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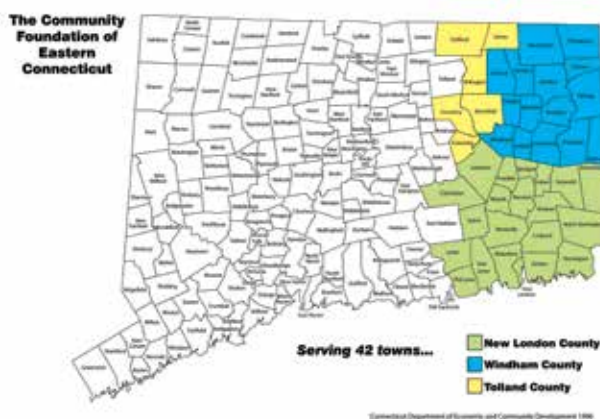
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ON THE COVER: New London Harbor, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and Putnam's Cargill Falls

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MANY OF US WHO LIVE IN EASTERN

CONNECTICUT have deep connections to its people and places. Perhaps you first came to the region seeking an education, a career, or an opportunity to serve your country. You may have been born here and have a family history in this corner of New England. No matter the individual circumstances, it is only natural to want to give back to the community that you call home. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut stands ready to help you do that.

As one of the region's largest permanent sources of grant funding, we also offer common meeting ground and leadership on important issues. We provide philanthropic guidance and can help you to learn more about the causes you care about. We also offer the chance to join others with similar interests to learn and give together for greater impact. Most important, we listen to you and to our nonprofit partners; we also pay close attention to what's happening in our 42 communities.

For this annual report, we asked our friends and neighbors to send us their own words and images that show "the places you love" in the towns, cities, and countryside that the Foundation serves. We are delighted to share some of these throughout this publication.

Seeing these special places reminds us of the values we have in common and why we must continue to strive for a healthy, thriving, and sustainable eastern Connecticut.

Expanding our Vision:

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

THE YEAR 2014, one of the most successful in the history of our Community Foundation, began with a challenge. On a frigid January day, when windswept snow obscured the view from the windows, our Board of Trustees, several trustees emeriti, and our staff gathered in the Lyman Allyn Art Museum to begin the task of strategic planning.

Our plan had to be as creative as a work of art and solid as the four columns of local granite that support the museum. Before we could find new ways to put philanthropy into action, we wanted to listen to our partners — both donors and beneficiaries — and assess how the Foundation could invest in their future needs, rights, and interests. In the months ahead, the Strategic Planning Committee and an advisory group of stakeholders from around the region devoted their time and energy to the planning effort.

The new knowledge we gained about donor services and grant making has empowered us to build upon our past priorities and strengths. As a result of a major bequest from Mr. Peter Letz, we have been able to adopt additional priorities as well.

In July 2015, our Board of Trustees approved the new Strategic Plan. We are proud of the work that emerged from months of thoughtful, broad-based discussions and evaluation. Like the points of the compass in our logo, the plan's four main directives will guide our actions for the coming years. We will work to empower youth, promote basic needs and rights, preserve the environment, and advance animal welfare.

The report in your hands traces the Foundation's major achievements in a single year, 2014, yet it comes at a time when our vision is focused on the future.

Here are some of the highlights of 2014:

- Our donors generously contributed \$10,354,325, which included 22 new named funds, a record level of giving, and double the amount received the previous year.

- The Foundation made a record \$4,023,103 in grants and scholarships, up 15% over the prior year.

- We achieved 6.2% in investment returns, contributing to a five-year annualized return of 9.6%.

The numbers do not tell the whole story though. We also measure success by the effectiveness of our stewardship, our efforts to expand our knowledge, and the strength of our relationships with our nonprofit

partners, advisors, and community leaders. Above all else, we are grateful to our donors whose generosity is at the heart of all we do.

It is a privilege to serve with such dedicated and generous individuals as we all work for the common good. Together we can make a healthier, thriving, and more sustainable world for everyone who lives in the places we love.

Maryam Elahi
President and Chief Executive Officer

Susan Pochal
Chair, Board of Trustees





The Letz Fund: A \$10 million legacy from a man who loved the natural world

IN FALL OF 2013, the Community Foundation received astonishing news. The Foundation was about to receive by far the largest single gift in its history: an anticipated \$10 million estate distribution to create the **Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals and the Environment**.

When someone chooses to live life entirely on his or her own terms, not following a conventional path, that individual often remains a bit of a mystery to the rest of the world. That was the case when Peter Letz, then 60, died from cancer at a hospice center in the fall of 2011. Very few of his fellow residents in rural North Stonington would have guessed that their unassuming neighbor, who lived in a 1920 Cape and often worked in maintenance jobs, would leave millions to help the region he called home all of his life.

And yet, to the few who knew him well, it was no mystery that Letz loved nature and animals. He enjoyed nature photography and went out of his way to rescue injured or abandoned animals, even bringing a baby raccoon to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center on one occasion and contributing to the organization. His parents, the late George and Beverly Letz of Groton, were long-term donors to the Community Foundation. They had established two scholarship funds, one for graduates of Fitch Senior High School in Groton and a second for Wheeler High School in North Stonington. It was natural for their son to seek the estate-planning assistance of attorney Suzanne Kitchings, who had worked with his parents. Kitchings and David Zuckerbraun, then a trust officer and attorney with The Washington Trust Company, helped the Community Foundation better understand Peter Letz's hopes in making this generous bequest.

Peter Letz's legacy will benefit animals, both domestic pets and wildlife. It also will support the preservation of the environment and environmental education in New London County. This year, the Community Foundation held focus groups and worked with local animal welfare groups and a committee of experts to develop a long-term plan for this fund. This permanently endowed fund will generate approximately \$400,000 in grant dollars each year to support Peter Letz's dreams.

OUR HISTORY IS KEY TO OUR FUTURE

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS BEEN HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP OTHERS FOR 32 YEARS. ESTABLISHED IN 1983, IT BEGAN WHEN LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE HAD A VISION OF BUILDING A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR CHARITABLE GIVING. THEY WANTED TO MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHERE THEY LIVE.

IN THE 1980s, COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS WERE RELATIVE NEWCOMERS TO THE PHILANTHROPIC LANDSCAPE, BUT TODAY OUR FOUNDATION IS ONE OF MORE THAN 800 STRONG ACROSS THE NATION. COLLECTIVELY, THEIR ASSETS EXCEED \$71 BILLION; THEY ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF MORE THAN \$8 BILLION IN GIFTS AND HAVE MADE MORE THAN \$5.5 BILLION IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

UPON THE 2010 MERGER OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT (NEW LONDON AND SURROUNDING REGION) WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE TRI-COUNTY AREA (NORWICH AND NORTH), WE BECAME THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT. WE NOW SERVE 42 TOWNS IN WHAT IS THE LARGEST GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE'S 21 COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS. SINCE 2010, WE'VE DOUBLED IN ASSETS (TO \$64 MILLION) AND INCREASED GRANT MAKING TO OVER \$4 MILLION YEARLY.

OUR DONORS

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT BRINGS TOGETHER HUNDREDS OF DONORS TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE PLACES AND COMMUNITIES THEY LOVE. THESE GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES ARE FROM ALL 42 TOWNS IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT AND BEYOND.

SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT IT TAKES A SUPERHERO OR A SAINT TO CREATE THEIR OWN FUND, NOT TO MENTION A SMALL FORTUNE. IN REALITY, THE MAJORITY OF OUR DONORS ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE, BUT THEY DO HAVE AT LEAST TWO SPECIAL POWERS: THE ABILITY TO ENVISION A BETTER FUTURE AND THE BELIEF THAT THEIR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. USING THE PROVERBIAL STRENGTH IN NUMBERS, THE FOUNDATION CAN LEVERAGE THESE FUNDS TO DO THE MOST GOOD HERE IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES.

THE FOLLOWING PROFILES HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING AND THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. THESE CHARITABLE FUNDS ARE JUST THREE OUT OF A TOTAL OF 440 FUNDS ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SINCE 1983.

A helping hand to future healers: Bernard and Alice Chalecki

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS DEVOTE THEIR LIVES to helping others, yet they themselves must often shoulder the high costs of attaining a medical degree or certification. Now, a new scholarship fund will offer help to those aspiring to be doctors, nurses, and other trained medical professionals.



One of several new “field of interest” funds created in 2014, the **Bernard and Alice Chalecki Fund** will provide scholarships for college and graduate students from any of the 42 towns in eastern Connecticut who are pursuing careers in health-related fields. The fund may also provide grants

directly to accredited educational institutions to offer financial aid to students pursuing health-care studies.

The Chaleckis, longtime residents of southeastern Connecticut, had started a charitable fund with an investment firm many years ago; it had grown in value over time, but had not been distributed to any beneficiaries. After Bernard passed away in 2011, Alice worked with attorney David Zuckerbraun, then a vice president at The Washington Trust Company, who suggested that their charitable fund be transferred to the stewardship of the Community Foundation where Alice’s vision could be carried out.

As one who knows firsthand the difficulty finding a new primary care doctor after her own long-time physician retired, Alice has several reasons for wanting to help young people to enter medical fields.

“Unlike the time in which I grew up, when doctors still made house calls, there now are a variety of different trained medical professionals who can provide help when a patient needs assistance,” says Alice, noting the important role of physician’s assistants and others.

“According to the media, there is a serious shortage of such people, and I would like to help them,” she adds. She was inspired by young people such as Heather Buck, a Stonington High School basketball star who went on to play for the National Champion UConn team while pursuing her dream of becoming a registered nurse.

“We are all aware of the fact that advanced education is very expensive, but if that education ends up in service to others, it is well worth assisting,” Alice says.

The named fund will forever call to mind the lifelong contributions of her late husband, including his service to his country. A Connecticut native, Bernard was a World War II veteran who served in General Patton's Third Army. Upon his return from the war, he was decorated with the Bronze Star. A 1948 graduate of Yale University, he first served as Director of the State of Connecticut's Boating Commission, an agency that later merged with the Environmental Protection Agency. After 12 years at Electric Boat, he worked in retirement for two decades in the Education Department of Mystic Seaport. For thirty years, Alice joined him at the museum, helping visitors to enjoy and understand the maritime collection.



Opposite page and above: Healthcare providers work with their patients at The Edward & Mary Lord Family Health Center at United Community Family Services (UCFS).

On land and sea: the intrepid Van Zandts will leave a legacy

THE MANY accomplishments and adventures of Sidney, Sandy and Douglas Van Zandt could fill several biographies, but their life stories have a common theme. All three have a deep love for natural and wild places: ocean waves, rocky shores, quiet forests, rugged mountainsides, and rushing rivers.

Now the Connecticut-based couple and their son have made plans to ensure that they can invest in the places and causes they have cared about in the past 50 years. In 2014, the Community Foundation helped the Van Zandts to launch two separate funds that have a unique, dynamic connection to one another.

The **Sidney Faithfull Van Zandt Environmental Education Fund** will support projects that teach children and teens in New London County a vital lesson: understanding our role in the ecosystem and learning to be better stewards of the environment. For as long as they live, both Sidney and her husband Sandy will have an opportunity to

advise the selection committee on each year's grant recipients.

At the same time, the family created the **Sandy, Sidney and Douglas Van Zandt Fund** as part of their estate plan, specifically a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), which will provide income to the Van Zandts and to their son Douglas, an Oregon-based entrepreneur and renewable energy consultant, over their lifetimes. When all of the family members have passed on, a portion of the remainder of the CRT will come to the Community Foundation to fund environmental education, open space, Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and several other organizations. Every year, distributions from the fund will benefit the charitable organizations



that they have designated and also help to fund their environmental education fund.

"Alison Woods and the rest of the Community Foundation staff were wonderful and so helpful in creating this plan with us," says Sidney, who knew that they were exploring uncharted territory by establishing their two related funds.



“We were climbing a new mountain with the lawyers and other planners involved,” Sidney adds. The Van Zandts had chosen the Foundation as a partner in their charitable planning because it was important to them that committees of local people would be deciding what to do with future funds, not a national organization.

A sail manufacturer and boat designer, Sandy and his wife, the former Sidney Faithfull, first settled in Noank with their 3-year-old son, Douglas, in 1961. They started a successful business, Van Zandt Sails the following year, using a sewing machine that Sidney had won in a raffle. Around this time, however, Sidney sensed a major change in the wind: the growing environmental movement of the 1960s and the need for open space.

Soon she became a full-fledged local activist, crusading to save Groton’s Haley Farm from development as a duplex housing

project. Today it is Haley Farm State Park. As founder of the Groton Open Space Association in 1965, Sidney also co-chaired the Bluff Point Advisory Council, helping to save the 800 acres from development as an amusement park and creating the state’s very first coastal preserve. And that was just the beginning for this environmental trailblazer who had decades of leadership ahead of her.

She had grown up exploring the trails of the Mianus River Gorge near her home in upstate New York; the site was the first to be purchased as a preserve by The Nature Conservancy. The place that she loved so much would influence her entire life, but her new roots were firmly planted in southeastern Connecticut.

“My passion for this area is strong,” says Sidney today, explaining why it was so important to give back to this region.

“I want people to get out and take a walk, to open their eyes and see all

the natural beauty around us. You really *can* make a difference.”

Last year, when Sandy began planning to sail once again in a single-handed race to Bermuda, the practical-minded Van Zandts decided to put all of their affairs in order first. As veteran blue water sailors, they knew the importance of being prepared. Back in 1980, as the two approached their respective half-century marks, the Van Zandts and their son built a 39-foot, steel-hulled cutter in which they would circumnavigate the globe and make four transatlantic crossings. Confident that their life together still had many exciting chapters to come, they named that vessel *Sequel*. Now, thanks to their foresight, there will always be a sequel to their charitable giving and the impact they have had on eastern Connecticut.

A calm, strong voice that won't be silenced:

The Robert E. Davidson Fund

AS A LONGTIME ADVOCATE

for people who suffer from mental illness, Robert E. Davidson spent his life speaking up for those who might have been forgotten. Today, a fund in his name ensures that his ability to help others will extend beyond his own lifetime.

For the last 14 years of his career, Davidson served as executive director of the Eastern Regional Mental Health Board (ERMHB), a nonprofit agency known as “the citizen’s voice in mental health policy” in eastern Connecticut. Then came devastating news to all who knew him: a diagnosis of brain cancer in 2013 and a subsequent battle with the illness that forced him to retire. Shortly before Davidson passed away in March 2014 at age 65, his wife, Marjorie Blizard, shared an idea with his successor as executive director of the agency. The two of them joined forces with the Community Foundation to give Davidson the perfect tribute and parting gift.

