of all ages keep on learning.



Photo: Jeff Evans

## 5 special projects 2000-2007

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
Coast Guard cadets mentoring New London middle school students.
- **Centro de la Comunidad**  
Afterschool programs aimed at youth at risk for dropping out of school.
- **New London Adult Education**  
Establishing an English language learning center.
- **Connecticut Center for School Change**  
Technical assistance, coaching and support for New London teachers and administrators.
- **New London Community Boating**  
Teaching disadvantaged youth to sail.

*Students at the Friendship School in Waterford listen as teacher Maureen Murphy reads to them during a Motherread/Fatheread program at the school.*



The Community Foundation's *Let's Read Fund* (see page 25) supports schools, libraries and after-school programs to encourage all local children to read appropriately by the time they enter third grade.

### Engaging idle hands

Many children's after-school hours are empty, unsupervised, and potentially dangerous. Your unrestricted and field-of-interest donations to the Community Foundation enable Writer's Block Ink, the Garde Arts Center, the YMCA, and the Stonington Community Center, among others, to provide safe places where youngsters can tap into their creativity, and develop competence and confidence.

### Rewarding scholarships

Thanks to the 57 scholarship funds you've created, the Community Foundation awards more than 125 scholarships each year. Recently, notes of gratitude came from Pasquale Folino, our very first scholarship recipient in 1984, and Roza Anthony, who graduated from The College of Wooster this past May (see pages 22 and 23).

### Out of school

We also go beyond the traditional classroom. Grants for adult education, courses in English as a Second Language, and creative programs like Motherread/Fatheread® offer people new skills, and new pathways to success.

## How literacy changed a family.



Photo: Jeff Evans

Consider Carmen Ortiz and her two sons, Anthony (8) and Andrew (5). Carmen suffered a stroke two years ago and had to relearn almost everything. Other children made fun of Anthony because he couldn't read. Andrew's hearing impairment made him shy and unwilling to talk.

Since their first involvement in *Motherread/Fatheread*®, a nationwide literacy program, Carmen has earned a high school diploma from New London Adult Education. Anthony is on the honor roll at school and loves to read. Andrew is laughing and interacting with others.

*Motherread/Fatheread* was brought to New London County in 2006 by the Community Foundation and the Connecticut Humanities Council.

The *Motherread/Fatheread* program focuses on entire families. Participating parents also improve their own reading skills, not only helping their children become better readers and thinkers, but improving family communication.

That's how empowerment works. It transforms. It changes lives.





# What you've made possible.

Strong families, strong communities, a strong southeastern Connecticut. Every individual needs shelter and food, safety and healthcare, and a network of support from family, then the community.



## 5 special projects 2000-2007

- **Connecticut Legal Services**  
Advocacy for children in domestic violence cases.
- **Covenant Shelter**  
Mentoring and tutoring school-age residents of the homeless facility.
- **Cove Center for Grieving Children**  
Counseling for children who have lost a parent.
- **Madonna Place** *Family Visitation Center*  
Rebuilding broken families through supervised visits.
- **Habitat for Humanity** *Women Build*  
Local women, including York Correctional inmates, build a home for a low-income family.



Yet many residents of our region are missing one or all of these necessities.

With your support, the Community Foundation reaches out to all those in the 11 towns who are most vulnerable, those who are struggling.

### Meeting basic needs

First, the basics. Partnering with the United Way, we've maintained *Operation Warm Up* to respond to escalating prices for home heating oil.

We've collaborated with others, including the New London Homeless Hospitality Center, on the countywide *Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness*.

Your generosity enables soup kitchens and homeless shelters to meet people's most basic needs. We support organizations that help the desperate to progress toward more stable lives.

### Then a hand up

Second, we offer a 'next step'. For working parents, affordable childcare centers and after school programs with caring staff, like Riverfront Children's Center and Drop-in Learning Center make a world of difference. Organizations like A Moveable Feast, Old Lyme Senior Services, and Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center welcome and assist our older citizens.

The Community Foundation helps agencies like CARA, Planned Parenthood, Madonna Place and Thames River Family Program to provide good homes and vital services for families on the way to self-sufficiency.

### From a shelter to stability.

In 2005, Takiesha Davis hit bottom. "I ended up in a shelter with my kids," she says. "Still, I wasn't keen on asking for help."

But through the shelter, she met staff from the Thames River Family Program. "They help women get to know themselves, so they can help themselves. They taught me, 'Open your mouth; get help, get information.'"

The Community Foundation has long supported Thames River, where Takiesha got back on her feet. "It's a great program," she says. "I learned, 'You have to make things happen.'"

She savored Thames River classes on women's issues and those on nurturing children and communicating with them. "I always want my children [sons Jonique, 11, and Jahiem, 7, and daughter, Nahjea, 10] to come to me, talk with me," she says.

Thames River also helped Takiesha find housing and employment, and made it possible for her youngsters to attend camp. Today, she works helping mentally disabled adults and lives with her children in an apartment where they can play outside in a grassy yard.

"I love my job. My kids are happy, doing well in school and living in a safe environment," she says. "We've benefited so much from Thames River."

*Takiesha Davis, with her three children, Nahjea, Jaheim and Jonique*





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# What you've made possible.

People need a spectrum of preventive and therapeutic programs for good physical and mental health. The Community Foundation recognizes that access to high quality healthcare for all is a must.



## 5 special projects 2000-2007

- **Lawrence & Memorial Hospital** *Parenting Your First Child*  
Education and support for young, disadvantaged mothers.
- **Planned Parenthood of Connecticut**  
Health services for uninsured patients.
- **City of New London**  
For an emergency homeless shelter during the winter.
- **Community Health Center Oral Health Collaborative**  
Bringing dental care into the schools for low-income children.
- **A Moveable Feast**  
Home delivery of meals for people in medical crisis.



“Our strong community hospital is a great start,” agrees Community Foundation President Alice Fitzpatrick, “but the many programs and organizations that reach out to people where they live are also invaluable.”

### Care beyond the hospital

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut provides home health care to reduce and supplement hospital stays.

Staff deliver services at soup kitchens and schools and community centers, reaching many who fall outside the traditional system of care. Its Nurse/Family Partnership program reduces the risk of teen pregnancy.

Similarly, the local Planned Parenthood office guides young girls and young families toward healthy choices.

### Access counts

Agencies often collaborate to offer services in multiple languages and for specific disabilities, as well as for people with limited incomes.

School-based health centers, satellite clinics, health fairs and transportation require funding. We view these efforts as essential investments in the health of our community.

### Compassion abounds

End-of-life issues require sensitive and timely care. Through grants to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut and the Cove Center for Grieving Children, the Community Foundation helps families deal with grief and loss.



Photo courtesy of High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Old Lyme

### Riding beyond the bounds of disability.

“My autistic child has made great strides in gaining self-control and confidence by straddling an enormous and gentle horse,” says a grateful parent about High Hopes Therapeutic Riding in Old Lyme. “A horse’s warm body, its soft coat, its long mane—these are truly therapeutic.”

High Hopes’ riding programs bring better health and deep enjoyment to children and adults with disabilities.

“The Community Foundation helps us foster a unique bond between humans and horses, with immeasurable benefits for all involved,” says Kitty Salsburg, executive director of High Hopes. The parent of the client puts it this way: “The bonds of communication and friendship transcend words.”



# What you've made possible.

It is a privilege to live in a culturally rich region with its own orchestra, two opera companies, three fine art museums, two ballet companies, two theatre companies, a performing arts center, a world-class maritime museum and an aquarium.

**N**ot to mention several historical societies, science and oceanographic centers, local libraries, creative arts facilities, sailing and athletic programs, and countless monuments and parks that thrill tourists and residents alike.

Off-beat or Old World, coastal or bucolic, a summer playground or an autumn goldscape, south-eastern Connecticut is awash with cultural depth and joyful hands-on experiences for all ages.

The Community Foundation's responsibility? To ensure that everyone who lives here can take part.



## 5 special projects 2000-2007

- **Garde Arts Center**  
After-school arts programs for New London youth.
- **Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra**  
Concerts for area students.
- **Connecticut Library Consortium**  
Promoting the *One Book, One Region* reading initiative.
- **Writers Block, Ink**  
*Boys on the Block* mentoring minority males through writing and performing.
- **Mystic Seaport Museum**  
*Black Hands, Blue Seas*: chronicling the contributions of African Americans in our maritime heritage.

## A unique mix of art and culture at Kenté.



*Kathleen Benjamin, Kenon Nance and Courtney Nixon.*

Kathleen Benjamin is an adoptive foster mother and a therapeutic mentor. She has brought at least ten youngsters, ages 9-16, to Kenté Cultural Center in New London. "Kenté educates about black culture," she says. Her adopted daughter, Reha Evans, 13, just says, "It's great; it's fun!"

Community leaders founded Kenté in 1997 to provide cultural activities for people of color—especially children. They help shape young minds and nurture self-esteem through culture, history and the arts.

Kathleen's youngsters have taken numerous classes, attended book fairs, met college students from African countries and observed many cultural celebrations.

"I tell my friends, 'Bring your kids!' Kenté activities are always free, or at very little cost, thanks to support from sponsors like the Community Foundation," says Kathleen, whose home includes black, white and Hispanic youngsters.



# What you've made possible.

Protecting the region's ecosystem ensures our way of life. The environment is everywhere and so are the Community Foundation's efforts.

This fundamental concept guides the Community Foundation's environmental focus.

- Land preservation projects through nonprofits such as The Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land, numerous local land trusts, and advocacy organizations like The Friends of the Oswegatchie Hills.
- Connecting people to both the land and sea through public garden projects like FRESH and sailing programs like New London Community Boating.
- Nurturing young people's awareness of the world through hands-on programs at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and Terra Firma Farm.

Take a walk in Lyme's lovely Hartman Park, send a child to one of Project Oceanology's camps, or help the volunteers who work to Save Ocean Beach. You'll find your Community Foundation there!



Photo: Kimberly McKay Photography

## The environment: educate and emphasize.

Maggie Jones checks off a mental list that includes much-needed exhibit cabinets, sturdy classroom furnishings, and an innovative program for pre-schoolers. "I'm thinking of everything the Community Foundation has helped us do," says Maggie, executive director of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center in Mystic.

