The COMMUNITY Foundation for Greater New Haven

OPPORTUNITY + EQUITY

TOGETHER

2023/24 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY
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Board of Directors

The Foundation’s 11 board members, each an extraordinary community leader in her or his own right, bring remarkable wisdom, expertise, depth of commitment and breadth of experience to our work. For all the diversity of their roles and perspectives, they are united by a shared vision of Greater New Haven as a community of expanding opportunity and greater equity. Their service is itself a gift to the community.

For Board member biographical information, please visit cfgnh.org/board

Marcella Nunez-Smith, Chair
Vlad Coric
Valarie Shultz Wilson

Fernando J. Muñiz, Vice Chair
Terry H. Jones
Heather Tookes Alexopoulos
Special thanks to Maysa Akbar and Joseph W. Gordon, whose seven-year board terms expired at the end of 2023. Special thanks also to those members of the board (indicated with an asterisk below) and to former board chair Khalilah Brown-Dean, who are serving on the search committee for The Foundation’s next President and CEO. The search committee is chaired by Fernando Muñiz.
Together

May 2024

Dear Friends:

As we mark four years since the pandemic’s immense impact first became an inescapable reality, we can take stock of the profound ways in which it has changed our connections to one another. These changes go to the heart of The Community Foundation’s mission and work.

This spring also marks four years since we faced up to another inescapable reality: that our country’s progress toward greater equity — however significant it may be — has been inadequate. The shamefully disparate impacts of COVID on people of color and women combined with the tragic and very public murders of Black Americans in recent years have led The Foundation to dedicate itself to finding new approaches to advancing racial equity.

These realities pose yet unanswered questions to our community. How do we sustain our commitments to one another when broad social forces are redefining the very ways that we — especially younger people — connect? How do we find new ways to transcend age-old divisions at this deeply polarized time? How amidst all the change and uncertainty swirling around us do we realize a shared future of greater opportunity and greater equity here at home?

Answering these questions requires finding new ways to work together. That is why Together is the theme of this annual report.

It is also why The Foundation has stepped forward over these last four years to do more and to do our work differently. This annual report details our 2020–23 Stepping Forward initiative. The Foundation is deeply proud of the unprecedented steps taken, the dollars committed, the work accomplished and the changes made in recent years.

The Foundation is also deeply grateful. As we have stepped forward, many others have stepped forward with us. In 2023, more than $41 million was contributed to The Foundation in gifts and transfers of charitable assets and in government grants. This figure reflects both the enduring generosity of our community and the support that exists here for working together differently.

This annual report highlights ways in which this is happening:

The Foundation is connecting with our community more deeply, expanding who we support and changing how we make and monitor grants. Through our myriad events and in other ways, The Foundation is connecting with our community more broadly too. Particularly notable in 2023 was the expansion of The Foundation’s work in Latine and Black philanthropy.

In 2023, The Foundation launched its work to support entrepreneurs and small business owners, especially women and people of color, and to build a more equitable local ecosystem of small business finance. The Foundation has also continued to support expanded access to growth sectors of the local economy for those historically on the economic margins. In this time when economic and
population growth has happily come back to our central city, inclusive growth is more important than ever.

The vision of a more equitable community will, in the end, be realized only when the leadership of the community is more diverse. For that reason, The Foundation’s priorities include developing the next generation of diverse leaders and changemakers in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors.

Philanthropy needs to challenge rather than reinforce traditional thinking about race. The Foundation is promoting a very different racial narrative — one that celebrates Black excellence and achievement in our local history. The Foundation has also taken its internal DEI work to the broader community, engaging dozens of organizations and hundreds of individuals about the need to address racial inequities by changing the systems and structures of our society.

The Foundation remains committed to these and other new ways of working even as the Stepping Forward initiative has run its course. Thinking and acting differently and urging others to do the same is now central to our role in the community, standing side-by-side with our fundamental principles of honoring donor intent and providing outstanding management of the community’s charitable endowment.

While the opportunities and challenges of 2024 may be different than those of past years, the path to continued progress remains what it has always been: finding bold new ways to stay connected to one another and to work together. That is the hallmark of every successful community.

The Foundation is playing our part. As always, we invite you to join us in the work of community.

Sincerely,

Marcella Nunez-Smith
Chair

William W. Ginsberg
President & Chief Executive
The Foundation’s Strategic Framework 2020-2024

**GOALS**

**ENGAGEMENT, GIVING, IMPACT**
Expand support of, outreach to and input from diverse community residents and institutions

**INCLUSIVE GROWTH**
Create opportunity, promote inclusion, and reduce inequities through inclusive growth across Greater New Haven.

**CAPACITY + CULTURE**
Build the capacity and strengthen the culture of The Foundation

**OBJECTIVES**

- Broaden Reach and Deepen Relationships
- Grow and Diversify Local Giving
- Increase the Impact of all types of Community Investments
- Build Community-wide Ownership for Regional Inclusive Growth
- Support Inclusive Career Pathways in Local Growth Sectors
- Support Development of an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
- Support Effective Governance and Board Leadership
- Cultivate and Support Staff Culture, Capacity and Effectiveness
- Ensure Efficient and Effective Operations

**OUTCOMES**

**GREATER NEW HAVEN IS A COMMUNITY OF EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY**

**STEPPING FORWARD 2021-23**
Make major supplementary community investments to address the impact of COVID-19 and to advance racial equity, funded through both a special appropriation from endowment and fundraising.

**EQUITY IS CENTRAL TO COMMUNITY’S GOALS**

**NEW LEADERS AND NEW IDEAS ARE ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY**

**A TRANSFORMED NONPROFIT SECTOR HAS RESPONDED TO COVID-19**

**LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE THE SERVICES THEY NEED**

**DIVERSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE FOUNDATION IS IMPACTFUL AND DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY**

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When the COVID-19 pandemic struck in 2020, everything changed in our country and for our community. It was a time of terrible losses — lost health, lost jobs, lost progress, lost connections and, of course, far too many lost lives.

At the same time, the appalling murders of George Floyd and other Black Americans put a very human face on the persistence of racism and racial inequities in our society. As the pandemic unfolded, the racial and ethnic disparities in health outcomes, education and financial well-being revealed the inadequacy of the progress that had been made to create a more equitable society.

For The Foundation, the crises of 2020 were a mandate to step forward to respond to the impacts of the pandemic and to advance racial equity. This mandate has meant doing more — spending more by extracting more charitable dollars from The Foundation endowment and raising more in partnership with donors and funders. It also has meant working differently — re-examining and changing our thinking, our processes and our community relationships in order to advance opportunity and equity more powerfully and effectively.
Leading During a Crisis
Since 2020, The Foundation has cast aside many traditional ways of doing business and stepped forward into a leadership role in several of the most pressing issues of our time: responding to the pandemic; advancing racial equity; and creating economic growth that benefits all.