“We knew that his work was the thing that mattered most in his life,” said Blizard, “so we set up a fund with the Community Foundation that will give direct support to the programs of the ERMHB.” Blizard, a resident of Norwich, was familiar with the Foundation’s philanthropic role in the area, having been on the steering committee of the Norwich Area Women & Girls Fund.

“The Community Foundation made all the arrangements and took care of all the legal and financial technicalities of setting up the fund, so that was a great advantage

to working with them,” she said. “I cannot emphasize enough how easy it was to do this.”

To ensure that the fund would effectively support the agency’s future programs, the Community Foundation staff also worked closely with Davidson’s successor as executive director, Jennifer Gross.



“His way of making every person he met feel valued and important was perhaps Bob’s greatest gift,” Gross recalled. She hopes that others will be inspired to continue his work, building toward a world where everyone is treated “with acceptance, respect and compassion.”

Advocating for mental health clients and their families and assisting them to live independently in affordable housing is central to ERMHB’s mission. The agency also plays a role in community education. One of the first projects to receive support from the Davidson Fund will be a video about the complexities of mental health issues.

Helping the public to understand the problem is the first step to better decision-making by communities and to finding future solutions.

A Baltimore native who earned a doctorate in sociology from the University of Chicago, Davidson first came to Connecticut in 1989 to work for the state Department of Mental Health and later at Reliance House in Norwich. He met his future wife Marge at a zoning board meeting. At the time she was board president of Bethesda Community, a transitional housing program that was applying for a zoning permit to build a home for homeless and at-risk women. Davidson’s eloquent testimony that evening on behalf of the project made a lasting impression on her; they married in 2005.

Because it only took a few weeks to complete the groundwork for the **Robert E. Davidson Fund**, his wife was able to present the news of its creation to him as a gift shortly before he died. She even gave him a brochure announcing the new fund.

“Flowers are beautiful, but they don’t last. Hearing about the fund was a tremendous comfort to him, and he knew then that his work would go on. This is something that will impact many in the community.”

OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
DEPENDS ON OUR
PARTNERSHIPS WITH DOZENS
OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT
WHO HELP US PUT OUR
PHILANTHROPIC MISSION
INTO ACTION. TO DATE, THE
FOUNDATION HAS AWARDED
MORE THAN \$36 MILLION IN
GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS
AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA
STUDENTS. THE FOLLOWING
PROFILES ARE JUST THREE
EXAMPLES OF HOW, WITH
MANY HELPING HANDS, WE ARE
WORKING TO BUILD A BRIGHTER
FUTURE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS
AND THE PLACES YOU LOVE.

Madonna Place's Fatherhood Initiative: helping children by helping their fathers

LAST WINTER, a young man came to Madonna Place in Norwich a few months after his girlfriend gave birth to their baby. It was a confusing time for him, since he had only bitter memories of his own childhood. Because his father had substance abuse issues and his mother suffered from mental illness, he and his siblings had been raised in foster care.

Now he brings his girlfriend to participate in parenting programs and attends the Fatherhood Initiative's peer support group.

"It's really a fantastic program — it's taught me a lot about responsibility and what it means to be a father," he tells a visitor.

Launched in 1998, when Madonna Place hired their first dedicated case manager for fathers, the Fatherhood Initiative serves between 170-225 men each year. Three full-time program staff members help men to get their own lives together, the first step in becoming a better father. With referrals to other agencies, the men receive legal assistance and help with problems such as substance abuse. Finding a job is an important step so that they can provide financial support to their children to help lift them out of poverty.

Executive Director Nancy Gentes, who has been at the family support center since 1991, has seen the positive outcomes.

"First and foremost, we want children's lives to be better, and a dad who is involved in a positive way and taking full responsibility for them is best for kids. We want to support fathers in a way that benefits the child," says Gentes. "One of the best ways a man can be a better a dad is to be kind, considerate, and a good co-parent with the child's mother." The program teaches them ways to communicate without conflict and how to mediate.

Although the program serves men in their teens to those who are grandfathers, the average participant is a low-income man in his early thirties who is struggling with multiple issues. One of 10 state-certified fatherhood programs in Connecticut, and the only one in the eastern region, the program offers individualized attention, educational and support groups, and a strong presence for court advocacy. It even includes a hands-on tutorial called "Dr. Dad" that teaches basic home medical needs such as taking a child's temperature.

"The Community Foundation has given us outstanding support over the years," says the executive director. "State funding can go up and down like a roller coaster from year to year, so private funding helps us to do more and to stay focused on our mission." The Community Foundation





awarded a \$14,000 grant to the fatherhood program in 2014.

Madonna Place served nearly 3,000 children and adults last year. Although Gentes and her staff diligently track the multiple outcomes of the agency's programs from year to year, they themselves play an important role that is hard to measure.

In one instance, a young man who had grown up in foster care

had never even seen a photograph of himself as a baby. Gentes remembered that his parents had visited Madonna Place shortly after he was born in the early 1990s. In her files, she found old photos of his mother and father at the Center, smiling and cradling him. Seeing those images of his parents as loving, caring people was therapeutic. It helped him to

understand that his parents did the best they could at the time.

"We do a lot of work here based on evidence, best practices, research, and support, but sometimes it's what you can *say* to a person — the nontangible support — that makes the difference and gives them hope."

www.madonnaplace.org

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Science and Second Graders: a natural learning experience

THEY HAD JUST PROMISED to be silent, but the 23 children took a collective gasp. Crystal Taylor, the science educator from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, had suddenly opened a cloth bag and taken out the biggest snake they'd ever seen.

In that moment, environmental science, which the second graders had been studying all spring at Uncas Elementary School in Norwich, had just gotten real — very real — as the reptile coiled itself around the young woman's arm.

"Does that snake bite?" asked a seven-year-old boy.

"Well, she isn't poisonous, but the fact is that all snakes can and will bite," Taylor replied while calmly walking around the Nature Center's classroom.

The science educator had ventured into their classroom two times in the past six weeks, bringing resources and exhibits from the

Nature Center in Mystic. As part of "Organisms of Connecticut," an ambitious program funded through the Community Foundation's Norwich Youth Grants,

the children learned to identify the basic functions of plants and animals. All 440 of the second graders in the Norwich Public School system participated in the program this past year.





"They did beautifully with the classroom visits," their teacher Amy Kenyon said. She found that the highly visual, hands-on aspect of the program helped her students to retain information. In a final evaluation, all of her students were able to identify the basic plant and animal structures, special adaptations, and all the major types of habitats in Connecticut. It was a significant accomplishment for the seven-year-olds, who kept science journals of their observations.

The in-school visits are followed by a trip to the Nature Center's indoor exhibits as well as woodland, wetland, and meadow habitats. Norwich schools operate on a tight budget, and for many students, the trip to the nature center may be their only yearly field trip. More important, however, Norwich

students have scored higher on the science Connecticut Mastery Test since the Nature Center launched the program five years ago.

The mission of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center is "to inspire an understanding of the natural world and ourselves as part of it — past, present and future." The Nature Center's science educators hope that the ongoing "Organisms of Connecticut" program will plant a seed of environmental consciousness in every student it reaches.

While they are identifying the cry of a red-tailed hawk, handling the pelt of a black bear, or looking under rocks for salamanders, the students are asking questions and seeking factual answers. Perhaps they will understand what the world looks like from a snake's point of

view, and the role that reptiles play in the larger ecosystem. That's just one of several valuable lessons that will help the students adapt to their own changing environment, and perhaps, one day, to change the world for the better.

www.dpnc.org



Working to end homelessness in Windham County

NOT MANY ORGANIZATIONS

are pursuing the same goal as the Windham Region No Freeze Project: in the next five years, the grassroots organization would like to close its doors forever. Having provided temporary emergency shelter to the area's homeless population for the past 10 years, the nonprofit agency is part of a multi-partner effort to end homelessness in Connecticut once and for all.