"I'm delighted that people who used to visit the Nature Center as kids are now bringing their own kids to our exhibits, programs and woodland trails. People need to connect with the natural world and learn how to protect it.

"But that means that the Nature Center needs to keep up. We need places to do our programs," she points out. Facilities must be maintained and expanded. Programs must include outreach to urban populations and offer activities for all ages. Offerings must reflect Connecticut's new standards for science education.

"The Community Foundation has helped us grow, and provided technical assistance to ensure we grow intelligently and with purpose. It's wonderful to have someone to turn to, so we can focus on playing the important role we need to in today's world."



Photo: Kimberly McKay Photography



# What you've made possible.

Nonprofits who come to the Community Foundation almost always need more than money. Foundation staff have guided and advised local nonprofits for 25 years.

**N**eed a women's shelter for a friend, ongoing healthcare for a parent, or after-school programs for your children? A nonprofit human services agency is nearby and ready to help.

Looking for great music, fine art, local history, a provocative lecture, or just a good read? You can probably walk to a cultural facility, a historical society, or a public library that will happily open its doors to you.

Solitude and peace, safe drinking water and a liveable world for your grandchildren? Nonprofit nature sanctuaries, environmental groups, and land preservation associations are as close as your phonebook.



Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity



**Every one of southeastern Connecticut's 11 towns would face a harsher, less hopeful future without the daily work of the region's nonprofits.**

Yet, it's hard to run a nonprofit. Most are small and notably underfunded. They frequently depend on volunteers. Most often, their "customers" simply can't afford their product or service.

Nonprofits who come to the Community Foundation almost always need more than money, even if they don't know it when they walk in the door. Foundation staff have helped to guide and advise local non-profits for years.

Management Assistance support has helped agencies such as Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut make the transition from being a small, all-volunteer effort to being a staffed, professional agency with an exponentially greater impact on the community.

With the guidance of a nonprofit consultant, Habitat successfully implemented a strategic plan to multiply their community partners and thus the number of homes that could be built.

Technical Assistance teaches board development, strategic planning, and fundraising skills, to help essential organizations fulfill their missions and deliver their services well.

Continuing education for our agencies includes bringing national experts to town to raise the professionalism of the field. Last fall the Community Foundation and the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce brought nonprofit staff and board members together to discuss governance with Board Source expert Chuck Loring. Participants "absolutely loved" that board members and CEOs came together to be educated



Photo: Joshua Lebovitz, courtesy of The Westerly Sun

## Helping the opera sing.

The fledgling Salt Marsh Opera needed more than just dollars to launch its successful programs. According to Derick Nicholas, SMO President, "You helped build our confidence, you helped clarify our purposes ... and you helped us expose students to our enthusiasm that has in some cases ignited their own.

"You indirectly educated us on how to write grants and we now raise about one-quarter of our funding from large and small foundations.

Above all, you helped us in your way to be a vibrant community opera company."





# Why we love the Community Foundation

“It’s always about people.”

One woman donates a gift in memory of her aunt and so one young girl learns to sail a boat. One couple calls up wanting to fund scholarships and five young people go to college.

My own addiction to the Community Foundation began with another woman, Jane Bredeson. She called me to see if I wanted to be part of a planning group that was contemplating setting up programs to help women and girls in the area. I was incredibly energized by that meeting: the good will, humor and innovation all sparked my imagination and my commitment.

That meeting grew into the Women & Girls Fund. And one of the most engaging aspects of being part of that movement was the insight and connections it gave me into the community. As a member of the Women & Girls grants committee, I learned so much and came away overwhelmed at the vitality and problem-solving I saw in



**Bridget Baird**  
*Board Chair 2006-2008*

our own community. It opened up a whole world to me. People who donate resources, people who deliver services, people who receive assistance—they all get mixed together in a synergistic spirit of generosity that enriches everyone. Having seen that, you do become hooked and you don’t go back.

Following my initial involvement on the Women & Girls Fund, I became a trustee and eventually board chair. And it has been an amazing and rewarding experience. Each of the 150 trustees who has been a part of this organization has a similar story.

The Community Foundation tackles problems right here at home, one person at a time. You can see a difference, you can make a difference, you become different. As you read the following stories, please remember that it’s all about people— and you are one of those people.

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“We ask ourselves, ‘What is needed? How can we be most effective?’”



**Laurel Butler**  
*Board Chair 2008-2010*

“I’ve lived in Southeastern Connecticut all my life,” says Laurel Butler, “so I know the impact the Community Foundation has had over the last 25 years.

“The board members, the staff, and the advisors, with their years of experience and expertise, help people in the region find solutions—whether I’m a donor or run a nonprofit.”

Butler, soon to become the new chair of the Community Foundation board, says she loves how the institution is always engaged in “thoughtful conversation with the com-

munity. We ask ourselves, ‘What is needed? How can we be most effective?’” She is also pleased that the Foundation is attracting a new generation of donors.

“They care deeply about particular causes, and they expect results. They like another one of my favorite features: that the Foundation will be here forever, carrying out their wishes.”





# Unrestricted Funds

These funds allow the Board and staff to identify compelling community needs and the best use of your charitable dollars to address them. See examples on page 35.

**George Jagger Fund** (1999)

**Anonymous IV Fund** (1997)

**Anonymous V** (1998)

**Anonymous X Fund** (2007)

**Avery-Hammond Fund** (1984)

**Irma Baker Memorial Fund** (2000)

**Shirley Beal Fund** (1997)

**Peter Block Fund** (1998)

**Bredeson Family Fund** (1998)

*While Jane Bredeson served as a truly visionary Board Chair and the inspiring force behind our Women & Girls Fund, she established an unrestricted fund to help with grantmaking forever, because she knew how we struggled to adequately fund essential programs. She saw her fund as the start of a permanent legacy that she could leave for this beloved community where she raised her family, even after she moved away. She also saw it as a clever way for her friends and family to make meaningful gifts as occasions arose.*

**Carol L. Chappell Fund** (1998)

**Coastal (New London Federal Savings & Loan) Fund** (1985)

**Mildred E. “Millie” Devine Fund** (1996)

**Robert A. Doherty Memorial Fund** (1992)

**Ann and Gordon Douglas Fund** (2003)

**Emergency Fund** (1994)

**James and Isabelle English Fund** ( 2006)

**Robert and Lois Geary Fund** (1996)

**General Unrestricted Fund** (1993)

**Elaine M. and Dr. David Ginsberg Fund** (1984)

**Victoria & Charles Glassenberg Fund** (1996)

**Alva G. Greenberg Fund** (1998)

**Carolyn L. and Kenneth E. Grube Memorial Fund** (1997)

**Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hammond Fund** (2004)

**William R. Hannaford Fund** (1999)

**Harry R. and Dorothy S. Hazard Fund** (1989)

**William J. Hazlewood Fund** (1987)

**Hertenstein Family Fund** (2005)

**Mary Hewitt & Edward Mann Fund** (1993)

**Priscilla F. Hodges Fund** (2007)

**Chester W. Kitchings Fund** (1983)

**Dorothy West Lathrop and Harriet Sullivan Wallace Fund** (1990)

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Leatherman Fund** (1983)

**J. Martin and Caroline S. Leatherman Fund** (1996)

**Doris R. & Benjamin A. Levinson Fund** (1983)

*Beloved Ben Levinson served as an original trustee and treasurer of the Foundation. He succeeded Bob Marrion as Chairman of the Board. He truly loved New London and devoted his life to making it a better place for all. He was succeeded on the Board by his wife, Doris, who brought brains, heart and judgment to the task of grantmaking. As pillars of the community, they helped build public confidence in the integrity of this Foundation in its formative years.*

**Minnie and Dorothy Levinson Fund** (1999)

**Reid and Linda MacCluggage Fund** (2002)

**John T. & Evelyn MacDougall Fund** (1996)

**Harvey Mallove Memorial Fund** (1990)

**Robert W. Marrion Founding President Fund** (1987)

**Matthews Family Fund** (1998)

**New England Savings Bank Fund** (1988)

**The Nightingale Fund** (1998)

**The John O’Brien Fund** (1997)

**Old Black Point Association Fund** (2002)

**Margaret and William Orkney and Grant Hileman Fund** (1997)

**George A. Ott Fund** (1996)

**Palmer/Bodenwein Fund** (1983)

**The Dyanne M. Rafal Fund** (1998)

*When Dyanne was recommended as a potential trustee by her admirer from Old Lyme, Connie Pike, we never expected that she, or anyone, could match Connie’s dedication to community service. She has. Her fund was originally focused on Old Lyme institutions, but years of passionate service on our Grants Committee broadened Dyanne’s vision. She has added significantly to building the bridge between her town and the broader community we serve.*

**Betty Richards Tripp Fund** (1999)

**The Isadore and Isabelle Rogovin Fund** (2001)

**Rotary Club of New London Memorial Fund** (1983)

**Carrie V. and Horace W. Rowe Family Fund** (1985)

**Shea Fund** (1983)

**The Melvin Simon Fund** (2000)

**Catherine M. & Charles R. Sortor Fund** (1983)

**David C. Smith Memorial Fund** (1987)

**Marjorie & Jim Smith Unrestricted Fund** (1983)

**Solomons Family Fund** (1986)

**Stamm Family Fund** (1983)

**Marjorie Inkster Staton Fund** (2007)

**Susan H. Timken Fund** (1998)

**Thomas Edison Troland Memorial Fund** (1991)

**Union Trust Fund** (1984)

**Joan and Thomas Wetmore Fund** (1992)

**The Whittemore-Kepple Fund** (1998)

**Millard R. York Fund** (1997)



# Field of Interest Funds

These 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, or the environment, or the homeless, or the arts. The *Women & Girls Fund* and *Let's Read* (pages 37 and 38, respectively) are good examples.