For the first time, The Foundation decided to spend beyond its sustainable rate for maintaining its endowment principal. Over three years, this supplemental funding, combined with new partnerships and an extraordinary response from donors, resulted in $42.8 million in Stepping Forward resources for Greater New Haven. The Foundation used these resources to fund a historic level of grantmaking, including many grants to organizations that had never before received funding from The Foundation. New resources also created three endowed funds for the long-term support of basic needs, racial equity, and building our civic culture; and were used to make the local business start-up ecosystem more equitable for entrepreneurs.

Adapting to Community Needs
To respond to the challenges of the pandemic, The Foundation increased its current-use fundraising. Individual and family donors stepped forward in a big way in 2020, giving a combined $4.2 million to the Greater New Haven COVID-19 Community Fund, created in partnership with United Way of Greater New Haven. This fund, combined with The Foundation’s responsive grantmaking, provided critical grants to local nonprofits working on the front lines of the pandemic at a time when their very survival was at stake.

The Foundation has also grown and changed its grant programs to be more equitable and inclusive. Many new and smaller organizations are now eligible for grant funding under new application processes and guidelines, which have greatly expanded The Foundation’s reach into Greater New Haven. Nearly all grants are made for general operating support, empowering nonprofits to pivot and adapt programs without losing funding. Grant decisions have also been accelerated, cutting the time it takes for nonprofits to receive their funding. And The Foundation has expanded its nonprofit capacity-building programs, which provide resources and guidance for local organizations.

Stepping Forward provided funding for dozens of new and small organizations that received Foundation grants for the first time, as well as expanding funding for established nonprofits.

“The Community Foundation’s support is why we were able to keep our doors open during the pandemic. We never had to close and that was so important because there were even more people in need.”

Judith Barron
Community Dining Room, Branford
Advancing Racial Equity: Diverse Leadership and Narrative Change

Led by the belief that society will only become more equitable when its leadership is more diverse, The Foundation has increased funding and created new programs for diversifying and developing the next generation of leaders in our community. (See p. 28-29.)

The Foundation is also working to change the dominant narratives underpinning our racial divide and to build a shared understanding of systemic racism. It offers free racial equity workshops to the general community and free diversity, equity and inclusion workshops to nonprofits. The Foundation’s Vineyard Project In New Haven is a new initiative that is promoting a narrative of Black excellence and achievement. (See p. 26.)

To create more sustained funding for long-term change, The Foundation also transferred $2.5 million in unrestricted funds to create the Black Futures Fund, which provides grants to Black-led organizations and supports Black leadership and grassroots advocacy.

Creating Inclusive Growth

The Foundation’s Opportunity + Equity strategy is rooted in the idea that achieving sustained progress on our community’s social challenges requires long-term inclusive economic growth. Supporting entrepreneurship is an important way that The Foundation is advancing this strategy. The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company created the New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem (NHE3), a new capital and technical assistance network focused on Black, Brown, and women entrepreneurs and small business owners. (See p. 22.)

The Foundation has raised approximately $11 million to fund NHE3 and support BIPOC technology businesses over the next several years. This funding is provided by partnerships with the City of New Haven, the State of Connecticut, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Liberty Bank Foundation.

To help ensure an economic recovery that benefits all, The Foundation has also prioritized grants to local nonprofits that are improving pathways to careers in the growth sectors of our economy. (See p. 24.)
Stepping Forward by the Numbers
The Community Foundation launched Stepping Forward with an initial plan to raise and allocate $26 million through 2023 to address the impacts of COVID-19 and to advance racial equity. This goal was greatly exceeded, thanks to the extraordinary response from donors, successful partnerships with government and institutional funders, and unprecedented special appropriations from The Community Foundation’s endowment. In total, $42.8 million was raised or appropriated for Stepping Forward’s work to address immediate needs and to endow permanent funds for sustainable funding into the future.

Stepping Forward Funding Sources

$12.7
Gifts and Transfers from Donors, Corporations and Private Foundations

$11.0
Federal, State and City of New Haven Grants*

$7.6
Regular appropriations from The Community Foundation Endowed Discretionary Funds

$11.5
Special Appropriations from The Community Foundation’s Endowed Discretionary Funds and Interfund Transfers

$42.8 million
Sources

Stepping Forward Uses

$2.0
Grants to Small Businesses and Entrepreneurial Support Organizations

$10.4
Endowed Funds: $5.5 million — Basic Needs Fund $2.9 million — Black Futures Fund $2.0 million — Civic Engagement and Awareness Fund

$21.4
Foundation Programs and Grants to Nonprofits for Stepping Forward Purposes

$33.8 million
Uses

*These government grants are for the period 2023–2027. Only the portion distributed through 2023 is reflected in the Stepping Forward Uses chart above.
Over the past four years, *Stepping Forward* has transformed how The Foundation works with and in the community. As we look ahead, our new ways of working hold the promise of deeper engagement in our community and continued progress toward increased opportunity and greater equity for the people of Greater New Haven.

Even with the end of *Stepping Forward’s* special appropriation, The Foundation will continue to work with donors, co-investors, community members and governmental and institutional funding partners to advance the Opportunity + Equity goals of our strategic framework.
2023 Highlights
Events, Giving, Grants and Programs

The following pages highlight how we advanced our mission:

“To inspire, support, inform, listen to and collaborate with the people and organizations of Greater New Haven to build an ever more connected, inclusive, equitable and philanthropic community.”
Bringing the Community Together

2023 Events

In 2023, our community came together to celebrate, learn about some of the most important issues of our time and strengthen our collective commitment to Greater New Haven. We met online and increasingly in person. In total, more than 2,000 attendees came to one or more of the 34 events held by The Foundation for donors and the larger community.

Progreso Latino Fund 20th Anniversary Kickoff
In February, the Progreso Latino Fund kicked off a year of special programming, fundraising and events to honor and celebrate its 20th anniversary with a festive evening at Bregamos Community Theater.

The Great Give 2023 Raised $3.5+ Million For Greater New Haven Nonprofits
The Foundation’s annual online giving event raised $3,548,256 that went directly to 520 nonprofit organizations serving Greater New Haven. Altogether, more than 15,000 individual donors made more than 24,000 gifts. Held in the first week of May, The Great Give is a community-wide celebration of nonprofits on social media and beyond, with many organizations hosting both virtual and live events for supporters.
2023 Community Index Released at State Capitol
The Foundation, together with Fairfield County’s Community Foundation and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, joined with data research partner DataHaven to share highlights from The Community Wellbeing Index 2023, and to promote dialogue with lawmakers on Connecticut’s urban/suburban and racial and ethnic disparities.