"It's exciting to think that the problem of homelessness could end in our area one day and to work towards that goal," says Leigh Duffy, who has served as the project's executive director for the past five years. Eradicating homelessness requires big changes and coordination, she acknowledges. State and local agencies are streamlining the

current system, and beginning to meet people's need for permanent supportive housing immediately, not after months on a waiting list.

The roots of the area's homeless problem stretch deep into the issues of rural poverty, creating a small but highly vulnerable population with neither jobs nor transportation. The winter of 2014-15 was particularly hard on dozens of men and women who survived in makeshift camps under bridges and along the Willimantic River. From October to April, the No Freeze Project opens its doors in the evening to homeless adults over the age of 18. Unlike most shelters, it does not require that guests show identification. Last winter, all of its 30 beds were occupied every night, and sometimes 10-15 more visitors had to sleep sitting in chairs. Although not equipped to do so, the shelter sometimes stayed open all day when the wind chills dropped below zero degrees.

Duffy and her seven part-time staffers and volunteers ensure that their visitors have a safe place to

sleep during the nighttime hours. For several hours each afternoon, project workers switch their focus to case management, making referrals to other services for health care and affordable housing.

In addition to managing fundraising events, Duffy also focuses on education and outreach, teaching others in the community about the issues of homelessness. Every year, more than 40 students from nearby Eastern Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut volunteer at the center or support it through service learning projects.

With neither state nor federal funding, the shelter is entirely dependent on private, local contributions. A \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation's Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund paid the heating costs for the converted warehouse space last winter and provided hot water for the showers. Also through the Community Foundation, the Windham Area Women & Girls Fund awarded \$5,000 to the shelter in 2014.

"Their support will ensure that we are here for every woman who comes to our door," says Duffy. "They are so grateful that they have a safe, warm place to stay."

Often there are happy outcomes, such as when a homeless man and woman who had met at the shelter decided to get married. Not long after their wedding at the nearby soup kitchen, the couple received the best present imaginable: a place of their own to live.

www.windhamnofreeze.com



2014 GRANTS: Your Generosity at Work

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

Windham Area

Willimantic Welfare Bureau Fund — \$18,160

Holy Family Home and Shelter
Interfaith Human Services of Putnam

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG)
Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center

Women & Girls Fund — Windham Area — \$26,904

Connecticut Legal Services
Covenant Soup Kitchen
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry
Windham County 4-H Foundation
Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center

Norwich Area

Sears & Frisbie-Chapman Funds — Norwich Youth — \$105,000

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
City of Norwich — Recreation Department
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Helen Keller International/Childsight
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
Norwich Public Schools/BRIDGES Summer Program
Norwich Public Schools — Samuel Huntington
Elementary School

Norwich Youth and Family Services
Ocean Community YMCA
Otis Library
Safe Futures
Sea Research Foundation-Mystic Marinelife Aquarium
Thames River Community Service

Southeast Area

Unrestricted/Let's Read Fund & Love Our Libraries Fund — \$613,656

American Red Cross-Connecticut Chapter
The Arc New London County
Avalonia Land Conservancy
Avery-Copp House Museum
Capital Good Fund
Care and Share Soup Kitchen
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich
The Center: A Drop-In Learning & Resource Center
Center for Hospice Care
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Colonial Theatre School
Community Coalition for Children
Connecticut Ballet
Connecticut College
Connecticut Legal Services
Connecticut Lyric Opera
Connecticut Science Center
Connecticut Storytelling Center

The Connection
Cove Center for Grieving Children
Covenant Shelter of New London
Eastern Connecticut Ballet
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center
Expressiones Cultural Center
Florence Griswold Museum
FRESH New London
Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut
Garde Arts Center
Girls on the Run of Southeastern Connecticut
Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut
Hearing Youth Voices
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
Higher Edge
Historically Black College Alumni
Horses Healing Humans
Hygienic Art

Judy Dworin Performance Project
 Kids in Distressed Situations
 Lawrence + Memorial Hospital
 Ledge Light Health District
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum
 Madonna Place
 Malta
 Martin House
 Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement
 Mystic & Noank Library
 Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality (MASH)
 Mystic Arts Center
 Mystic Ballet
 Mystic Seaport Museum
 Natchaug Hospital
 Neighborhood Music School
 New England Science & Sailing (NESS)
 New London Adult and Continuing Education
 New London Community Orchestra
 New London County Historical Society
 New London Homeless Hospitality Center
 New London Main Street
 New London Maritime Society
 New London Youth Affairs
 New London Community Boating
 Noank-Mystic Community Band
 Ocean Community YMCA
 OIC of New London County
 Operation Fuel
 Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
 Reforest the Tropics

Riverfront Children's Center
 Striving Toward Empowered Personal Success (STEPS)
 Safe Futures
 SE Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence
 (SCADD)
 SE Regional Action Council (SERAC)
 Sea Research Foundation-Mystic Marineline Aquarium
 Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries
 Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition
 Southeastern Connecticut Television
 St. Mark's Toddler Playgroup
 St. Vincent de Paul Place
 Stonington Education Fund
 Stonington Free Library
 Surfers Drum & Bugle Corp Alumni Association
 Thames Area Citizens Advocacy Program
 Thames River Community Service
 Thames Valley Sustainable Connections
 Three Rivers Community College
 Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA)
 UCONN Avery Point
 United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut
 United Cerebral Palsy/Hartford
 United Community & Family Services
 United Way of Southeastern Connecticut
 United Way/Prevention Fund
 Visiting Nurse Association of SECT
 Waterford Country School
 WARM Shelter
 Workforce Alliance
 Writer's Block Ink

Women & Girls Fund — Southeast Area — \$86,035

Catholic Charities
 Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT
 Connecticut Community Care
 Martin House
 New London Adult and Continuing Education

OIC of New London County
 Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
 Safe Futures
 Thames River Community Service
 Visiting Nurse Association of SECT

People for Animals & Wildlife (P.A.W.) Fund — \$10,000

Animal Welfare League of New London County
 Beech Brook Farm

Groton Animal Foundation

Northeast Area

Women & Girls Fund — Northeast Area — \$10,000

Access Community Action Agency
 The Arc of Quinebaug Valley

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG)

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Albano Ballet Company of America
 American Red Cross-CT & RI Region
 The Arc of New London County
 Avalonia Land Conservancy
 The William W. Backus Hospital
 Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
 Bethsaida Community
 Boston Workers Alliance
 Bring Our Music Back
 Buffalo City Mission Society
 Cactus Jack Foundation
 Cambridge School of Weston
 Capital Good Fund
 Care and Share Soup Kitchen
 Catholic Charities
 The Center: A Drop-In Learning & Resource Center
 Center for Hospice Care
 Center for Labor Education and Research
 Center for Professional Education of Teachers
 Child & Family Agency of SECT
 Children's Museum of SECT
 Chinese Progressive Association
 City Life/Vida Urbana
 City of New London
 City of Norwich - Recreation Dept.
 Colonial Theatre School
 Common Cents EMS Supply*
 Community Children's Center
 Community Labor United
 Connecticut Audubon Society
 Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness
 Connecticut College Children's Program
 Connecticut Early Music
 Connecticut Fund for the Environment
 Connecticut Legal Services
 Connecticut Public Television & Radio
 Connecticut Science Center
 The Conway School