- Anonymous II** (1996) To support healthy families.
- Arts Endowment Fund** (2002) To promote artistic endeavors.
- Beaver Brook Fund** (2000) To advance the treatment of mental illness.
- Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust** (1989)  
For Groton-based organizations.
- Elvia Enders Richards Fund** (1986) For home health care services.  
*Created by Steve and Marilyn Percy while he chaired the Board, this fund was intended to honor Steve's mother and continue her devotion to the Visiting Nurse Association. The funds generated by the fund will be used forever to support home health care in southeastern Connecticut.*
- Judith Glassenberg Classroom Enrichment Fund** (2005) To provide academic enrichment in local public schools (affiliated with *Let's Read Fund*).
- Carl Clark Graves Fund** (1999) To advance the sports of crew, sculling and other water-based activities.
- The Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund** (1998) For children's programs.
- The Lydia I. Korolkiewicz Fund** (2003) To prevent domestic violence and provide treatment for its victims (affiliated with the *Women & Girls Fund*).
- Let's Read Fund** (2002) To support literacy programs that engender a love of reading and learning.

- Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Education Fund** (2001)  
To foster habits of tolerance and inclusion among local children.
- Andrew and Elaine McKirdy Fund** (2002) To support educational, economic and/or social advancement programs for disadvantaged persons.
- Avery Russell Morgan Children's Literacy Fund** (2000) To promote the love of reading in children (affiliated with the *Let's Read Fund*).  
*Upon her retirement from a lifetime of teaching children to read, Avery Morgan longed to establish a permanent means to sponsor early reading programs. Both her husband and daughter enthusiastically join in Avery's commitment to the joy of reading.*
- Murstein Family Fund** (2005) To provide access to women for educational and job training opportunities (affiliated with *Women & Girls Fund*).
- Josephine and Gabriel Sacco Fund for Animals** (2007) For the care and comfort of animals in the Town of Groton.
- Henry C. White Memorial Fund** (1990) To help prevent and treat substance abuse.
- Women & Girls Fund** (1999) To improve the lives of local women and girls.

# Designated Funds

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

- Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund** (1998) Benefits Children's Museum, Hospice, L&M Hospital and St. Paul's Church.
- Anonymous III Fund** (1996) Benefits VNA, Waterford Public Library and Waterford Scholars.
- Walter V. Baker Fund** (1994) Supports the Public Library of New London.
- Beaumont Family Fund** (1999) Supports scholarships awarded by the Mystic Rotary Club.
- Leah Beyer Memorial Fund** (2005) Supports Niantic Center School.
- Borough Clock Fund II** (2007) To restore the Stonington Borough clock tower.
- Kenneth G. Chapman Fund** (2000) Supports organizations identified by the donor.
- Martha H. Griffis Fund** (1991) Supports the Public Library of New London.  
*Created by her son, Toby Griffis, a prominent New London attorney, this fund will always be dedicated to support for the Public Library of New London. It makes a statement about the centrality of the free public library to the life of this community.*
- Hartman Park Endowment Fund** (1997) Supports the maintenance of Hartman Park in Lyme, CT.
- Homeless Hospitality Center Fund** (2007) To support services for the homeless.
- Kitchings Homeless Initiative** (2006) To help prevent and address homelessness in our region.
- Kitchings New London Resident Scholar Fund** (2006) Benefits New London Science & Technology Magnet School Resident Scholar program.

- Lesniowski Fund** (2006) Supports scholarships awarded by the New London Education Foundation.
- The Sarah Morse ECB Dance Scholarship Fund** (2000) Benefits the Eastern Connecticut Ballet.
- Old Lyme Social Service Emergency Fund** (2001) Benefits Old Lyme Department of Social Services.
- Constance Pike Fund** (2005) Supports the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center.
- St. Mary Star of the Sea Fund** (2006) Benefits St. Mary Star of the Sea School.
- Florence and Raphael Shafner Fund** (1984) Benefits L&M Hospital, American Red Cross, Child & Family Agency, Public Library of New London and West Farms Land Trust.
- Starfish Fund** (2007) To assist local residents in emergencies or to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- Rose & Sigmund Strochlitz Fund** (1986) Supports Waterford Public Library.
- Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund** (1987) For Williams School Award and Scholarship.
- Jane W. Williams Fund** (1988) Benefits Mystic/Noank Library, Noank Historical Society, Literacy Volunteers.
- The Leonard and Irene Zuckerbraun Family Fund** (2004) Supports the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Young Artists Competition.  
*Lifetime appreciators of classical music, the Zuckerbrauns wished to foster music education for future generations. Their sons created this fund for their 50th anniversary to support the Young Artists Competition produced by the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra.*



# Agency Endowment Funds

These funds are created by the nonprofits themselves to produce a revenue stream for long-term financial health and stability.

<b>Alliance For Living Fund</b> (2002)	<b>Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut Fund</b> (2004)
<b>ARC of New London County Fund</b> (2003)	<b>Lyme Art Association Fund</b> (2003)
<b>Jack Banner Memorial Fund (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)</b> (1998)	<b>A Moveable Feast Fund</b> (2003)
<b>Brodhead Scholarship Fund (Noank Baptist Church)</b> (2001)	<b>Mystic Arts Center Education Endowment Fund</b> (2002)
<b>Children’s Museum of Southeastern Connecticut Fund</b> (2004)	<b>New London County Historical Society Fund</b> (2007)
<b>Connecticut Early Music Fund</b> (2001)	<b>New London Education Foundation Fund</b> (2001)
<b>Covenant Shelter of New London Fund</b> (2004)	<b>Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Fund</b> (2003)
<b>Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Fund</b> (2007)	<b>Mitch &amp; Betty Salomon Fund (Wood Pawcatuck Watershed)</b> (2002)
<b>DNA EpiCenter Fund</b> (2002)	<b>Shiloh Baptist Church Fund</b> (2001)
<b>Fred and Jo Falkner Fund (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)</b> (2001)	<b>Stonington Community Center Fund</b> (2006)
<b>The Griffis Art Center Fund</b> (2001)	<b>Stonington Education Fund</b> (2000)
<b>Hempsted Heritage Fund</b> (2001)	<b>United Way Endowment Fund</b> (1993)
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship Fund</b> (1997)	<b>Waterford Senior Services Endowment Fund</b> (2007)

# Operating Endowment Funds

These funds advance the work of the Community Foundation.

<b>Administrative Endowment Fund</b> (2003)
<b>Harry and Sarah Birenbaum Fund</b> (1998)
<b>William G. Booth Fund</b> (2004)
<b>The Adele Clement Trust</b> (1998)
<b>Ann &amp; Karel den Tex Fund</b> (1996) <i>Ann and Karel have always understood that any nonprofit organization worth its salt must concentrate on fulfilling its mission, rather than being distracted by scurrying for operating costs. They endowed this fund and have added to it for years in order to relieve the foundation from undue pressure to keep the lights on.</i>
<b>The Fitzpatrick Fund for the 21st Century</b> (1998)
<b>Marion E. Sanford Fund</b> (2000)
<b>The Robert F. Shannon Fund</b> (2002)
<b>The Helen Vergason Trust</b> (1998)





# Donor Advised Funds

These funds allow individuals, families, or businesses who wish to recommend where the fund's dollars might do the most good, year in and year out.

**Alliott Fund** (1997)

**Anonymous VIII Fund** (2003)

**Anonymous IX Fund** (2006)

**Sally Bill Fund** (2005)

**Neal & Jane Lassen Bobruff Fund** (1998)

**Wayne Boettner Fund** (2004)

**Elizabeth Newell Butler Gregory Fund** (2001)

**Carlisle Fund** (2005)

**Dangremond Family Fund** (2003)

**Harold and Miriam Dean Fund** (2003)

**Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund** (2002)

*Having grown up in New London and maintained strong bonds here, the artist Eliabeth Enders sought a way to bring her pride of place to a new generation of children. She and her husband, Anthony, designed a program to help young public school students participate in the revered history of New London by way of art and exploration of local historic sites.*



*Photo courtesy of New London Maritime Society*

**Gildersleeve/White Fund** (1984)

**Griffis Art Center Fund** (2001)

**Gross Family Fund** (1999)

**David and Muriel Hinkle Fund** (2002)

*With a lifelong commitment to this area, epitomized by their creation of Sonalysts as a major local employer, the Hinkles created a fund that would help frame their family's philanthropy for generations to come. Each year, they thoughtfully select from among our many proposals, projects that they wish to nurture.*

**The Heritage Fund** (2004)

**Howe Charitable Fund** (1997)

**ISAAC Fund** (2000)

**George Jagger Fund** (1999)

**Javor Family Fund** (2007)

**Barbara Kiss Johnson Fund** (1999)

**Lewis Female Cent Society Fund** (1999)  
(affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)

**Lieber Family Fund** (2006)

**Linda Mariani & David Neusner Fund** (1999)

**Sarah Ann Martin Fund** (2004)  
(for Barn Island environmental education programs)

**Peter Matthews Fund** (1993)

**James McCormick Fund** (2002)

**Morgan McGinley Family Fund** (2007)

**Francis J. and Sally T. Pavetti Fund**, (1986)

**Ralph Averill Powers Foundation Fund** (2007)

**Richard E. and Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund** (2000)

**The Elaine Pearl Shapiro and Michael Shapiro Charitable Fund** (2004)

**Jim & Marjorie Smith Fund** (1994)

**Smith Memorial Fund** (2006)  
For the assistance of elderly women of New London  
(affiliated with the Women & Girls Fund)

**Toulmin Family Fund** (2001)

**Del and Nancy Wells Family Fund** (2007)





# Why we love the Community Foundation

“We met such good people here, they had vision—and discipline.”



Bill and Shelley White

Bill and Shelley White created the first donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation, giving a huge boost to what was then a fledgling organization.

“It was 1984,” reports Bill White. “I’d just sold my business in Rhode Island. We wanted to show our appreciation for this region. That’s what giving is all about —appreciation.”

The appreciation goes back many years. “My family had a wonderful life here,” he says. Bill still savors childhood memories of sailing with his dad. After college and the Navy, he returned to the area to work at Electric Boat during the building of the Nautilus.

He opened a successful business in Rhode Island but eventually the Whites made their home in Stonington—and heard about the new community foundation.