Conversation and Networking with Diverse Managers
The Foundation hosted a gathering for investment managers, institutional allocators and consultants as part of its commitment to diversity and inclusion in all aspects of community philanthropy, including investment management. The event featured Connecticut State Treasurer Erick Russell.

The Practice of Democracy: A View from Connecticut
At Gateway Community College, The Foundation hosted a donor briefing conversation between President & CEO Will Ginsberg and April De Simone, curator of the exhibit The Practice of Democracy: A View from Connecticut. The conversation and exhibit examined how land use policies shape the power structure of our democracy.

The Community Foundation Annual Meeting
The 2023 Annual Meeting filled the Lighthouse Point Carousel building and featured a conversation between two national leaders: Foundation board member Keith Churchwell, MD, and board chair Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS, about efforts to address health inequities.
Bringing the Community Together  continued

Professional Advisors Networking Reception
Local advisors enjoyed the craft brews of New England Brewing Company and Zuppardi’s famous pizza while networking. They learned about ways to incorporate strategic giving into their practice areas at an advisor networking reception co-hosted by The Foundation, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Valley Community Foundation.

Community Stories Breakfast Tours
After a three-year pause, The Foundation welcomed back its breakfast tours for anyone interested in learning more about The Foundation and hearing stories of effective work in our community.

New Haven Healthy Start Promotes Breast Feeding
New Haven Healthy Start, a Foundation program, celebrated a new lactation and wellness room at New Haven’s Union Station at an opening ceremony on August 1, part of its work in the community to advance equity in maternal and child health.
Nonprofit Professionals and Volunteers Learn and Connect at Foundation Programs

Nonprofit executive directors gathered for a retreat in May at the Branford Trolley Museum, one of the 56 capacity building programs hosted by The Foundation online and in person in 2023. More than 1,000 representatives from nearly 300 nonprofit organizations attended during the year.

Valley Community Index Launch

The Valley Community Foundation hosted two public forums exploring data from Understanding the Valley Region: 2022 Valley Community Index. The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments presented on the future of transportation in the Valley. A second public forum was held at Griffin Hospital, with a focus on health and wellness in the region.

Donor Appreciation Celebration

In September, The Foundation hosted a donor appreciation event at Common Ground High School, with music by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra jazz quartet and dishes from Sanctuary Kitchen, featuring Common Ground’s sustainably grown produce.
Bringing the Community Together continued

Vineyard Project Promotes Black Excellence
The Vineyard Project hosted a celebration in Oak Bluffs, Martha’s Vineyard, which “has long been a respite for Black families from limiting stereotypes and harmful narratives,” says Leon Bailey Jr., The Foundation’s senior vice president for human resources and organizational culture, who is leading The Vineyard Project.

Donor Briefings Inform the Community
The Foundation held four donor briefings, including Environmental Justice and Climate Change, a virtual panel discussion that included Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice Executive Director Sharon Lewis (pictured).

95 Years of Yale + The Community Foundation
The Community Foundation welcomed Yale community members for a reception hosted by current and former Yale-appointed board members Joe Gordon and Chip Long. The gathering highlighted the many collaborations between Yale and The Foundation. Yale’s president is one of the seven appointing authorities to The Community Foundation’s board of directors.
Disrupting Gender Inequity
The Foundation’s Community Fund for Women & Girls co-hosted a panel discussion for the CT Public podcast Disrupted, hosted by Dr. Khalilah L. Brown-Dean, past board chair of The Community Foundation. The discussion, recorded live at Quinnipiac University, coincided with the release of Elusive Equity: Continuing Effects of the Pandemic on Women’s Economic Security, created by CTData Collaborative and funded by Aurora Women and Girls Foundation and the Community Fund for Women & Girls.

Progreso Latino Fund 20th Anniversary Celebration
In May, more than 200 people gathered for a festive evening of recognizing and amplifying Latine achievement and generosity. The event honored the Progreso Latino Fund founders and featured guest, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.

Celebrating Black Philanthropy: Love in Action
The Foundation hosted an inspiring conversation online in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month, presented in partnership with Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and The Prosperity Foundation. Panelists (L-R): Erik Clemons, Dr. Chaka Felder-McEntire, Ashley Hampton, Andréa Hawkins and Dr. Leon Bailey Jr., moderator.
Gifts and Transfers
Growing and Diversifying Local Giving

The Foundation received **$41.9 million in new gifts and transfers in 2023**, and its endowment grew to $748 million. Individuals, families and organizations opened **51 new funds at The Foundation, a record number**. These new gifts and transfers included:

- **$15.5 million in new endowed gifts, deferred gifts and bequests**, providing permanent grantmaking resources for our community.
- **$11.5 million in new current use gifts and in government grants** for meeting immediate needs in our community.
- **$14.9 million in new organization funds**. Managing endowed organization funds is a service that The Foundation provides as a registered investment advisor.

“The diversity of funding sources reflects so many philanthropic connections in our community, some of which go back many years and others that are new and the result of our strategic focus on broadening our reach in the community.”

Dotty Weston-Murphy
Senior Vice President, Development and Donor Services
Grantmaking and Distributions
Increasing the Impact of Community Investments

$32 million in grants and distributions were made by The Community Foundation in 2023. These were made possible by the many different funds established by donors and organizations over the course of The Foundation’s 95-year history.

These grants and distributions included:

$10.6 million in discretionary grants from funds that donors have established with preference and unrestricted funds. The Foundation used these funds to provide competitive responsive grants to more than 200 local nonprofits as well as strategic grants to advance opportunity and equity.

$7.4 million in distributions to nonprofit organizations* that have entrusted their endowments to The Foundation for investment purposes.

$6.3 million in grants from designated funds that name specific nonprofits for annual distributions.

$5.5 million in grants that donors recommended from their donor advised funds.

$1.2 million in fiduciary grants to nonprofits and for-profit entrepreneurs using funds provided to The Foundation by city, state and federal grant programs.

$970,000 in scholarships from scholarship funds.

*Transfers to the Branford Community Foundation, Guilford Community Foundation, Madison Community Foundation, and Northwest Community Foundation are not included in this figure.
Entrepreneurship has long been a pathway for wealth generation. But many talented potential entrepreneurs in our community lack the connections and resources to turn their ideas into successful businesses. The Community Foundation is working to bridge this gap.

The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company (TCFMIC), working in collaboration with government, institutional and donor investors, is building a business support network for entrepreneurs and small business owners who may not have had access to traditional lenders. The network provides connections to technical assistance as well as capital.