The Cove Center for Grieving Children
 Covenant Shelter of New London
 Crosby Fund for Haitian Education
 Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
 Denison Society
 Doctors Without Borders USA
 Downtown New London Association/NL Irish Parade
 Dr. William Henderson Inclusion Elementary School
 Earth Island Institute/Friends of Muonde
 East Bay Center for the Performing Arts
 Eastern Connecticut Ballet
 Eastern Connecticut Community Garden Association
 Environmental Defender Law Center
 Eugene O'Neill Theater Center
 Expressiones Cultural Center
 Facing History and Ourselves
 Fletcher School
 Flock Theatre
 Florence Griswold Museum
 Food Bank of Western NY
 Fractured Atlas
 FRESH New London/TSNE
 Friends of Fort Trumbull
 Friends of Harkness Memorial State Park
 The Friendship School
 Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut
 Garde Arts Center
 Girls on the Run of Southeastern Connecticut
 Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT
 Haitian Health Foundation
 Hartford Hospital
 Hearing Youth Voices
 Heavy Hitters USA
 The Hewitt School
 Heyday
 High Hopes Therapeutic Riding

Higher Edge
 Hispanic Alliance of SECT
 The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund
 Holy Family Home and Shelter
 Horses Healing Humans
 Hygienic Art
 Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC)
 I-Park Foundation
 Ivoryton Playhouse
 Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
 Judy Dworin Performance Project
 Katherine Forest Crafts Foundation
 The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center
 The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America
 Kenyon Review
 KRCB North Bay Public Media
 La Grua Center
 Lawrence + Memorial Hospital
 LEARN
 Ledge Light Health District
 Life Support Systems*
 The Light House
 Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut
 Los Banos Liberation Memorial Scholarship Foundation
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum
 Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts
 Lyme Ambulance Association
 Lyme Land Conservation Trust
 Lyme Public Library
 Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation
 Lyme/Old Lyme Little League
 Lymes' Youth Service Bureau
 Madonna Place
 Martin House
 The Masters School
 Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
 Millbrook School

Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement
 The Musella Foundation for Brain
 Tumor Research
 Musical Masterworks
 Mystic & Noank Library
 Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality
 (MASH)
 Mystic Arts Center
 Mystic Seaport Museum
 Natchaug Hospital
 Natchaug School
 National Football Foundation/
 SECT Chapter
 New England School of Metalwork
 New England Science & Sailing
 (NESS)
 New London Adult and Continuing
 Education
 New London Babe Ruth Baseball
 New London Community Boating
 New London Community
 Orchestra
 New London County
 Historical Society
 New London Education Foundation
 New London High School Football
 Gridiron Club
 New London Homeless Hospitality
 Center
 New London Main Street
 New London Maritime Society
 New London Music Festival
 New London Parks Conservancy
 New London Soccer Club
 New London Youth Affairs
 New London Youth Football League
 Noah's Light Foundation
 Noank Baptist Church
 Noank Mystic Community Band
 North Windham School PTO
 Norwich Free Academy (NFA)
 Foundation
 Norwich Free Academy/
 Project Outreach
 Norwich Human Services
 NYU Steinhart
 Oakland Schools Foundation
 Ocean Community YMCA
 OIC of New London County
 Old Lyme Land Trust

Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes
 Library
 Operation Fuel
 Our Companions Domestic Animal
 Sanctuary
 Oxfam America
 Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
 Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for
 Philippine Development
 Pine Point School
 Planned Parenthood of Southern
 New England
 Point Reyes National Seashore
 Association
 Proactive Safety/R&M Associates*
 PTO of Natchaug Elementary School
 Public Library of New London
 Read to Grow
 Read to Ride
 Reforest the Tropics
 Regional Multicultural Magnet
 School Foundation
 River Gallery School
 Riverfront Children's Center
 Riverside Park Conservancy
 Sacred Heart Educational Center
 Safe Futures
 Save Ocean Beach
 Sea Research Foundation-Mystic
 Marinelife Aquarium
 Sea-Legs
 Selections
 Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries
 Silver Hill Hospital
 Slow Money
 Southeastern Connecticut Cultural
 Coalition
 Spirit of Broadway
 St. Anne's Episcopal Church
 St. Francis House
 St. Jude Children's Research
 Hospital
 St. Mark's Toddler Playgroup
 Stonington Community Center
 Stonington Education Fund
 Stonington Free Library
 Stonington Historical Society
 Stonington Land Trust
 Striving Toward Empowered
 Personal Success (STEPS)

Submarine Force Library & Museum
 Association
 Sweeney Elementary School PTO
 Teens Turning Green - Search for the
 Cause
 Ten Strands
 Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer
 Foundation
 Thames Area Citizen Advocacy
 Program
 Thames River Community Service
 Thames Valley Council for
 Community Action (TVCCA)
 Three Rivers Community College
 Tri-County ARC
 The Trust for Public Land - CT
 United Community & Family
 Services
 United Way of Southeastern
 Connecticut
 University Liggett School
 Visiting Nurse Association of SECT
 WARM Shelter
 Waterford Country School
 Waterford High School
 Waterford Little League South
 Waterford Pre-Teen Basketball-
 Neil Hoelck Tournament
 Waterford Public Library
 Waterford Youth Football
 Waterford Youth Service Bureau
 Williams School
 Windham Center School PTO
 Windham Regional Arts Council
 Workforce Alliance
 World Ocean School
 Writer's Block Ink
 WSHU Public Radio
 Yale-New Haven Hospital/Smilow
 Pediatric Oncology Unit

*For automated external defibrillators
 (AEDs) for public spaces

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

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

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

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

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

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

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

DESIGNATED FUNDS

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

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

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

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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Forward thinking benefactors opened educational doors for more than 200 students thanks to these funds that provided \$440,342 in scholarships.

Alcino M. Almeida Scholarship Fund	1997	General Scholarship Fund	2000
Dr. James T. Anderson Scholarship Fund	2011	Danny Gilman Memorial Scholarship Fund	2013
Arnold W. Avery Scholarship Fund	2004	Edward & Fuzzy Gipstein Scholarship Fund	1999
Dennis S. Barlow Scholarship Award Fund	2012	RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award	2006
Beaumont Scholarship Fund	2006	Clayton M. Grey Memorial Scholarship Fund	2014
Malcolm F. & Harriet B. Brown Scholarship Fund	2006	Frederick, Theodore & James Haddad	2007
Cahill Black Point Education Fund	2012	Scholarship Fund	
Daniel Canter Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008	Rachel E. Harma Scholarship Fund	2006
Cynthia A. Carano Memorial Scholarship Fund	2010	Esther & Lucie Harmon & Leta Sabin Trepal	2012
Harold D. Carpenter Scholarship Fund	2012	Scholarship Fund	
Paul N. Carpenter Athletic Memorial	1992	Edith M. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008
Scholarship Fund		Harvey Family Scholarship Fund	1996
Kemaphoom "Ahn" Chanawongse	2004	Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund	1983
Scholarship Fund		Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund	1983
Matthew Chew Memorial Scholarship	2010	Dr. Isadore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
Fund for the Arts		Edwin C. Higgins, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2004
Citizens Bank Community Service	2001	Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund	2003
Scholarship Fund		Ruben Elijah Reiser Johnson Scholarship Fund	2011
Ernest W. & Elizabeth K. Cone Scholarship Fund	2007	Walter S. Kapala Scholarship Fund	2014
Margaret Mary Curtin Scholarship Fund	2010	Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship Fund	1998
Hilda Fischer Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund	2011	Latin Network for the Visual Arts Scholarship Fund	2010
John Deligeorges, MD Memorial Scholarship Fund	2007	George & Beverly Letz Fitch Scholarship Fund	1989
Robert T. Desjardins Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008	George & Beverly Letz Wheeler Scholarship Fund	2010
Patricia K. Drake Scholarship Fund	2000	Eleanor K. Lewis Scholarship Fund	2012
David & Sherry Dresback Scholarship Fund	2006	Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund	1988
C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship Fund	1994	Don Lumadue Scholarship Fund	2003
Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004	Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund	1997
Town of Eastford General Scholarship Fund	2012	Mallove Family Scholarship Fund	1989
Thomas J. Ellis, Jr. Scholarship Fund	2013	Peter Matthews Scholarship Fund	2010
William Emberton Scholarship Fund	2012	Christa McAulliffe Scholarship Fund	2012
John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund	1993	Beatrice McEwen Scholarship Fund	1996
Eric Evans Scholarship Fund	2002	Edythe & Harold McNulty Scholarship Fund	2002
Freddy Fayal Scholarship Fund	2005	Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	1996
Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund	1996	William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund	1988
FRESH Scholarship Fund	2008	Alfred G. & Imogen M. Moss Scholarship Fund	2009
John Geissler Memorial Scholarship Fund	2013	Caryn Nesbitt, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008