“We met such good people here,” he says. “They had vision—and discipline. They were creating a sound structure. We wanted to join them.”

And they have remained involved ever since.

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“Together we’ll change the world!”



Julie Olson

“I’ve developed a point of view over my years,” says Julie Olson. “It’s this: if anyone is denied an opportunity, if anyone is treated unfairly, if anyone is hurt—then I am diminished; we are all diminished.”

Olson’s beliefs come from experience. She watched the civil-rights movement unfold, attended an inner-city school, and volunteered in a mental hospital during her teen years in Seattle. “I saw beyond the world I lived in,” she acknowledges.

She began a new path on the East Coast. “I arrived at MIT with a suitcase and a desk lamp,” she recalls. After graduate school, she moved to New London to work for Pfizer. She returned to work three weeks after giving birth, the first woman in management with a child. Years later, she says, “Some things are better than they were for women, but some things are the same. And many people don’t have the opportunities that I’ve had.”

“Everything I’ve seen and experienced in my life has led me to become a strong supporter of the Women & Girls Fund at the Community Foundation. Together we’ll change the world!”





# Scholarship Funds

Educational opportunities and access are the result of these 57 scholarships created with guidelines established by the donors.

**Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund** (1997)  
For a student with strong academic standing.

**Arnold Avery Scholarship Fund** (2007)  
For a Fitch High School student of marine science, library science, or English.

**Beaumont Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For a Stonington High School graduate with good academic ability and demonstrated financial need. *Beau and Audrey love the sea, they love Mystic/ Stonington and they want to help local kids. They established two scholarships: this one and one awarded by the Mystic Rotary.*

**Malcolm F. & Harriet B. Brown Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For a high school graduate of Hispanic descent.

**Kemaphoom “Ahn” Chanawongse Scholarship Fund** (2004)  
For distribution by Waterford High School.

**Citizens Bank Scholarship Fund** (2001)  
For a student with financial need and a record of community involvement.

**John Deligeorges M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2007)  
For an East Lyme High School graduate pursuing a degree in the life sciences, sciences or engineering.

**Dicesare-Bentley/William Bentley Memorial Scholarship Fund** (1999)  
For students from five towns who will pursue an engineering degree.

**Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund** (2000)  
For a minority student with an interest in health or human services.

**David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For graduates of Fitch, Ledyard, and Stonington high schools.

**C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship** (1994)  
For a New London student with excellence in public affairs and government.

**Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2004)  
For a student with good academic standing, interested in biology and/or soccer.

**John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund** (1993)  
For a serious student of the creative arts.

**Eric Evans Scholarship Fund** (2002)  
For a student attending Syracuse University and/or a graduate of St. Bernard High School.

**Freddy Fayal Scholarship Fund** (2005)  
For a Stonington High School student pursuing a college degree or career training.

**Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund** (1996)  
For a student with strong academic standing  
*As a life-long educator and a loyal Waterford resident, Dr. Bettye Fletcher-Comer has devoted herself and her family to excellence in academic achievement. Her world has “gone global”, but her support for local students has continued through this scholarship.*

**General Scholarship Fund** (2000)  
For unrestricted educational purposes.

**Dr. Edward and Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship** (1999) For a top- ranked student with an interest in medicine or the arts.

**RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award** (2006) For a New London High School or vocational/technical school student.

**Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund** (1997)  
For students pursuing a career in engineering or science.

**Rachel E. Harma Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For a Stonington High School student studying marketing or business.

**Harvey Family Scholarship Fund** (1996)  
For a Stonington High School student with a well-rounded track record.

**Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund,** (1983)  
For a New London High School student who has overcome great hardship.

**Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund** (1996)  
For a Waterford High School student with strong community service involvement.

**Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund** (1983)  
For a New London High School student who shows great promise and motivation.

**Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship Fund** (2004)  
For a student of the building trades, technology or business.

**Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund** (2003)  
For students identified by the Hispanic Alliance.

**Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund** (1998)  
For a Stonington High School student with skill in soccer.

## Paying it forward.



*I am honored to have been the first recipient of the Hendel Family Scholarship given by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut.*

*The seed that you planted twenty-five*

*years ago has grown into a full-sized tree that has grown many branches. I would like to share with all of you, what the first branch of your tree has borne.*

*After graduating from New London High in 1984, I began on my journey of fulfilling my dream of being a funeral director. Upon receiving my degree from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, I returned to New London and began my career in funeral service with the Impellitteri-Bridges Memorial Home. Upon the sale of the funeral home, I moved onto the Neilan Funeral Home and in 2002 I became a partner, I currently serve as vice-president of the firm.*

*Over the years, I have served as president of the Sons of Italy, New London Chapter and as vice president and scholarship chairman of the Connecticut Grand Lodge, past president of the New London Lions Club and I am currently the president of the Waterford Rotary Club. I serve on the board of directors of Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut and I am on the executive board of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association.*

*As the only son of an Italian immigrant parents, I know first hand the struggle of paying for a college education. My mother was left a widow with an 11 year-old son. She, like so many, sacrificed for her only child. It was through the generosity of the Hendel family that she was able to send her son to college. I have never forgotten what the Community Foundation has done for me, and I have tried to give back.*

*I hope that I have served has a good ambassador for the Community Foundation and I wish you continued success as you continue to make a difference.*

*Pasquale Folino  
February 2008*



# Scholarship Funds



## Making it possible.

*When I graduated from New London High School in 2004, I knew nothing of what college would hold, nor even if I would make it through. Now, four years later, I can only wonder where the time went. In three weeks, I will graduate from the College of Wooster with a degree in Women's Studies. I have handed in my senior thesis, all 180 pages of it, and earned a 3.5 GPA. I have learned so much, and I thank you for your help in getting me here. Thank you for your help and support and I hope you realize how much of an impact you have on students who otherwise would not be able to afford college.*

*Roza Anthony  
April 2008*

**Dr. Charles K. Lee Scholarship Fund** (1999)  
For a minority student of science (funded by New London Rotary).

**George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund** (1989)  
For a Groton student pursuing health related studies.

**Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund** (1988)  
For a New London High School student showing excellence in civics and politics.

**Don Lumadue Scholarship Fund** (2003)  
For a student of the fine or performing arts.

**Mallove Family Scholarship Fund** (1989)  
For a New London High School student with strong academic performance.

**Beatrice McEwen Fund** (1996)  
For students with high academic achievement and financial need.

**Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund** (2002) To encourage students to pursue nursing as a career.

**Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund** (1996) For an art student, with preference for someone with a physical disability.

**William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund** (1988) For a New London High School student who intends to study business.

**Patricia C. Norman Scholarship Fund** (2007)  
For a Ledyard High School graduate pursuing a degree or career related to music.

**John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund** (1998)  
For a student with an interest in health care.

**Pat Patterson Music Scholarship Fund** (1999)  
For a student with an interest in music, preferably jazz.

**Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund** (1994) For a Williams School essay contest winner: "Press On Regardless".

**William Pedace Scholarship Fund** (1997)  
For a New London High School student with strong academic standing.

**Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund** (1991) For a Stonington High School student who will pursue marine biology.

**The Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund** (2001)  
For a student with good academic standing and financial need.

**Carl Jr. & Dorothy Croft Safford Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For a Fitch High School graduate studying sciences.

**Carl Jr. and Dorothy Safford UCONN Scholarship Fund** (2006)  
For a student planning to attend UCONN School of Engineering.

**Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund** (1993)  
For a student with strong academic ability.

**Marjory Bradford Smith Scholarship Fund** (1983)  
For a student pursuing a career in dental hygiene.

**Marjory B. & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship Fund** (1983)  
For an outstanding student with financial need from each of 5 local high schools.  
*As our very first scholarship, the Jim and Marjory Smith Scholarship Fund has in 25 years helped 100 local students complete college successfully. With more than a half million dollars awarded, this scholarship has become prized recognition of high achievement and good character.*

**Thomas & Olga Sotir and Walter & Susie Watson Scholarship** (2007)  
For graduates of the Community Foundation's eleven-town region.

**Jack Stefanski Athletic Scholarship** (2007)  
For a New London High School graduate pursuing a sports-related career.

**The Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund** (2000) For a Stonington resident pursuing unique educational opportunities.

**James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund** (1993)  
For a Montville High School student who will study engineering.

**Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund** (1997)  
For a student with good academics and notable Irish or Polish heritage.

**The Viola A. and Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund** (2004)  
For a student pursuing a career in education.

**Waterford Scholars Fund** (1996)  
For outstanding students residing in Waterford.

**Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund** (1993) For a student at UCONN's School of Agricultural & Natural Resources







# Why we love the Community Foundation

“The committee members always do their homework. They visit sites, talk with directors, listen and learn.”



**Jane Glover**

Jane Glover was introduced to the Community Foundation in its early years by then board member, Jane Bredeson. “I greatly respected her community involvement, so I took a good look at this new organization,” Glover remembers. She must have liked what she saw, because she soon joined the board.

“Even then, the Community Foundation was here, and really involved,” she adds.

Glover can also speak to the Community Foundation’s diligence and fairness when it comes to grantmaking. She’s been on both sides of the table.

“It’s true,” she laughs. “I’ve been both a grant-seeker, as founder and director of the Kenté Cultural Center in New London; and the ‘judge’, serving on the Community Foundation’s grants committee.

“The committee members always do their homework,” she says. “They visit sites, talk with directors, listen and learn. In their meetings they discuss everything fully, taking as much time as they need to reach decisions.” And, Glover points out, “Even when they can’t fund a project, they give the grantseeker good advice and information.”

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“It helps people get together to get good things done.”



**Chet Kitchings, Jr., Patty Kitchings and Ken Kitchings (l to r)**

The deep roots of the Kitchings family in southeastern Connecticut can be traced to their successful family business combined with their expansive history of philanthropy.

Chester Kitchings, Sr.’s early support helped launch the Community Foundation in 1983. His son, Chet Kitchings, Jr., came back to the area after college, law school, and service in Vietnam and stayed.