The support network is called the New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem (NHE3), which launched in 2023 with a $7.2 million grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, along with support from the City of New Haven and the Liberty Bank Foundation. NHE3 is reaching and supporting entrepreneurs and business owners through its online web portal, e3connector.com. In 2023, NHE3 made $1.2 million in grants to 227 small businesses — 152 of which were Black-owned (see full list on page 126). Through 2027, NHE3 plans to make 750 grants averaging $6,000.

TCFMIC also received a $2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to fund a new consortium for BIPOC tech startups. The funding will help science and technology firms with growth potential expand through business accelerator programs and access to equity capital.

“We are making it possible for New Haven’s backyards and garages to spur technological innovation just in the way that Silicon Valley did. This $2 million federal grant is a force multiplier for our economy that will unlock additional economic forces and talent.”

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Lovell Hunter is a watchmaker in Derby who received an NHE3 grant for his business, Love Hunter Watches.


Alisha Crutchfield, owner of BLOOM and an NHE3 grant recipient, celebrates her business opening with New Haven officials.
The Foundation is working to expand access to careers in growing local sectors of the economy that provide quality jobs through grantmaking and research, and is bringing together stakeholders to improve our workforce systems.

**Economic Security for Women**
The Community Fund for Women & Girls Pathways to Economic Security for Women initiative grew from a 2021 study commissioned by the Fund, which found that unemployment claims by women surpassed those of men for the first time in state history. Over three rounds of grants totaling $390,000, the program has directly supported 2,989 women in Greater New Haven with job skills programs, entrepreneur coaching and such wraparound supports as childcare and transportation.

**Creating Access to Manufacturing Careers**
An innovative manufacturing training center is paying job seekers to acquire valuable skills while gaining work experience. Manufacturing and Technical Community Hub (MATCH) recently opened in New Haven’s Fair Haven neighborhood in a space renovated by a team that included participants in the New Haven Healthy Start (NHHS) fatherhood program. The fathers also comprise the first cohort for the program, which offers bilingual instruction in a range of disciplines, including sheet metal fabrication, machining, wiring, inventory control, customer service and marketing. MATCH also connects trainees with financial literacy training and other wraparound services. “We are not just a learning hub, but a place where job seekers find support, guidance and mentorship,” says Marcia LaFemina, MATCH board chair. The Foundation is supporting MATCH with a $125,000 grant from its Mission Investments Company (TCFMIC) in partnership with the Amore Propre Fund and a $50,000 grant from the Career Pathways initiative.

**New Labor Market Study Shows Gaps Between Employers and Workforce Training System**
As job openings across Connecticut sit unfilled, thousands of potential applicants remain on the sidelines because of disconnections between employers and the workforce training system. The Labor Market Study of Greater New Haven and the Valley, commissioned by The Foundation and Valley Community Foundation, studies better ways to create access to middle-skill jobs that do not require college degrees and pay living wages. The research involved over 40 listening sessions and interviews with job seekers, employers, job training programs, and other professionals involved in the workforce system.
Ming Hui, founder of ECPotty, and graduate of COLLAB, a Pathways grant recipient, shared her experience developing a smart potty for helping parents with potty training.

Campers at the Life Health and Wellness Center (LHWC) summer camp participate in a financial literacy activity involving an ice cream shop.

MATCH Members of the New Haven Healthy Start fatherhood program worked to transform an empty warehouse into a state-of-the-art manufacturing training facility. They became the first learning cohort.

Report from The Community Foundation and Valley Community Foundation focuses on middle-skill job opportunities that do not require college degrees.
Changing the Racial Narrative
Advancing Opportunity + Equity

Celebrating Black Excellence and Achievement
Dismantling racism and racist structures involves challenging the lie of white supremacy and Black inferiority that has been a dominant narrative in our country’s history. The Community Foundation, like others in the field, is answering this challenge and confronting the role philanthropy has played in perpetuating this harmful narrative.

The Foundation’s Vineyard Project In New Haven derives its name from the island of Martha’s Vineyard, one of several locations that have played a historical and ongoing role in welcoming and celebrating the Black community without discrimination. In this same spirit, The Vineyard Project is recognizing and amplifying the vibrant Black history and culture of our local community.

In 2023, The Vineyard Project supported *Timeless: Telling our Neighborhood Stories*, an exhibit at the Dixwell Q House about New Haven native Constance Baker Motley. She was a major figure in the Civil Rights Movement who was an author of the complaint in the case *Brown v. Board of Education*. Motley became the first African American woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court and to serve as a federal judge.

“This is where my aunt got her start. If it hadn’t been for the Q House, there might not be a Constance Baker Motley. . . Where she was heard. . . . We have our histories, and we have our legacies, and we cannot let that be changed. We have to write the narrative — our narrative.”

Constance Royster, J.D., niece of Judge Motley
In August, The Vineyard Project held a panel discussion on Creating a Black Future Unimagined in Oak Bluffs, Martha’s Vineyard.

Building a Shared Understanding
As The Foundation continues its internal work to build a more inclusive workplace environment, we are also promoting a shared understanding of racial inequity in the broader community. The Racial Equity Institute’s Groundwater Approach is a workshop that builds an understanding of systemic racism and racial disparities in data and historical analysis. In 2023, The Foundation made the training freely available to the wider community over six workshops followed by facilitated conversations. More than 450 members from the Greater New Haven community have participated in these workshops since 2020.

What participants in The Groundwater Approach workshop said:

“Powerful fact-based research and case examples grounded in history.”

“The mix of studies, data, and anecdotes was engaging. It felt like a good framework for challenging and changing narratives on both a local and national scale.”

“There is a lot at stake here; we are all in this boat together.”

“The data they shared was incredibly powerful and something I hadn’t seen before.”

“The webinar provided context and a strong foundation of understanding. To me the next logical step is — How do we dismantle and combat the systemic racism that continues to exist today?”
Women in STEM Build Connections with Students

At the Spanish Community of Wallingford, one of the nine organizations in the Girls of Color Mentoring Network that is supported by the Community Fund for Women & Girls, middle and high school students from Greater New Haven experimented with robotics and met women working in scientific fields.

“They were really inspiring,” said Jazmin Calvillo, a senior at Wallingford’s Sheehan High School who will be the first in her family to attend college. “They showed me that as a woman, I can do anything.”

The STEM event was one of several held in 2023 by the Mentoring Network, which provides college readiness, career guidance, self-esteem and entrepreneurship workshops to girls and young women.