NL Rotary/Dr. Charles K. Lee Scholarship Fund	1999	CDR James L. Smith Scholarship Fund	2012
Patricia C. Norman Scholarship Fund	2007	Marjory B. Smith Scholarship Fund	1983
Nunes Family Scholarship Fund	2011	Marjory B. & Laurence P. "Jim" Smith Scholarship Fund	1983
John F. O'Brien, Jr. Scholarship Fund	1998	Thomas Soltz Scholarship Fund	1993
Alyce Orenstein Scholarship Fund	2008	Jack Stefanski Athletic Scholarship Fund	2007
Pat & Ernestine Patterson Music Scholarship Fund	1999	Stonington 350th Anniversary Scholarship Fund	2000
Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund	1994	James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund	1993
William Pedace Scholarship Fund	1997	Tuneski/Sheflott Scholarship Fund	1997
Pfizer Scholarship Fund	2013	Viola A. & Henry W. Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund	2004
Dana Michael Poole Scholarship Fund	2012	Union School Association Scholarship Fund	2013
Antone "Billy" Roderick Scholarship Fund	1991	Emil Vaida Scholarship Fund	2012
John F. Root Scholarship Fund	2005	Aldo Valentini Scholarship Fund	2009
Joan & Bob Rutman Scholarship Fund	2001	Waterford Scholars Fund	1996
Carl, Jr. & Dorothy Croft Safford Scholarship Fund	2006	Tim West Memorial Scholarship Fund	2009
Carl, Jr. & Dorothy Safford UCONN Scholarship Fund	2006	Cornelius & Mary Jane York Scholarship Fund	1993
Laura B. Seder Memorial Scholarship Fund	2011		
Mary K. Sharpe Memorial Business Scholarship Fund	2012		
Edith Wheaton Smith Scholarship Fund	2012		

Funds created in 2014 in bold

AGENCY ENDOWMENTS

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

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

FUTURE FUNDS

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

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

Funds created in 2014 in bold

SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS

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

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



PLACES YOU LOVE

CLICK, INC.

THE COMMERCIALLY LICENSED COOPERATIVE KITCHEN IN WINDHAM IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES ON COOPERATIVE VALUES. IT SERVES THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS COMMITMENT TO A JUST, LOCALLY BASED, SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEM. — PHOEBE GODFREY

OUR FOUR WOMEN & GIRLS FUNDS PROVE THAT “TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT”

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

IS THE UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH FOUR WOMEN & GIRLS FUNDS PURSUE THEIR COMMON GOAL: TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS AND REMOVE OBSTACLES THAT PREVENT THEM FROM ACHIEVING POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. WITH A COMBINED ENDOWMENT OF \$2.9 MILLION, THE FOUR FUNDS FOCUS ON SUCH ISSUES AS FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND ON EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS TO MAKE POSITIVE DECISIONS.

Southeast Area Women & Girls Fund

Serves women & girls in East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Lyme, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Stonington and Waterford

- Founded in 1999
- 200 founding members and other donors have built an endowment of \$2.5 million, which includes 18 named funds established by individuals and organizations
- Awarded \$980,173 to 209 programs since inception

Windham Area Women & Girls Fund

Serves women & girls in Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Stafford, Union, Willington and Windham

- Founded in 2004
- 102 founding members and other donors have built a \$340,000 permanent endowment with the partnership of a challenge from the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation
- Awarded more than \$315,000 to 100+ programs since inception

Norwich Area Women & Girls Fund

Serves women & girls in Norwich, Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown

- Founded in 2006
- 41 founding members and other donors have established an endowment of \$60,000 and are working to build it up to \$300,000 over the next four years with the partnership of a challenge from the Edward & Mary Lord Foundation
- Awarded \$62,000 in grants to 15 programs since inception

Northeast Area Women & Girls Fund

Serves women & girls in Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock

- Founded in 2013
- 50 founders and other donors have contributed more than \$70,000
- Awarded inaugural grants of \$10,000 to three organizations in 2014



The Lewis Century Society

The Lewis Century Society acknowledges and honors those individuals who are including any of the Women & Girls Funds in their wills or estate plans. It is named after Harriet Richards Lewis, a New London woman who left the very first bequest to the Female Cent Society, a group of women who, in the early 19th century, gave a penny a week to aid women and children in need. In 1999, the successor organization now known as the Lewis Female Cent Society, turned

over its nest egg to the Community Foundation, setting the stage for all the Women & Girls Funds.

We are pleased to recognize:

Pamela Akins

Maura Casey

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Peg Moran

Dr. Nelly Murstein &

Dr. Bernard Murstein

Julie A. Olson

Evelyn Peyton

Carol J. Williams



PLACES YOU LOVE

MARTIN HOUSE

MARTIN HOUSE IN NORWICH PROVIDES SAFE HOUSING, NUTRITIOUS FOOD, A CARING COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR 56 MEN AND WOMEN. THE STAFF HELPS RESIDENTS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE HISTORIES OF MENTAL ILLNESS, ADDICTIONS, POVERTY, AND HOMELESSNESS, MAKE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO A MORE INDEPENDENT LIVING ENVIRONMENT. AS ONE RESIDENT SAID, "I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING A SECOND OPPORTUNITY IN MY LIFE."
— TYRONICA PEREZ, MARTIN HOUSE, TRANSITIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

STARTING YOUR OWN FUND

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

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MAY BE YOUR NATURAL PARTNER IF YOU LOVE EASTERN CONNECTICUT AND WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE ARE HOME TO 440 CHARITABLE FUNDS CREATED BY GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THE CAUSES THEY CARE ABOUT IN OUR REGION. WE MAKE IT EASY AND JOYFUL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND, WE OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN WITH OTHERS TO HAVE EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ISSUES.

ENDOWMENT OR PASS THROUGH FUNDS?

Selecting the best philanthropic opportunities for you

Endowed funds focus on capital appreciation and generate income in perpetuity. They are placed with a professional investment manager (overseen by our investment committee and Board of Trustees) with a strategy of growth over time for perpetuity and grant making that keeps pace with inflation. A portion of the return is used to make grant and scholarship awards each year.