Following their parents’ example, he and his siblings now carry out the work of the family foundation. Chet appreciates the role the Community Foundation plays in providing structure and support for nonprofit organizations. “With its strong, well-informed leadership, the Foundation has developed an excellent reputation for sorting out needs,” he adds. “That lets people help in a rational, effective way.”

“A challenge to our own family foundation is helping the homeless,” Chet says. “The Community Foundation helps us plug into community solutions on this and other issues that really matter to us.”

He notes that the Community Foundation makes this a better place to live because, he says, “It helps people get together to get good things done.”

# Let's Read Fund

A truly great book should be read in youth, again in maturity and once more in old age, as a fine building should be seen by morning light, at noon, and by moonlight.

— Robertson Davies

*Let's Read* was inspired by the importance of reading to children at an early age, and creating a foundation for success in school. The Fund supports schools, libraries and out-of-school programs that nurture a love of reading among young people. Since 2003, \$300,000 has been invested in 99 programs and projects that do just that.



Additionally, several hundred donors have created a permanent endowment for the Fund which now stands at almost half a million dollars. Many donors were prompted by fond memories of being read to as a child or by reading to one or two small people themselves along the way! Here we recognize 110 Founding Members who each committed \$1,000 to get the *Let's Read* Fund off to a strong start.



## Founding members:

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# The Community Foundation in your town.

Our joy is to connect the generous residents of each town with the hardworking organizations and agencies doing great things there. Here's just a snapshot of what your partnership has achieved.

## Salem

In 2006, the Community Foundation's *Let's Read* literacy initiative supported the town's innovative book and visual media project for middle school boys who were at risk of falling behind in reading. In just five years, *Let's Read* has reached at least 6,000 youth in our region.



## Montville

In 1993, friends, family and admirers established the *James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund* to celebrate his life of civic activism and his successful career in engineering. This scholarship has already launched 14 Montville High School graduates in their engineering studies.



## Lyme

After donating 300 acres of parkland to the Town of Lyme, John & Kelly Hartman established the *Hartman Park Endowment Fund* in 1997 to make certain this beautiful woodland and its trails would be properly maintained and enjoyed in perpetuity.



## Waterford

A generous donor seeking no thanks or recognition started the *Anonymous III Fund* in 1996 to provide scholarships for Waterford students and to support the *Waterford Public Library* and the *Visiting Nurse Association of South-eastern Connecticut*.



## East Lyme

Joining a multi-layered public-private partnership, the Community Foundation made a grant to ensure public access to a local treasure, *The Oswagatchie Hills Nature Preserve*.



## Old Lyme

Neighbors helping neighbors is what the late Beazie and George Bullitt had in mind when they set up the *Old Lyme Social Services Emergency Fund* in 2001. This fund quietly aids Old Lyme residents who need temporary assistance, whether it's helping a laid off person to cover a mortgage or rent or helping a senior pay for an emergency prescription.







### Ledyard

Patricia Norman's mother and brothers wanted to honor her interest in and love of music which stayed with her well beyond her years as a student at Ledyard High School. The four-year *Patricia C. Norman Scholarship* helps outstanding Ledyard students pursue their studies in music or music-related field.

### North Stonington

The *Let's Read Fund* made a grant to train all K-5 public school teachers to be even more effective instructors of reading and writing.



### Groton

The *Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust Fund*, earmarked for Groton, has allowed the Community Foundation to award multiple grants to *Riverfront Children's Center*. This provider of affordable, high-quality childcare has maintained its focus on the entire family while expanding its capacity to serve hundreds of low and middle income families.

### Stonington

The Community Foundation has partnered with the *Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center* for 15 years to provide services for low-income Stonington and North Stonington residents, especially seniors.



### New London

In 2005, the *Women & Girls Fund* provided seed money for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force—a network of New London social services and youth agencies working together to reduce teen pregnancy. Today that network has mapped the community's service gaps with 20 coalition members coordinating their services in two identified neighborhoods.



# Women & Girls Fund

She may be 13, 35 or 73 — she should be able to dream.

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Ms. Jayne Fawcett  
Alice F. Fitzpatrick  
Ms. Gillian Howell  
Ms. Sandra Bender Fromson  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gardiner



This sentiment and 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 almost 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 \$2 million force for good that will change the lives of area women and girls for good ... forever.

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Mr. Graham Gavert  
Lois Geary  
Ms. Marjorie J. Gildor  
Ms. Judith Glassenberg  
Lorraine Grader  
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Mrs. Rita Hendel  
Mrs. Jeanette Hersey  
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Priscilla Hodges\*  
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Dr. Deirdre O'Connor  
Ms. Betty O'Donnell  
Maureen O'Gorman  
Dr. Margaret O'Shea  
Mrs. Elisa Olsen  
Ms. Julie A. Olson  
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Alison Woods  
York Correctional Institution

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- The Women & Girls Fund represents nearly 200 years of generosity and caring, with contributions of all sizes and kinds adding up over time.
- This \$2 million permanent endowment has supported the best ideas for preventing domestic violence and aiding its victims; has coalesced community outreach initiatives to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; has provided assistance to New London women aged 62 and older, and has assisted disadvantaged women entering or returning to the workforce.
- The needs of women and girls in southeastern Connecticut have changed over the years, and will keep changing, but the Fund and its supporters will be there – attentive, flexible and ready to meet those needs.

Together we can do it!

The motto of the Women & Girls Fund resonates strongly with Merrylyn Weaver, foundation trustee and chair of the Fund. What attracted Merrylyn to the Women & Girls Fund was “the phenomenal women... women who I may never have crossed paths with otherwise but when we sit down, we’re united by a common purpose: how can we help other women and girls?”

Strong compassionate women like her grandmother and mother were early role models. On her native island of St. Martin, her grandmother would cook for people who were facing hard times, almost like her own soup kitchen before there were soup kitchens. In 1959, Merrylyn’s family came to New London. Her mother became an advocate for community-wide

access to healthcare. In her work, Merrylyn sees both young women and men who need guidance. “They need to realize they deserve respect and need to respect others.”

There are always more people to help. “If we can lift women up, we’re also helping their children and changing patterns well into future generations. All of us who have been part of the Women & Girls Fund are part of the solution ... and that feels good



Merrylyn Weaver

Women & Girls Fund Highlights

1810	Harriet Richards Lewis and other women launch the Female Cent Society, with each member contributing a penny a week to help women and children in need.	1881	The Smith Memorial Home is established.	2004	On its fifth anniversary, the Women & Girls Fund passes the \$1 million mark and launches the Lewis Century Society.
1836	The society is named the Lewis Cent Society, after Harriet provides for it in her will.	1999	The Women & Girls Fund is established, with a gift from the Lewis Female Cent Society.	2006	With the addition of the Smith Memorial Fund, the Women & Girls Fund surpasses \$2 million.
1877	Dr. Seth Smith provides in his will for a home “for aged respectable, indigent women of New London.” (He dies in 1878.)	2003	Proceeds from the estate of Lydia I. Korolkiewicz are used to establish a fund in her name, under the Women & Girls umbrella, to prevent domestic violence and aid its victims.	2007	The Women & Girls Fund makes 15 grants in its 8 <sup>th</sup> year for a grand total of \$407,638 to 107 high-impact programs since 1999.

The Lewis Century Society

A recognition society honoring people who include the Women & Girls Fund in their wills and estate plans.



Harriet Richards Lewis and child.

- Pamela S. Akins

Maura Casey
- Graham Gavert

Dr. Nelly Murstein and Dr. Bernard Murstein
- Julie A. Olson

Evelyn Peyton

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

Harriet left the very first bequest to the Female Cent Society, later renamed the Lewis Female Cent Society in her honor. That group is still in existence today. Over the years, both women and men have followed Harriet’s example and provided for the Society through bequests.

In 1999, the Society turned over their nest egg to the Community Foundation to grow and in doing so, set the stage for the highly successful Women & Girls Fund. Little did Harriet Lewis know that her legacy would continue to influence positive social change two centuries later.

The Lewis Century Society honors people with vision and commitment who want to perpetuate the work of the Women & Girls Fund beyond their lifetimes.



# Why we love the Community Foundation

“People have dreams. They want to make a difference, for their families, for their communities, for the causes they care about.”

Joseph Cipparone and his wife, Ellen, met at the University of Michigan then became Connecticut “transplants.” Growing up in Michigan, Joseph got the same lesson at home as in school. “It was about how important it is to really care for others,” he remembers.

Joe enjoys being a trusts and estates attorney because the very nature of his work is helping people use their assets to care for others.

“People have dreams,” Joe says. “They want to make a difference for their families, for

their communities, for the causes they care about.” The Community Foundation, he says, offers valuable, dependable solutions for him and his clients.

“It has a solid structure in place and an excellent track record. I can show people the Foundation’s many successes and assure them that their bequests will be wisely invested; their directions will be followed. They will make a difference forever.

“And that’s helping others!”



Joe Cipparone

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“The New London area has been an important part of my life.”



Marc Ginsberg

“My parents, David and Elaine, spent their whole married life in New London. My wife Barbara grew up in Stonington. I was a Mitchell Woods camper, and then a counselor.

“We’re homebodies in terms of liking this area,” he admits.

“Since its beginnings, the Community Foundation has done a terrific job of drawing good, capable, committed people from different areas, different backgrounds. My parents were early funders.”

Endowments, he says, free nonprofits from daily worry over operating costs—and let them start dreaming.

“Building an endowment is the foundation for everything. That’s the image I have in my mind—concrete and steel, the beginning, the most basic part of the structure,” he says.

“After that, anything is possible.”

“I know that 50 years from now, the Community Foundation will still be here, will still be strong and fluid, bringing people together and making good things happen.”





# The Legacy Society

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” *–Pericles*

Established in 1997, the Legacy Society recognizes those of you who have included the Community Foundation in your estate plans. Bequests, charitable trusts, and charitable gift annuities are some of the typical vehicles that can provide for the organizations and causes that matter to you. We thank the members of our Legacy Society for their commitment and generous consideration of the future needs of our community.