“Visibility is everything for girls and young women,” said Randi McCray, the Mentoring Network facilitator. “You can’t know you want to be something or have interest in being something unless you are exposed to it and you see people like you doing it.”
Three Connecticut Community Foundations Invest in Changemakers

The Foundation has joined with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Fairfield County’s Community Foundation to create the Connecticut Urban Opportunity Collaborative (CUOC) with the goal of dismantling structural and systemic racism by advancing social and economic mobility. The three foundations and others have committed funding to CUOC’S strategy of making direct guaranteed income payments to community residents who are creating change in their homes, communities, cities and our state.

Residents from Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven joined a Community Advisory Council in the summer of 2023 to offer recommendations for creating and managing the guaranteed income program. The CUOC initiative is also driving culture and policy change around poverty by supporting the resident leaders in their advocacy for policy change, investing in data and education on the impact of guaranteed income, and sharing actionable information with policymakers.

Nonprofit Professionals Welcomed to 2023 Management Program

The Foundation welcomed its third cohort to the Nonprofit Management Program for Emerging Leaders of Color. The career development program was created in early 2021 as part of The Foundation’s Stepping Forward commitment to supporting the recovery from COVID-19 and advancing racial equity.

“This program is strengthening the pipeline of leaders for Greater New Haven nonprofits and helping to ensure that the next generation of leadership will be more diverse and more representative of our community,” says Jackie Downing, senior director of grantmaking and nonprofit support at The Foundation.
Progreso Latino Fund
Celebrating 20 Years

During its 20th Anniversary year, the Progreso Latino Fund gave out more in grants than ever before, and informed and brought together the community to celebrate and advance Latine philanthropy.

The Progreso Latino Fund made history with Latine individuals and families creating 21 named funds at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, tripling the number of Latine-founded funds at The Foundation.

These funds, named on the following pages, are permanent and growing charitable resources dedicated to supporting the Latine community.

Advancing Latine Philanthropy
At its 20th anniversary events, the Progreso Latino Fund honored its past and celebrated its present, paying tribute to founders John and Frances Padilla and recognizing the many Latine donors who have built the fund into what it is today.

Grantmaking
The Fund committed to making $100,000 in grants over the two-year period 2023-2024. In 2023, the Progreso Latino Fund awarded $57,500 in grants and scholarships, with $33,500 going to three organizations supporting mental health services for Latine residents: Gateway Community College; Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center; and Spanish Community of Wallingford.

Collaborating to Grow the Endowment
More than $49,000 was raised in matched donations to grow the Progreso Latino Fund endowment.

Informing the Community
*Cultural Mental Health Services Through the Lifespan*, a three-part webinar series brought an informed conversation about mental health to the community.

The Progreso Latino Fund held five additional webinars and forums, including the book event, *Pressing Onward, The Imperative Resilience of Latina Migrant Mothers*, at the New Haven Free Public Library.

Sharing Success
Advisory committee members presented to the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners about Latine giving.
20th Anniversary Funds

Alfalla Caro Family Fund
Lisa and James Newfield

Familia Ijeh Fund
Yari and Richard C. Ijeh

An Aunt’s Love Fund
Camille Ansley

Home First Fund
Yvette Bello and Ilka Torres

Bond Family Fund
Maritza Bond

José Manuel Rojas Memorial Fund
Cynthia Rojas

Burgos Crespo Family Fund
Carmen M. Burgos

La Buena Fortuna Fund
Liana Garcia and Robert Piatkowski

CompARTE Fund
Erandi and Zachary Reiland

La Mariposa Fund
Nancy Roldán Johnson and Craig Johnson
We celebrate the following Latine individuals and families who have taken the next step in giving back to our community by starting named funds.

Read the full fund stories at CFGNH.org/PLF-20-Funds
The various types of funds that can be established at The Foundation over the course of one’s lifetime as well as through one’s estate are flexible in design. Fifty-one new funds, a record number, were established at The Foundation in 2023. We thank our donors for their generosity and community spirit.

*As of December 31, 2023; new funds established in 2023 are highlighted in color. For new funds established with our partner in philanthropy, the Valley Community Foundation, visit valleyfoundation.org.
10.05 Fund
Est. 2010 by Nancy Clayton and Brad Collins

101 College Street Benefits Fund
Est. 2022 by the City of New Haven

2020 Cornerstone Fund
Est. 2020 by Joyce Mailhouse

44-62 Fund
Est. 2014 by the Seedlings Foundation

Anthony P. Adinolfi Jr. Fund
Est. 1997 by Julia DeCapua

**Enola Aird Fund for the Community Healing Network**
*Est. 2023 by Dr. Leon Bailey, Jr.*

Abner A. and Hannah S. Alderman Fund
Est. 1969 by gifts from family and friends of Hannah S. and Abner A. Alderman

John D. Allen and Keith E. Hyatte Fund for LGBTQ+ Interests
Est. 2019 by John D. Allen and Keith E. Hyatte

Alliance of African American Nonprofit Executives Fund
Est. 2008 by members of Alliance of African American Nonprofit Executives

Elsie M. Alling Fund
Est. 1961 by Elsie M. Alling

Olive Alling Fund
Est. 1993 by Olive A. Alling

Margaret Mary Allman Fund
Est. 2012 by Margaret Mary Allman

Amedzofe Fund
Est. 2022 by anonymous donor

Jeanne Meyers Amore Fund
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2004 by Susan Asarisi, Nancy Boney, John Meyers and Kathryn Tonucci

Margaret M. Amrich Fund
Est. 2006 by Margaret M. Amrich

**An Aunt’s Love Fund**
*Est. 2023 by Camille Ansley*

Angel Fund
Est. 2002 by Joseph and Shelly Cogguillo

Chip and Barbara Angle Fund
Est. 2016 by Chip and Barbara Angle

Celia Aniskovich Fund
Est. 2021 by Celia Aniskovich

Anonymous 106 Fund
Est. 2003 by an anonymous donor

Anonymous 108 Fund
Est. 2001 by anonymous donors

Anonymous Fund
Est. 1998 by an anonymous donor

David Anthony Fund
Est. 2012 by David Anthony

Appel-Eitzer Fund
Est. 2020 by Elizabeth Appel and Brian Eitzer

Diane Fried Arika and Walter H. Arika Fund
Est. 2005 by Diane and Walter Arika

Diane Fried Arika and Walter H. Arika Designated Fund
Est. 2021 by Diane Fried Arika and Walter H. Arika

Dr. Stephan Ariyan Foundation Fund
Est. 2001 by Dr. Stephan Ariyan

Mary B. Arnstein Fund
Est. 2001 by Mary B. Arnstein

Sandra Arpaia Scholarship Fund
Est. 1996 by A. Thomas Arpaia

Clara Stella Tropeano Arpaia Memorial Fund
Est. 2012 by Lisa F. Arpaia, Esq.