Pass-through funds are by definition impermanent. As a result, they remain liquid and accessible. The funds can be distributed upon recommendation of the donor at any time, publicly or anonymously, according to your wish. With one gift of cash or securities, you can easily and efficiently benefit multiple organizations or causes.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Endowed and Non-Endowed

You select:

- The organizations you wish to support and at what level.
- A successor with advisory rights to your fund's grant making, if you so wish.
- A possible beneficiary agency or field of interest at the end of the advisory privilege.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

You select:

- The charities you want to support when you start the fund.
- Whether you wish to endow the fund in perpetuity or to spend down the principal over a predetermined period of time.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

You select:

- An area(s) of interest, like arts & culture, early childhood education, providing for basic needs, or environmental preservation at the time you start your fund.

The Community Foundation selects:

- The nonprofit organizations that offer the most promising and successful projects and solutions in your area(s) of interest.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

You select:

- The criteria by which students will be selected: educational institutions or geographic area from which the students come, area(s) of study they will pursue, level of academic achievement, community



service, and other factors. You can also decide whether the awards are based on need or on merit.

The Community Foundation selects:

- The qualified student(s).

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

You entrust:

- The staff and trustees of the Community Foundation to distribute your gift where it is most needed in the community through a competitive grants process.

The Community Foundation:

- Conducts site visits to nonprofit organizations and reviews a range of financial and outcome data.
- Convenes a volunteer grants committee of community residents to select those nonprofits that are best able to address critical needs and enhance the quality of life throughout eastern Connecticut while evaluating the return on your charitable investment.

SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS

These funds strengthen the Community Foundation's role as a leader, convener, funder, and advocate for philanthropy throughout eastern Connecticut.

PLACES YOU LOVE

HEARING YOUTH VOICES

I ENTERED THE PROGRAM WITH THE MINDSET THAT I LIVED IN A WORLD THAT WAS UNFAIR. I THOUGHT THAT THE POWER BELONGED TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT WAS THE END OF THAT STORY. THAT MINDSET QUICKLY FADED WHEN I WALKED THROUGH THE PROGRAM DOORS. NOW I SEE THAT INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR A CHANGE TO OCCUR, THAT I HAVE TO BE THE CHANGE. IF WE DON'T LIKE THE WORLD THAT WE ARE LIVING IN, WE CAN'T JUST COMPLAIN ABOUT IT AND EXPECT IT TO CHANGE ON ITS OWN. — NYLAH GREAVES, 17, A SENIOR AT NEW LONDON HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

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

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



PLANNED GIFTS

When you wish to give later...

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

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

If you would like to learn more, please visit us at www.cfect.org or contact Alison Woods or Lilli Rhodes at the Foundation at 860-442-3572, 877-442-3572 (toll-free) or by email at alison@cfect.org or lillian@cfect.org.

PLACES YOU LOVE

HIGH HOPES THERAPEUTIC RIDING

THE SETTING FOR HIGH HOPES IS PICTURESQUE, BUT THE TRUE BEAUTY LIES IN THE WAY STAFF WORKS WITH US. WHATEVER PROBLEM WE ARE WORKING ON — SPEECH, LEARNING, BALANCE, PTSD, OR STRENGTHENING OUR BODIES — THE STAFF TREATS ALL OF US WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT. THEY SEND US A VERY CLEAR MESSAGE: “YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.” — FROM JUDITH COHEN, HIGH HOPES PARTICIPANT AND VOLUNTEER

TO ANYONE, BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, SUMMER CAMP CAN MEAN ADVENTURE, FUN, SOLACE IN NATURE AND A SENSE OF BELONGING ON THIS EARTH. LIKE THE RHYTHM OF HOOF BEATS ON THE ROAD FROM BARN TO BEACH, ACTIVITY AT CAMP HARKNESS IS BOTH GROUNDING AND UPLIFTING, PRACTICAL AND PROFOUND. — KAREN BRITTLE, PATH INTL ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR

An aerial photograph showing a coastal area with a mix of green grass, brown dry vegetation, and a rocky shoreline. A small white house with a grey roof is visible on the right side. The ocean is blue and extends to the horizon. In the background, there are some small islands or peninsulas in the water.

PLACES YOU LOVE

DODGE PADDOCK AND BEAL PRESERVE

ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES IS AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY'S DODGE PADDOCK AND BEAL PRESERVE AT THE END OF WALL STREET IN STONINGTON BOROUGH. TODAY IT IS A TRUE COASTAL PRESERVE, BUT IT HAS A RICH HISTORY OF BUSTLING BUSINESS ACTIVITY. AVALONIA IS DOING ITS BEST TO WORK WITH D.E.E.P. TO PRESERVE THE AREA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF NATURE LOVERS AND HISTORY BUFFS. — BETH MOORE



PLACES YOU LOVE

OSWEGATCHIE HILLS (ABOVE)

"IN THE SILENCE OF THE WOODS, YOU WILL NOT BE ALONE." — CHIEF SEALTH

OSWEGATCHIE HILLS IN NIANIC: A PLACE OF QUIET BEAUTY, TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE. A RUGGED AND WILD FOREST FILLED WITH PONDS, STREAMS AND SPECTACULAR ROCK FORMATIONS, RISING DRAMATICALLY FROM A BEAUTIFUL TIDAL RIVER. A LANDSCAPE LARGELY UNTOUCHED BY MAN SINCE THE DAYS OF THE NEHANTIC INDIANS. — MIKE DUNN

DONALD R. HENNE MEMORIAL PRESERVE (RIGHT)

IN ANY SEASON, I'M DRAWN TO THE DONALD R. HENNE MEMORIAL PRESERVE IN NORTH STONINGTON, A 100-ACRE REFUGE OF UPLAND FORESTS AND BEAVER-CRAFTED WETLANDS MANAGED BY THE AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY. THE HENNE IS HOME TO A DIVERSE ARRAY OF WILDLIFE, FROM NESTING TREE SWALLOWS AND OSPREY, TO BUTTERFLIES, DRAGONFLIES, AND STAR-NOSED MOLES. THE PLANTS ARE EXQUISITE, TOO, WITH LILIES, IRIS, SWAMP MILKWEED, AND OTHER EYE-CATCHING GEMS. THE STARS OF THE HENNE SHOW ARE THE GREAT BLUE HERONS. — BRUCE FELLMAN



THE LEGACY SOCIETY

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

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

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PLACES YOU LOVE

THE HOFFMAN EVERGREEN PRESERVE

OWNED BY THE AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY, INC., THE HOFFMAN PRESERVE IS A FAVORITE PLACE FOR MANY IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT. THE 198.6-ACRE PRESERVE IS SITUATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ROUTE 201 JUST BEFORE THE NORTH STONINGTON BORDER. THE DONOR OF THE ORIGINAL PROPERTY PLANTED MORE THAN 100,000 EVERGREEN TREES; HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO REPLICATE, ON A SMALL SCALE, THE WOODS OF NORTHERN CANADA THAT HE LOVED SO DEARLY. MILES OF WELL-MARKED TRAILS ARE SUITED FOR HIKING, SNOWSHOEING, AND BIRD WATCHING. — RICK NEWTON

PEOPLE WHO CARE

Individuals and organizations gave generously in 2014 to support issues that matter to them. Thank you!