Dr. Jay Allen	Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hendel	Mr. and Mrs. William Pedace
Mr. and Mrs. Deane Avery	Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hendel	Mrs. Evelyn Peyton
Bridget Baird	Mrs. Jeanette Hersey	Joann Szytga Pillar
Mr. Walter V. Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Hertenstein	Stanley Popiel and Ingrid Feddersen
Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Berry Jr.	Mr. Gerald Holland	Mr. and Mrs. David Preston
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clement	Dr. and Mrs. John LaMattina	Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sicilian
Mr. and Mrs. Karel den Tex	Mrs. Robert Langmann	Mr. and Mrs. Laurence P. "Jim" Smith
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Mr. Roger Gross	Ms. Libby Orvedal	
Mrs. Eldon Harvey Jr.		



Pam Akins and Barry Levinson

Pam Akins sees it this way: “You don’t have to be rich like Bill Gates or Warren Buffet. You can still give back.” She and her husband, Barry Levinson, see themselves as ordinary but active members of their community in New London. They raised their daughter, Rachel, here and are operating local businesses and volunteering for neighborhood nonprofits.

They want to give back— forever—to the community which means so much to them. But like most people, they will have to carefully manage their financial assets their entire lives, giving as generously as possible during their lifetimes, but providing for parents, college, and their own senior years, too. So Pam and Barry have joined the Legacy Society, naming the Community Foundation—along with other local nonprofits they care about—in both their wills after caring for other beneficiaries and expenses.

“In this way, we do share the philosophies of Bill Gates and Warren Buffet: give back, give what you can, give when you can,” Pam says. “For us and for everyone,” Barry adds, “it’s just a matter of stepping up to the plate.”

# How can you make a difference?

## A birthday gift that keeps on giving.



**Dyanne and John Rafal**

John Rafal gave his wife Dyanne an unusual birthday gift in 1998: a fund at the Community Foundation. "It's an unrestricted fund," Dyanne quickly adds, "because we wanted to make sure the Foundation could use it as needed."

This wonderful couple has devoted thousands of volunteer hours to schools, museums, and social service organizations. The Community Foundation has also benefited. "A dear friend introduced me to the Community Foundation and I fell in love with it. It's smart and efficient. With knowledge of all 11 towns, it's a think tank for the region. The people involved look at the total picture to see the greatest challenges and which solutions will meet them."

Before long Dyanne was serving on committees, eventually joining the Board of Trustees in 2002. "She's a bundle of sparkling enthusiasm," contributes Community Foundation President Alice Fitzpatrick. Her fun-loving yet serious approach to every task at hand is infectious and highly productive. "And she brings fabulous, healthy food to every meeting, even the really early morning ones," Alice jokes.

"John and I trust the Foundation," Dyanne says. "We can't know exactly what's ahead—but we know that the Foundation will be ready and able."

## You can create a permanent charitable answer.

**Y**ou 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.**

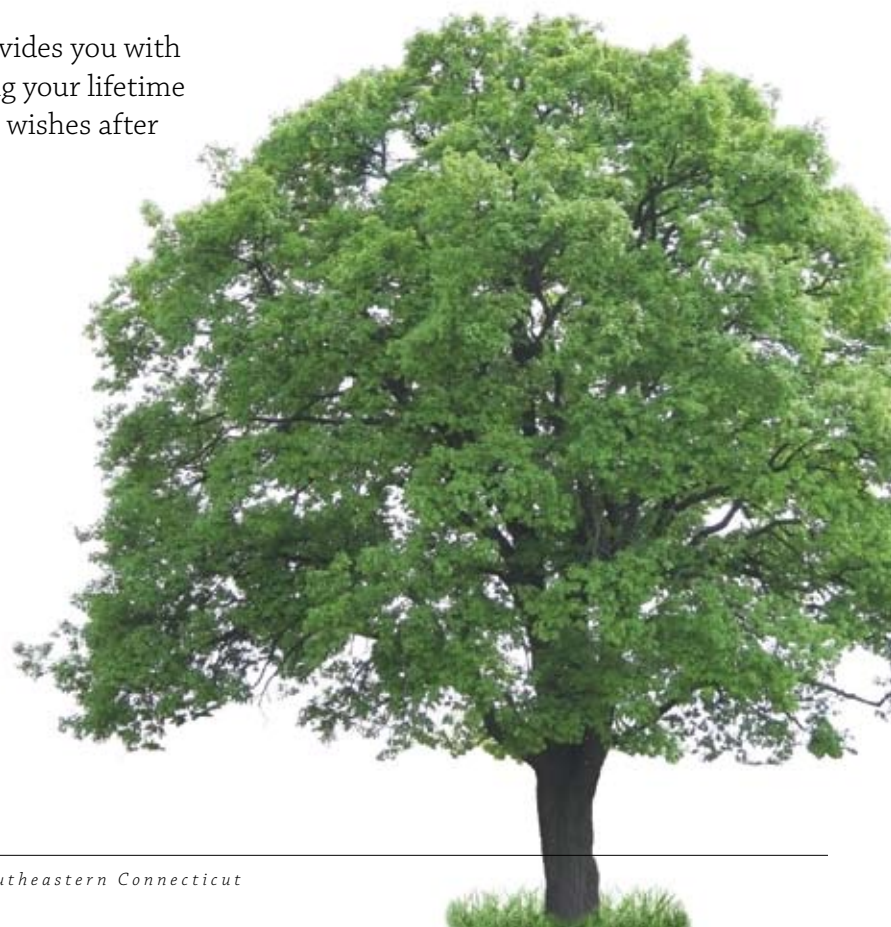
You can start an endowment in an hour or two today with a tax deductible contribution of \$5,000-10,000 (varies according to type of fund). You choose the asset to donate that best suits your financial situation; the choices are broad. Setting up an endowment never costs you anything (a modest annual 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 at 860.442.3572. Want an answer by e-mail first? Send your comments to Alison at [Alison@cfsect.org](mailto:Alison@cfsect.org). Or visit us at [www.cfsect.org](http://www.cfsect.org).







## 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 17 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 18 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 20 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 18 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 pages 22 and 23)

### 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 19)

### Operating Endowment Fund

*(\$5,000 minimum)*

Donors provide for the ongoing work of the Community Foundation. (See page 19)

### Special Initiatives

You may also be interested in supporting the foundation's Special Initiatives: the Women & Girls Fund, which improves the lives of local women and girls, and the *Let's Read* Fund, which fosters literacy among children and their families. (See pages 37-38)

### 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 the left.

when I graduated from New London High School in 2004, I knew nothing of what college would hold, nor even if I would make it through. Now, four years later, I can only wonder where the time went! In three weeks, I will graduate from The College of Wooster with a degree in Women's studies. I have handed in my senior thesis, all 180 pages of it, and earned a 3.5 GPA. I have learned so much, and I thank you for your help in getting me here. Thank you for your help and support, and I hope you realize how much of an impact you have on students who otherwise would not be able to afford college.

Roza Anthony



April 13, 2008



# 2007 Grants for Projects and Initiatives

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

The Community Foundation approved the following 2007 grants following a rigorous application procedure, which includes identifying challenges, needs, budgets, and goals. Staff, Board, 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 choice of grantees. Grant funds come from unrestricted and field-of-interest funds (see pages 17 and 18) and other gifts and donations.

**Alliance For Living** To maintain anti-retroviral drug adherence for uninsured or underinsured. \$10,000

**Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter** To mitigate effects of Alzheimer's on low-income families. \$3,000

**American Red Cross** Emergency assistance to victims of disasters. \$6,000

**Artreach** Transportation for mentally ill clients to attend programs. \$3,000

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut** Mentoring program for children of incarcerated adults. \$15,000

**Care and Share Soup Kitchen** For food and supplies to help feed 200 elderly and indigent weekly. \$2,500

**Child Adoption Resource Association** Recruitment and training of families to adopt children in foster care. \$7,500

**ChildSight** Screening and treatment of vision for low-income students at NL middle school. \$5,000

**Choate Rosemary Hall** Participation in Connecticut Scholars program for talented New London students. \$5,000

**Colonial Theatre School** In-school Shakespeare programs for local high schools. \$5,000

**Community Coalition for Children** Speaker and educational programs with practical advice for parents and teachers. \$6,000

**Community Partnerships** Expansion of nutrition and health programs aimed at low income families with children. \$10,000

**Connecticut Legal Services** Legal assistance to low-income immigrants and non-English speakers with urgent problems. \$15,000

**Connecticut Library Consortium** One Book, One Region activities to promote literacy in New London County. \$2,500

**Connecticut Storytelling Center** Storytelling programs in New London schools to promote early literacy. \$7,500

**Covenant Shelter of New London** Upgrade security system to insure safety of shelter residents. \$3,420

**Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** Restoration of Nathan Hale Schoolhouse for educational programs. \$5,000

**Drop-In Learning Center** Summer program for 54 New London youth. \$10,000

**Easter Seals Connecticut** Therapy equipment for new rehabilitation facility. \$8,510

**Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities** For the American Dream Downpayment Initiative. \$3,000

**Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra** Two performances of a Young People's Concert for 3rd and 4th graders. \$15,000

**Eastern Connecticut Ballet** Interactive assemblies in schools prior to attending The Nutcracker ballet. \$5,648

**Flock Theatre** *Macbeth* performance for New London middle school students. \$2,210

**FRESH New London** For mobile market and community gardens. \$10,000

**Garde Arts Center** After-school arts program with students from RMMS and ISAAC. \$15,000

**Groton Adult Education Program** Students seeking their high school diplomas will also gain critical job-seeking skills. \$2,130

**Groton Parks Foundation** Special surfacing for a boundary-free playground in Groton. \$5,000

**Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut** Support of the Women Build house in New London. \$15,000

**High Hopes Therapeutic Riding** Training for volunteers of therapeutic riding program for children with special needs. \$5,000

**Historically Black College Alumni** Tour to encourage youth to attend college. \$2,500

**Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut** For mandated Hepatitis B vaccinations for volunteers. \$5,400

**Hygienic Art** After school program in creative writing for New London middle school youth. \$5,000

**Judy Dworin Performance Project** Multi-arts residency focused on self-healing for inmates at York Correctional Institute. \$6,000