Fund for Arts and Justice
Est. 2014 by an anonymous donor

Arts Fund
Est. 1980 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors

Russell H. and Lucie E. Atwater Fund
Est. 2008 by Russell H. and Lucie E. Atwater

August Family Fund
Est. 2003 by Stephen P. and Judith N. August

Autumn Fund
Est. 2013 by Ethel and Eric Berger

Axtmayer Family Cancer Fund
Est. 2011 by Alfredo L. Axtmayer II

Bailey Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Joanne and Paul Bailey

Dr. Leon Bailey Jr. Fund
Est. 2017 by Leon Bailey Jr.
Karen Bellamy Fund
Est. 2023 by Karen Bellamy

Back in the late 1990s, Karen J. Bellamy was working on commission at a small independent insurance agency. “I was raising my young daughter and things were getting tight,” she recalled. When a job opportunity at a local bank came up, she told her supervisor she was thinking about working full time at the bank and continuing to do insurance on her own on the side. “He said, ‘You can’t do that. Do you think you’re Superwoman?’”

Bellamy paid him no heed and shaped a plan. She remained with the bank for two more years before setting off in 2000 to start her own insurance agency. “I took that leap of faith,” Bellamy said. “It just puts more fire in your step when someone tells you that you can’t.”

Twenty-three years later, Bellamy is still her own boss as the head of a thriving insurance agency, KJB Associates LLC in Woodbridge. While her employees handle property and casualty insurance, Bellamy focuses on financial and retirement planning with her clients — individuals, mid-size companies, churches and many women business owners. She also talks with them about charitable giving and how even a small gift can make an impact.

Bellamy is creating her own legacy with the Karen J. Bellamy Fund. She chose to work with The Foundation, “because it does so much good for the community. I talk about The Foundation with my clients all the time.”

Bellamy’s fund supports the Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program (ConnCORP) of New Haven, which is investing in local real estate, both residential and commercial, and in boosting the creation of small businesses. Bellamy is inspired by the organization’s mission to drive economic development and economic justice in impoverished communities.

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“In my community, growing up in New Haven, I was always the teacher,” she said. “I’d buy books from the Goodwill store and teach the other kids. We would raise money — make ice pops, fill cups with Kool-Aid — and sell them in the neighborhood to help fund activities.”

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Robert J. and Kathleen G. Bradley Charitable Gift Annuity

After Bob and Kate Bradley graduated from college, they joined VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), the anti-poverty program founded in 1965. The couple spent a year working with migrant farmers and establishing a daycare center in Florida, serving people where there was a need.

“It fulfilled something we’d hoped and dreamed about doing,” Bob said. “It gave us practical experience and was very rewarding. You can talk the talk, but to do something good, you must get up and do it.”

VISTA taught them a great deal about community building, Kate added. “We’ve carried that through our lives — building community — doing what we can.”

It is a tenet central to their lives in Westville, where they’ve lived since the late 1980s. “[It’s] a wonderful community; very diverse, open, accepting and nurturing,” Bob said. “We’ve found a home here.” Kate worked as a nurse for many years and Bob as a systems analyst, making a late-career transition to teaching. Now retired, they enjoy volunteering in New Haven. The Bradleys enjoy their membership in the Westville Village Renaissance Alliance, a nonprofit that runs the annual Art Walk festival and works with local businesses and residents to foster economic and cultural vitality. They also established Blockwatch 303, which beautifies sites with plantings in and around Westville.

“We’re very involved with plantings around Westville; we love doing it,” Bob said. “It’s our form of art.”

To make certain that the community and the nonprofit organizations they care about continue to thrive in the future, the Bradleys established a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) at The Community Foundation.

The CGA will support the Urban Resources Initiative, a community nonprofit that manages and restores New Haven’s tree canopy and green spaces.

The Bradleys’ CGA will also support the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and Elm Shakespeare Company. “The arts are very near and dear to us, and there’s a need for the arts to be supported,” Bob said.

The Bradley’s chose to establish the CGA at The Community Foundation because “they do a wonderful job managing and investing; they manage it very well,” Kate said. “It’s important for nonprofits to have funds they know they can count on annually, and it’s helpful to show they have ongoing support to bring in other funders.”

The Bradleys’ hope is that the next generation is similarly inspired to volunteer and give and experience the joy that they have found from doing so. “This is a way for us to continue our hopes and goals beyond our lifetimes,” Bob said.
Albert and Ella Baker Fund  
Est. 1969 by Albert A. Baker

Bambi Bailey Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2001 by Barbara Carlson

Regina L. and Gerald E. Barbaresi Fund  
Est. 2021 by Regina L. Barbaresi

Claudia and James Barber Legacy Fund  
for New Haven Youth  
Est. 2002 by Coach Barber’s Track and Field Alumni

Albert Hampton and Catharine Hooker Barclay Fund  
Est. 2003 by Thomas H. Barclay, Albert H. Barclay Jr., Emily M. Barclay and Catharine B. Fender

Albert H. Barclay Sr. Fund  
Est. 1951 by the Armstrong Rubber Company

William C. Barclay Fund  
Est. 1956 by William C. Barclay

Barnett Family Fund  
Est. 1986 by Joni Barnett

Alice M. Barnum Fund  
Est. 1958 by Alice M. Barnum

Barrie Muir Fund  
Est. 2009 by an anonymous donor

Henry E. and Nancy Horton Bartels Fund for Education  
Est. 2008 by Henry E. and Nancy Horton Bartels

Nancy H. and Henry E. Bartels Fund for the Garden Club of New Haven  
Est. 2013 by Henry E. and Nancy Horton Bartels

Basic Needs Fund  
Est. 2020 by the Seedlings Foundation

Myrna and Arnold Baskin Fund for the New Haven Symphony Orchestra  
Est. 2022 by Myrna Baskin

Myrna and Arnold Baskin Fund  
Est. 2009 by Myrna Baskin

Baxter Fund  
Est. 2016 by Dolores Giannini

Richard and Alice Baxter Fund  
Est. 2015 by Richard and Alice Baxter

Richard and Alice Baxter Designated Fund #2  
Est. 2022 by Richard and Alice Baxter

Richard and Alice Baxter Designated Fund #3  
Est. 2023 by Richard and Alice Baxter

William T. and Florilla B. Beazley Fund  
Est. 1995 by William T. Beazley

Becky Fund  
Est. 2005 by anonymous donors

Karen J. Bellamy Fund  
Est. 2023 by Karen J. Bellamy

Anne Hope Bennett Fund  
Est. 1943 by Anne Hope Bennett

Bert and Ina’s Girls’ Fund  
Est. 2023 by Robin Miller Godwin

Bernadette Bimonte-Hackett Fund for Women & Children  
Est. 2021 by Bernadette Bimonte-Hackett