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\$500,000–999,999

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\$100,000–499,999

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OLD LYME'S FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM IS
 A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN VIEW ART OR MAKE
 ART. ON A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP OR THE MUSEUM'S
 SUMMER ART CAMP, CHILDREN LEARN TO REALLY
 "LOOK AND SEE." GRANDCHILDREN OF LYME ART
 COLONY ARTISTS COME TO SEE WHERE THEIR
 FAMOUS RELATIVES PAINTED. — OCEAN PELLETT



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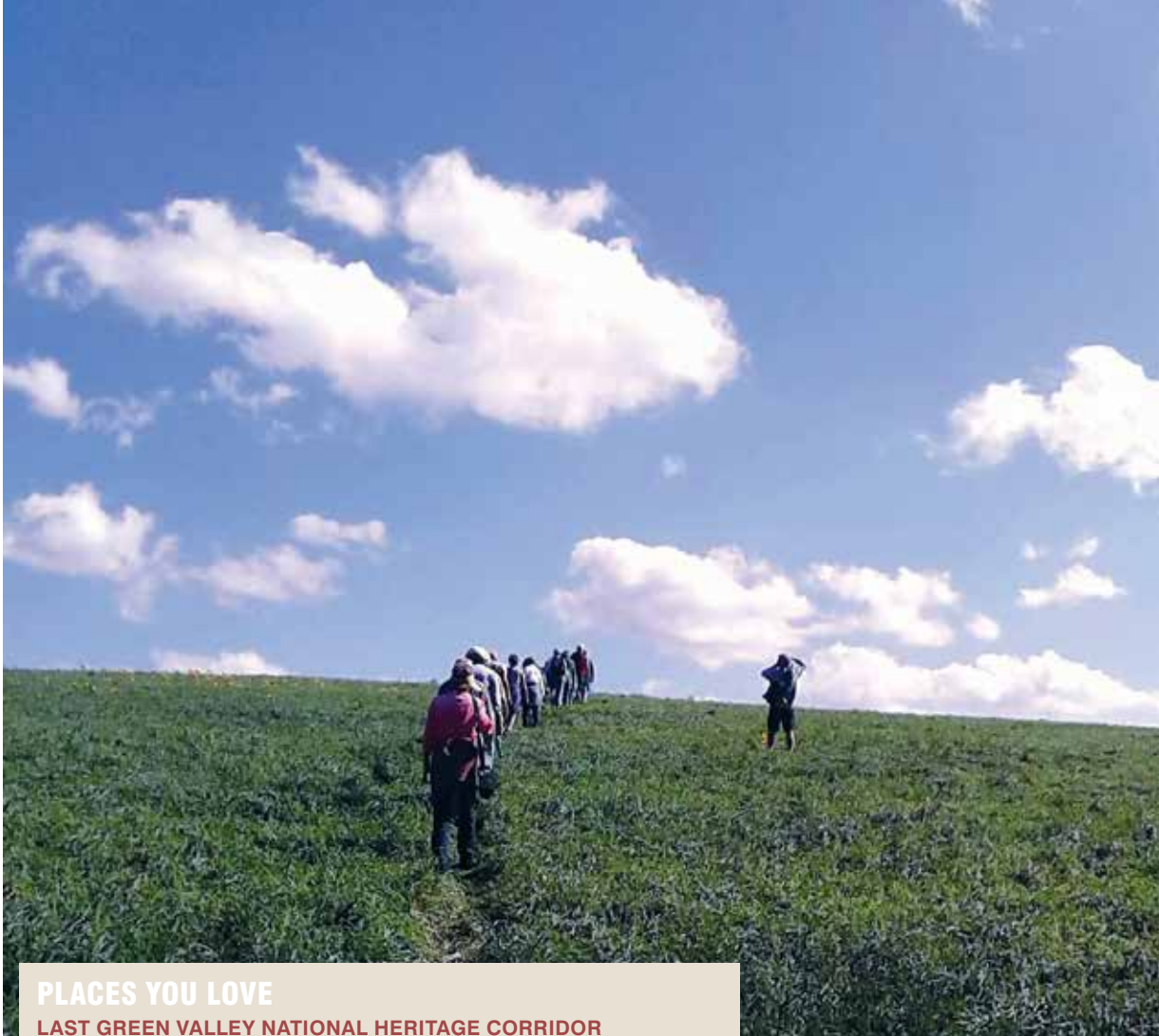
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 Laura Moorehead
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 Blue Moon Designs
 Bousquet's TV & Appliance
 The Bulletin
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 Chase Building Supply
 The Creative Quill
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 Chase Graphics
 DH Copeland Builders
 Dime Bank
 Thomas Doran & Company
 Dynamic Alliance
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 Picture This
 Renee's Working Girl Catering
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 The Spa at Norwich Inn
 Sprucedale Gardens
 Stonebridge Press
 Thompson Ecumenical
 Empowerment Group (TEEG)
 Thompson Raceway Restaurant
 ThomasDoran and Company
 Trink-et Shoppe
 Upbeat DJ
 Delpha & Dan Very

Victoria Station Café
 WINY Radio

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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

We take great care.

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

The Foundation's individual funds are pooled together and are invested in a well-diversified portfolio which includes large, mid, and small-cap U.S. equities, international equities, real estate, alternatives and fixed-income securities (bonds). Our portfolio has less than 3% exposure to fossil fuel companies and is managed with the intent of limiting exposure to tobacco-related investments. A new investment portfolio aligned with the focus of the Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals & the Environment provides an additional option for donor funds to be managed with sensitivity to animal welfare and environmental issues, as well as tobacco-related investments and fossil fuel companies.

In 2014, the Community Foundation had a 6.2% (net of fees) return on investment. Our five-year annualized rate of return is 9.6% which keeps us in line with our objectives of achieving perpetuity and making annual grant and scholarship awards that keep pace with inflation, from the 440 funds that charitable people and organizations have established over the Foundation's 32-year history.

CFECT INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES):

2014	6.2%
2013	16.2%
2012	14.6%
2011	0.8%
2010	10.7%
5-yr Annualized Return	9.6%

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT, INC.

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2014 & December 31, 2013

ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash and Investments	\$53,441,286	\$45,111,589
Split-interest agreements	6,109,451	5,799,978
Property and equipment, net	439,419	678,632
Other assets	61,538	105,248
Total Assets	\$60,051,694	\$51,695,447

LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

Grants and Other Payables	\$646,148	\$456,073
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	53,388,661	45,479,308
Temporarily restricted	2,178,017	1,826,227
Permanently restricted	3,838,868	3,933,839
Total Net Assets	59,405,546	51,239,374
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$60,051,694	\$51,695,447

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT, INC.

Statement of Activities for the Years Ended December 31, 2014 & December 31, 2013

REVENUE:	2014	2013
Contributions	\$10,354,325	\$4,921,054
Investment Gain & Income	2,800,440	6,250,532
Change in value of trusts & split interest agreements	309,67	372,347
Other Income	14,500	19,608
Total Revenue	\$13,478,944	\$11,563,541

EXPENSES:

Grants & Scholarships	\$4,023,103	\$3,490,099
Other Grant Expenses	285,864	274,740
General & Administrative	691,108	685,667
Investment Fees	171,605	161,095
Total Expenses	\$5,171,680	\$4,611,601
Increase in net assets Before other losses	\$8,307,264	\$6,951,940
Loss on disposal of property	141,092	—
Increase in net assets	8,166,172	6,951,940
Net Assets — Beginning of Year	51,239,374	44,287,434
Net Assets — End of Year	\$59,405,546	\$51,239,374

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

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

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