**Kids In Distressed Situations (K.I.D.S.)** New clothing and items for distribution to disadvantaged families. \$5,000

**Regional Multicultural Magnet School** Support of Nature's Classroom program for 4th and 5th graders. \$5,000

**Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut** Support of U.S. civics for immigrants program \$10,030

**Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts** Young artists from local middle and high schools learn classical techniques in summer program. \$10,000

**Madonna Place** For Visitation Center and counseling for families. \$5,000

**Martin House** Job training and support for mentally ill residents. \$6,575

**Mystic Area Shelter And Hospitality (MASH)** Temporary shelter for two families. \$6,375

**Mystic Arts Center** Expansion of art and literacy program to four New London elementary schools. \$15,000

**Mystic Ballet** For New London students to participate in after-school ballet program. \$7,500

**Mystic Marinelife Aquarium** Scholarships for young people residing in the Women's Center domestic violence shelter. \$2,000

**Mystic Seaport Museum** For Arts Activity Center for families. \$10,000

**Natchaug Hospital** Expansion of adolescent psychiatric treatment program for New London county youth. \$15,000

**New London Community Boating** Scholarships for youth sailing program. \$2,500

**New London County Historical Society** Living history program at the Shaw Mansion. \$4,500

**New London Main Street** Summer family festivals in New London. \$9,600

**Ocean Community YMCA** Support of family programs. \$3,000

**Planned Parenthood of CT** Medical services and education for teens to make healthier decisions about their sexuality. \$5,000

**Project Oceanology** Scholarships for summer Ocean Camp. \$4,400

**Riverfront Children's Center** Urgent repairs to facility. \$6,200

**Salem Land Trust** Preservation of 100 acres for recreation and education. \$13,000

**Salt Marsh Opera Co.** Scholarships for talented students who serve as opera company interns. \$3,000

**Sound Community Services** Outreach and support for homeless clients. \$6,500

**New London Homeless Hospitality Center** For homeless with shelter, food, case management and job training. \$20,000

**Stonington Community Center** Program for teens to gain job experience. \$3,500

**Terra Firma Farm** Community supported agriculture program to supply fresh vegetables to local food banks. \$5,000

**Thames Area Citizen Advocacy Program** Volunteers befriend and advocate for elderly and disabled in nursing homes. \$5,000

**Thames Valley Council for Community Action** Home-delivered meals for sick and disabled. \$5,000

**Three Rivers College Foundation** Summer program to help disadvantaged students succeed in college. \$10,000

**United Community & Family Services** Art therapy for elderly and disabled at Waterford facility. \$3,000

**United Way of Southeastern Connecticut** To provide heating assistance to low income families. \$15,000

**Virtual Voyages** For at-risk youth to help develop self esteem and knowledge and interest in our maritime environment. \$2,500

**Westerly Area Rest & Meals** Food and shelter for Connecticut residents \$3,000

**West Broad Street School** Pilot program to improve technology skills with hand-held computers. \$5,600

**Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut** Parenting counseling for women with families who have experienced domestic violence. \$5,000

**Writer's Block, Ink** Mentoring program for minority males through the arts. \$5,000

**Young Audiences of Connecticut** Theatre arts program in New London schools. \$5,000

**Total** **\$475,598**

# 2007 Designated Fund Grants

From permanent endowments  
(see page 18).

American Red Cross	\$590
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	\$590
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut	\$450
Denison Pequot Nature Center	\$3,000
Eastern Connecticut Ballet	\$1,100
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra	\$380
Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut	\$340
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital	\$1,710
Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut	\$500
Lyman Allyn Art Museum	\$2,000
Mystic & Noank Library	\$500
Noank Historical Society	\$500
Old Lyme Children's Learning Center	\$790
Pine Point School	\$4,500
Public Library of New London	\$1,715
Rotary Club of Mystic	\$2,750
St. Mary Star of the Sea School	\$140
St. Paul's Church	\$340
Save Ocean Beach	\$3,350
Stonington Education Fund	\$5,000
Stonington Free Library	\$4,000
Town of Lyme	\$1,130
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut	\$13,150
Waterford Public Library	\$13,620
West Farms Land Trust	\$590
Williams School	\$500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$62,235</b>



# 2007 Donor Advised Grants

Grants recommended by donors from their funds (see page 20).

Academy of the Sacred Heart	Florence Griswold Museum	Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation	Garde Arts Center	Pass Christian Historical Society
American Cancer Society	The Garden Conservancy	Pass Christian Library
American Lung Association	Garrison Forest School	Pequot Chapel
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City Life/Vida Urbana	The Madeira School	Stonington Village Improvement Association
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Connecticut College Development Department	Massachusetts Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice	Trinity Episcopal Church
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Connecticut Early Music	Middlesex Hospital Office of Philanthropy	Trust for Public Land
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Connecticut Institute for the Blind	Mills Etiquette Services	Tulane University Medical Center
Connecticut Joint Council on Economic Education	Mystic River Ambulance Association	UNICEF - US Funds for
The Connecticut Landmarks Society	National Public Radio	United Church of Stonington Borough Clock Fund II
Connecticut Public Radio	The Nature Conservancy	United Way of Coastal Georgia
Connecticut Public Television	New London Community Meal Center	United Way of Southeastern CT
Contemporary Arts Center	New London County Historical Society	University of Delaware
Council on Foundations	New London Day Nursery	Waterford Ambulance Association
De La Salle High School	New London Homeless Hospitality Center	Waterford Little Leage South
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	New London Landmarks	Wellesley College
East Lyme Library Foundation	New London Public Schools	Westminster School
Emma Willard School	New London Resident Scholar Program	Wildlife & Nature Preservation Society
Essex Meadows Scholarship Foundation	New London Youth Organization	Women in the Building Trades
First Congregational Church of Lyme	Noank Baptist Church	WSHU Public Radio
	NOCCA Institute	Yale University
		YouthBuild Boston
		<b>Total:</b>
		<b>\$404,488</b>



# 2007 Women & Girls Fund Grants

See pages 28-29 for more on the Women & Girls Fund

**Child & Family Agency  
of Southeastern Connecticut**

Bilingual outreach worker to work with teens at New London middle and high schools to reduce teen pregnancy among students. \$5,000

**Community Partnerships of  
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital**

Community planning process and campaign to reduce teen pregnancy \$10,000

**Connecticut College, Office of Volunteers for  
Community Service**

Mentoring program for middle school students to explore social and political issues through documentary film production. \$5,000

**Connecticut Community Care**

Funding for direct services, medical or personal equipment for elderly women in New London. \$8,000

**Front Porch Foundation**

Monthly activities to improve quality of life for senior women living in New London public housing. \$7,000

**Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut**

Services including meals, transportation and social events for low-income senior women who live in New London. \$5,000

**Kenté Cultural Center**

Art contest for New London teens to promote National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day forum. \$2,000

**LEARN**

Mother/daughter program to improve communication and empower teens to make healthy choices. \$7,793

**Martin House**

Program to help women with psychiatric disabilities enter or reenter the job market. \$1,000

**National Council of Negro Women  
– New London Chapter**

Teen forums and prevention activities for girls who are at risk of teen pregnancy \$6,000



Tracee Reiser and SISTER program participants

Photo courtesy of Connecticut College OVCS

**Planned Parenthood of Connecticut**

Ongoing pregnancy prevention program to educate and empower teens in decision-making. \$10,000

**Thames River Family Program**

Program for mothers and young children with histories of abuse in order to end cyclical problems. \$6,261

**The Visiting Nurse Association  
of Southeastern Connecticut**

Nursing, therapies, social work and homemaking visits to elderly women in their homes. \$10,000

**Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut**

Program to raise awareness of domestic violence in the elderly population and to provide services for women in public housing. \$1,065

**Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut**

Bilingual counselor to raise awareness of domestic violence in the Hispanic community and to offer service to Spanish speakers. \$10,000

**Total \$94,119**

## Eyes on the prize.

Tracee Reiser, New London resident and Associate Dean at Connecticut College, got involved with the Women & Girls Fund because it works on such key issues as domestic violence, teen pregnancy, and women's health.

Reiser says, "For example, the Fund invited Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University, to speak in our area. Dr. Simmons is an inspirational person. She went from being born into a family of sharecroppers to becoming the first black woman chosen president of an Ivy League university.

"Conn women mentor middle-school girls in New London. The Community Foundation immediately understood the connection and made sure that all the girls in our program could come and hear Dr. Simmons speak. Her remarks were so inspirational.

"Some day a girl from our program may be a college president, thanks to the Community Foundation."



# 2007 *Let's Read* Fund Grants

See page 25 for more on Let's Read.

Young people should 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, literacy training for teachers and parents, and sometimes just getting books into the hands and homes of kids who don't have them.



<b>Child &amp; Family Agency of Southeastern CT/ B.P. Learned Mission</b>	Summer & after school programs to enhance reading skills.	\$4,500
<b>Connecticut College Office of Volunteers for Community Service</b>	Literacy and physical fitness program for New London students, pre-school through 8th grade.	\$2,500
<b>Front Porch Foundation</b> (made in honor of Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.)	Summer literacy and experiential learning opportunities for at-risk New London youth living in public housing	\$3,000
<b>Jewish Federation of Eastern CT</b>	Literacy and tutoring program in New London and Groton elementary schools	\$5,000
<b>CT Humanities Council/Motheread/Fatheread®</b> (funded in part by Pfizer, Inc.)	To support five family literacy programs in southern New London County	\$13,000
<b>New London Adult &amp; Continuing Education</b>	To bring books and storytelling techniques into the homes of Even Start families	\$2,880
<b>Oakdale School/Montville Public Schools</b>	To provide literacy support for at-risk K-2 students and their families	\$4,900
<b>Office of Youth Affairs-New London Whale's Tales Book Bank</b>	To get books into the hands and homes of children and families with few to no books	\$4,300
<b>Public Library of New London</b>	After-school reading club for 4th and 5th graders in New London	\$500
<b>Read to Grow</b>	Literacy packets and follow-up guidance for 500 area families who give birth at L&M Hospital	\$5,000
<b>Regional Multicultural Magnet School</b>	Interactive family literacy program for kindergarten and first grade students	\$4,500
<b>Riverfront Children's Center</b>	Literacy program for families with young children	\$3,200
<b>St. Mark's Toddler Playgroup</b>	Family literacy program for special needs and typically developing preschoolers	\$1,000
<b>University of Connecticut Avery Point Coastline Branch</b>	Mentoring and reading program between UConn Avery Point students and Groton middle schoolers	\$3,500
<b>YMCA of Southeastern Connecticut Coastline Branch</b>	Three new after-school activity clubs that promote literacy and learning skills	\$3,159
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$60,939</b>



# 2007 Scholarships

130 students from eleven towns are helped toward higher education.