Miriam Coleman Birdwhistell Fund  
Est. 2015 by Nan Birdwhistell

Carla A. Birmingham and Deborah Kruglik Fund  
Est. 2002 by Carla A. Birmingham

Bishop’s Orchards Family Fund  
Est. 2023 by Keith Bishop and Deborah Bishop

Bishop Fund  
Est. 2005 by Susan Whetstone

Joseph and Susan Bishop Fund  
Est. 1985 by Susan Bishop

Margaret T. Bixler Fund  
Est. 2012 by Margaret T. Bixler

Black Futures Fund  
Est. 2020 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors

Eugene M. Blake Fund  
Est. 1970 by Eugene M. Blake

Harold L. and Leonas T. Blakeslee Fund  
Est. 1987 by Harold L. Blakeslee

Blue Sky Fund  
Est. 2017 by an anonymous donor

Board of Directors Fund  
Est. 1996 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors

E. Irene Boardman Fund  
Est. 1999 by the E. Irene Boardman Foundation

Gerald J. and Helen B. Bogen Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1984 by Gerald J. and Helen B. Bogen

Bond Family Fund  
Est. 2023 by Maritza Bond
Mary Ann Bonenberger Fund for the Bethesda Nursery School
Est. 2008 by Christin and Ben Sandweiss, Rebecca L. Paugh, Jorge Otero and other donors

Dennis Bornick Fund
Est. 1993 by Lydia Bornick

Dr. Harold D. & Maureen L. Bornstein Fund
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein

Harold D. & Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for the Connecticut Children’s Museum
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for the Connecticut Food Bank
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for Connecticut Voices for Children
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for Elm Shakespeare Company
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. & Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for IRIS
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for the New Haven Museum
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for New Haven Promise
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Bornstein Fund for the New Haven Symphony Orchestra
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for Ronald McDonald House
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for WSHU
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein

Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein Fund for Youth Continuum Inc.
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. Bornstein

Marie Borroff Elizabethan Club Fund
Est. 2022 by the Elizabethan Club Board of Incorporators

Marie E. Borroff Endowment Fund
Est. 2020 by Marie E. Borroff

Alice Botsford Fund
Est. 2002 by Alice Botsford

Norma M. Botti Scholarship Fund
Est. 1997 by Norma M. Botti

Botwinik-Horowitz Fund
Est. 1972 by The Botwinick Foundation

Grace Bourne Fund
Est. 1984 by Grace Bourne

Rob and Sandy Bowers Memorial Fund
Est. 1996 by family and friends

Bert Boyson Charitable Fund
Est. 2006 by Bert Boyson

Anna Bradley Fund
Est. 1980 by Anna P. Bradley

Howard Bradley Fund
Est. 1982 by Howard Bradley

Mary and Charles Bradley Fund
Est. 2016 by Mary M. Bradley

Robert J. and Kathleen G. Bradley Fund
Est. 2016 by Robert J. and Kathleen G. Bradley

Grace G. Bright Fund
Est. 2014 by Grace G. Bright

Henry P. Brightwell Fund
Est. 1999 by Henry P. Brightwell

Matthew and Gladys Bliss Brinckerhoff Fund
Est. 1982 by the W. E. Bliss Charitable Foundation

Jennie C. Bronson Fund
Est. 1976 by Jennie C. Bronson

Sarah Sophia Bronson Fund
Est. 1940 by Sarah Sophia Bronson

Alvis Brooker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2011 by of the Black and Hispanic Caucus of New Haven’s Board of Aldermen

Charles B. Brown and Frank L. Manwaring Fund
Est. 1970 by Madeleine E. Brown

Kate Brown Fund
Est. 1982 by Kate W. Brown

Ralph T. “Teddy” Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by Carroll E. Brown, Teddey Brown Jr., Erik Brown and Shawn Brown

Raymond Brown Fund
Est. 1991 by Jane Brown
Buckholz/Fontaine Family Fund
Est. 2017 by Robert E. Buckholz Jr. and Anne Elizabeth Fontaine

**La Buena Fortuna Fund**
*Est. 2023 by Liana Garcia and Robert Piatkowski*

The Bundy Fund
Est. 2016 in memory of Christopher William Caldwell by friends and family

Bundy-Tofflemire Fund
Est. 2017 by James Bundy and Anne Tofflemire

Josephine Burgess Fund
Est. 1981 by Josephine Burgess

Burgos Crespo Family Fund
Est. 2021 by Carmen Burgos

Burt Family Fund
Est. 2010 by Mary Jane Burt

Grace E. Busby Fund
Est. 1962 by Grace E. Busby

George J. Bysiewicz Scholarship Fund
Est. 2000 by Katherine Bysiewicz

Anne Tyler Calabresi Fund
Est. 2017 by Roslyn Milstein Meyer

Flora Calhoun Fund
Est. 1957 by Flora J. Calhoun

Canning Bellemore Fund
Est. 2018 by Edward and Denise Canning

Capers Prize Fund
Est. 2009 by the Capers Committee

Cappetta Family Fund
Est. 2020 by Sharon Cappetta

David A. Cappetta Scholarship Fund
Est. 2014 by family and friends of David A. Cappetta

**Alfalla Caro Family Fund**
*Est. 2023 by Lisa and James Newfield*

Caroline’s Room Fund
Est. 2006 by Gary Doyens and Jocelyn Maminta

Allen and Liza Carroll Fund
Est. 2006 by H. Allen Carroll

**Walter J. Carson and Walter J. Staley Scholarship Fund**
*Est. 2023 by the Estates of Walter J. Staley and Walter J. Carson*

Clare Coe Casher Memorial Fund
Est. 2014 by the family of Clare Coe Casher

Catalyst Fund
Est. 1996 by many donors

Phyllis E. Ceccarelli and Elizabeth Ann Ceccarelli Fund
Est. 2022 by Phyllis E. Ceccarelli and Elizabeth Ann Ceccarelli

Center for Psychology and Culture Fund
Est. 2020 by Urban Community Alliance Inc. and Dr. Maysa Akbar

Charles Chamberlin ‘A’ Fund
Est. 1967 by Charles G. Chamberlin

Charles Chamberlin ‘B’ Fund
Est. 1973 by Charles G. Chamberlin

Changing Children’s Lives Inc. Endowment Fund
Est. 2020 by Dr. Harold D. and Maureen L. Bornstein

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center Scholarship Fund
Est. 2021 by anonymous donors