**The Marjory B. and Laurence P. “Jim” Smith Scholarship**

Willysthssa Pierre-Louis of New London High School, Nicole Hay of Waterford High School, Patricia Sandoval of Montville High School, Colleen Wilson of East Lyme High School, and Desiree Sebastian of Fitch High School.

**The Tuneski/Sheflott Heritage Scholarship**

LeeAnn Maryeski of Waterford High School.

**The Rita and Myron Hendel Scholarship**

Isabelle Pilato of New London.

**The Dr. Charles K. Lee Rotary Scholarship**

Jennifer Blanco of New London High School

**The Alcino Almeida Scholarship**

Nicholas Perry of Montville High School

**Arnold W. Avery Scholarships**

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**The Beaumont Family Scholarship**

Rebecca Lewin of Stonington High School.

**The Citizens Bank Scholarship**

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**The Dicesare-Bentley/William Bentley Memorial Scholarship**

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**The Patricia K. Drake Scholarship**

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**The David & Sherry Dresback Scholarships**

Victoria Hanley and Joseph Sullivan of Groton; Kristin Laskey and Laura Servidio of Ledyard; and Nicole Ceil and Allison Palmer of Stonington.

**The C. Francis Driscoll Citizenship and Public Affairs Scholarship**

Michael Whalen of St. Bernard High School.

**The Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship**

Nisha Fahey of Waterford High School.

**John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship**

Jenna Yenik of East Lyme and Chelsea Cleveland of New London High School.

**The Eric Evans Scholarship**

Kaitlyn Moore of Stonington and Syracuse University.

**The Freddy Fayal Scholarship**

Heather Czapla of Stonington High School.

**The Fletcher Family Scholarship**

Jacob Andrews of New London High School.

**The Dr. Edward & Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship**

Anastasia Triandafillou of New London.

**The RADM David M. Goebel USN Leadership Award**

Brittany Lewis of New London High School.

**The Rachel E. Harma Scholarship**

Rudolph Pancara of Stonington High School.

**The Harvey Family Scholarship**

Megan Cross of Stonington High School.

**The Hendel Family Association**

Joseph Martinez of New London High School.

**The Dr. Isadore Hendel Scholarship**

Alyssa Smith of Wateford High School.

**The Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship**

Megan Rogoff of Montville.

**The Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship**

Jeffrey Lewis of Stonington High School.

**The Beverly G. and George P. Letz Scholarship**

Shanna Yearwood of Fitch Senior High School.

**The Rose and Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship**

Eli Levine of New London High School.

**The Don Lumadue Scholarship**

Muonia Wiley of New London High School.

**The Gunvor Lund Scholarships**

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**The Mallove Family Scholarship and the William B. Pedace Scholarship**

Emerald Littlejohn of New London.

**The Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship**

Chanje Evans and Angeline Bossa of New London, Abigail Culppepper of North Stonington and Ashley Vitale of Stonington.

**The Gilbert Mead Memorial Scholarship**

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**The Waterford Scholars Awards**

Phillip Potter, Brenda Maryeski, Emily Culp, Galen Danskim, Brittany DeWolf, Nathan Molina, and Kelsey McShane, all of Waterford.

**The Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship**

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**Total** **\$227,985**

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As Community Foundation President Alice Fitzpatrick notes on page 1, southeastern Connecticut has a remarkable number of generous “gardeners”. Some of you plant seeds for the arts, some for education. Some are environmental seeds, and some are for early childhood. All are seeds of hope. As a garden holds many flowers and vegetables, a community boasts many assets.

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# 2007 Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2007 & December 31, 2006

Assets	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,055,897	\$ 84,954
Investments	27,831,465	23,255,923
Contributions	113,132	884,409
Split-interest agreements	6,187,323	5,892,722
Property and equipment, net	347,423	364,962
Other assets	—	3,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 35,535,240</b>	<b>\$ 30,485,970</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	169,514	165,948
<b>Liability Under Gift Annuity</b>	9,025	7,442
<b>Deferred Revenue</b>	1,000,000	—
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Board Designated - capital	67,541	39,004
Board Designated - administrative endowment	1,659,440	1,067,299
Undesignated	26,370,803	22,475,639
Temporarily restricted	2,010,347	2,661,236
Permanently restricted	4,248,570	4,069,402
Total net assets	34,356,701	30,312,580
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 35,535,240</b>	<b>\$ 30,485,970</b>

As stewards of gifts entrusted to the Community Foundation by its donors, the Investment Committee looks to achieve a total return over the long term that provides support for grants and scholarships, protects against inflation, and covers fees. Assets are invested primarily in equities, both domestic and foreign, with lesser allocations to fixed income and real estate. The Foundation currently employs Russell Investments as its “investment office” to advise on asset allocation, diversification, portfolio strategy and implementation.

Currently the Foundation spends approximately 5% of the three-year rolling average of its endowed funds and aspires to increase its grants annually by at least the rate of inflation, although this may not be possible in periods of poor market performance. The Foundation also recognizes the need to balance immediate needs against those of future generations, and has a policy to limit distributions to a range of 4 - 6% of the three year rolling average.

As our 26th year begins as your Community Foundation, we look forward to continued wise stewardship of the assets, which will allow us to make life better for everyone in southeastern Connecticut.

Anthony T. Enders  
Chair, Investment Committee

INVESTMENT  
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Annualized

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
7.03%	9.94%	9.69%





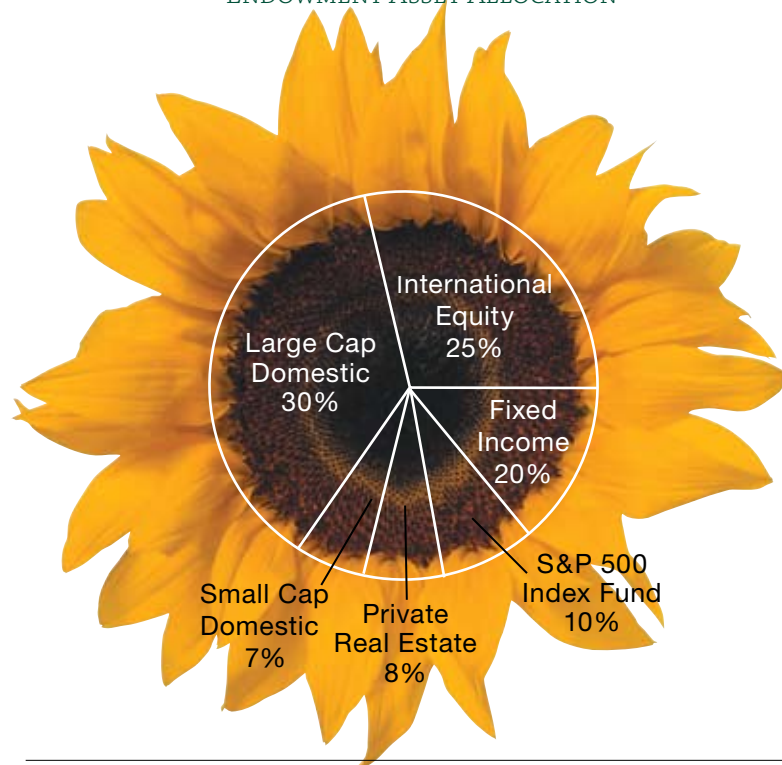
# 2007 Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2007

(With summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2006)

Revenues, Gains and Other Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2007 Total	2006 Total
Contributions	\$ 4,438,550	—	—	\$ 4,438,550	\$ 2,781,756
Change in split-interest agreements	(2,982)	120,388	—	117,406	405,452
Change in value of perpetual trust	—	—	179,168	179,168	329,152
Investment gains	532,246	—	—	532,246	2,375,502
Investment income	1,131,040	—	—	1,131,040	517,185
Other	15,756	—	—	15,756	21,770
Rental income	27,600	—	—	27,600	24,900
	6,142,210	120,388	179,168	6,441,766	6,455,717
Less investment fees	143,873	—	—	143,873	150,417
Total support	5,998,337	120,388	179,168	6,297,893	6,305,300
Net assets released from restrictions	771,277	(771,277)	—	—	—
Total revenues, gains and other support	6,769,614	(650,889)	179,168	6,297,893	6,305,300
<b>Expenses</b>					
Program services:					
Grants & scholarships	1,634,085	—	—	1,634,085	1,486,227
Other grant expenses	182,698	—	—	182,698	168,446
Total program services	1,816,783	—	—	1,816,783	1,654,673
General & administrative expenses	436,989	—	—	436,989	421,380
Total expenses	2,253,772	—	—	2,253,772	2,076,053
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	4,515,842	(650,889)	179,168	4,044,121	4,229,247
<b>Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	23,581,942	2,661,236	4,069,402	30,312,580	26,083,333
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	\$28,097,784	\$2,010,347	\$4,248,570	\$34,356,701	\$30,312,580

## ENDOWMENT ASSET ALLOCATION



In addition to carefully investing the Foundation's endowment, prudent financial stewardship also includes controlling administrative expenses and demonstrating transparency. With those objectives guiding us, we are proud to report that our administrative expenses have remained under 1.5% of total assets for the past five years. Also, for the third consecutive year our outside auditors, Blum Shapiro, have noted no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Foundation's policies, procedures or operations. A complete copy of our Fiscal 2007 audit and Form 990 tax filing can be found on our website, [www.cfsect.org](http://www.cfsect.org).

Edward J. Wozniak  
Chief Financial Officer

# Thank you

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