Betsy Chase Fund for Docents
Est. 1997 by Roberta Yerkes Blanshard

Helen and Wilson Chatfield Fund
Est. 1998 by Helen and Wilson Chatfield

Chauncey Fellowship Fund
Est. 2002 by Edward B. Bennett III

Etta S. Chidsey Fund
Est. 1961 by Etta S. Chidsey

John L. Chidsey Fund
Est. 1964 by John L. Chidsey

Lidia Choma Scholarship Fund
Est. 2018 by Lidia Choma

Chung Family Fund
Est. 2020 by Stephanie and Michael Chung

Church of the Redeemer Community Legacy Fund
Est. 2020 by Church of the Redeemer congregation

David M. Ciardiello Fund
Est. 1983 by Peter Ciardiello

Dominic Cinicola Fund
Est. 2000 by Dominic Cinicola

R. Tony Ciociola Fund
Est. 2022 by Christina M. Ciociola

City Missionary Association of New Haven Fund
Est. 2022 by the City Missionary Society
Civic Engagement and Awareness Fund
Est. 2020 by the Seedlings Foundation
A. Annette S. Clark Fund
Est. 1997 by Annette S. Clark
Bitsie Clark Fund for Artists
Est. 2017 by Barbara Lamb, Mimsie Coleman, Robin Golden, Betty Monz and Maryann Ott
Bitsie Clark Fund for Artists #2
Est. 2018 by Barbara Lamb, Mimsie Coleman, Robin Golden, Betty Monz and Maryann Ott
Katrina Clark Fund
Est. 2017 by friends and family
Sharon M. Clemons “Butterflies” Fund
Est. 2020 by Erik Clemons
Alice F. Cochran Fund
Est. 1944 by Alice F. Cochran
Edwin P. Cochran Fund
Est. 1975 by Edwin P. Cochran
Lillian Opper Coe Fund
Est. 1991 by Sherwin and Clare Casher
Joel Cogen Fund
Est. 2014 by family and friends
Linda and Kenneth Cohen Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Linda and Kenneth Cohen
William S. and Deborah M. Colwell Fund
Est. 2020 by William S. and Deborah M. Colwell
Community Fund for Women & Girls
Est. 1995 by an anonymous donor and many other donors
Community Now Fund
Est. 2017 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors
CompARTE Fund
Est. 2023 by Erandi and Zachary Reiland
Bob and Mary Beth Congdon Fund
Est. 2018 by Robert and Mary Beth Congdon
ConnCAT Endowment Fund
Est. 2022 by Craig Crews
Cynthia D. Conrad Fund
Est. 2019 by Cynthia D. Conrad
Edward Cooley Fund for Music
Est. 1997 by Edward Cooley
James W. Cooper Unrestricted Fund
Est. 1966 by members of the New Haven Foundation Distribution Committee
James W. Cooper Music Fund
Est. 1989 by James W. Cooper
Martha and Herman Copen Fund
Est. 2004 by Herman Copen
Judith R. Corchard Fund
Est. 2011 by Wright Investors’ Service Inc.
Frances Somers Cornell Fund
Est. 1994 by Frances Somers Cornell
Mario S. Correa Memorial Fund
Est. 2020 by Juan Sargeant and Joseph Wilson
Robert A. and Nancy E. Correll Fund
Est. 1993 by Robert A. and Nancy E. Correll
John J. Crawford Fund
Est. 2001 by The Regional Water Authority
Crews McKenzie Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Craig Crews and Katherine McKenzie
Joan M. Crimmings Fund
Est. 2019 by Danielle Thompson
Crippled Children’s Aid Society Fund
Est. 1986 by the Crippled Children’s Aid Society
Critical Public Health Fund
Est. 1988 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors
Susan W. and Sumner McK. Crosby Jr. Fund
Pablo y Mateo Cruz Fund for Fair Haven Community & Economic Development
Est. 2023 by Eliezer Cruz and Sarah Miller
David W. Cugell and Christina Enroth-Cugell Fund
Est. 2016 by David W. Cugell and Christina Enroth-Cugell
Ralph V. and Marguerite P. Currier Fund
Est. 1979 by Ralph V. and Marguerite P. Currier
Enos Curtin Fund
Est. 1995 by Enos Curtin
Jeanet S. Curtis Fund
Est. 2023 by the Estate of Jeanet S. Curtis
Curtis-Higgins Family Fund
Est. 2023 by Leigh and Leslie Higgins
Anna Cutler Fund
Est. 1957 by Anna Cutler
Jacqueline E. D’Addio Fund
Est. 2008 by Tracy D’Addio
Hamden Economic Development Fund
Est. 2023 by the Hamden Economic Development Corporation

The old Newhall Community Center and School was an abandoned, decaying shell of its former self. It stood next to a brownfield, a contaminated field the Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) was remediating and redeveloping.

“The building really was like something out of a horror movie,” said Joseph Aceto, vice president of the HEDC’s board.

“Our executive director Dale Kroop had the foresight and the optimism to see that it could be something else,” Aceto said, noting that Kroop worked for years to obtain grants, to get state help, to get community members involved to make that happen. “He navigated a process that was enormous in scope in terms of cost and time and complexity. Many years and many bumps later, the Hamden Business Incubator was complete.”

“But what we discovered was that while HEDC is very good at creating and developing space, we didn’t have the expertise to run it. A business incubator is a very specific kind of program that takes a huge time commitment to do it right,” Aceto said.

It just so happened that the Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program (ConnCORP) was actively developing the Dixwell/Newhallville corridor and discussed acquiring the building.

It has been transformed into the Lab at ConnCORP, a state-of-the-art incubator “for business and entrepreneurship education forming the ecosystem for minority business growth and increased home ownership.”

The funds from the sale of the building have been used to establish the Hamden Economic Development Fund at The Community Foundation so that economic possibilities can bloom exponentially.

The fund will be used to support programs including “workforce development, entrepreneurship training, business counseling, education and planning, and tech investments,” Aceto said. The HEDC started an advisory committee which is partnering with the Hamden Chamber of Commerce to determine the kinds of programs and projects the fund can support to provide the widest possible benefit.

The HEDC chose to create the fund at The Foundation because “you can see the impact of The Foundation on the community on a regular basis,” Aceto said. With The Foundation’s intricate understanding of the needs in Greater New Haven and with its financial expertise, “you know you are going to get a level of stewardship that is unparalleled.”

The HEDC is excited about the changes the fund will bring about. “If, for example, there’s entrepreneurship training in Newhallville and the program attracts 30 people, and one of them creates a multimillion-dollar company, think of the ripple effect,” Aceto said. “Think of the hiring possibilities and the ability of those employees to have ownership in their community. They could buy a home in the area or start another business or counsel others on creating a company. We are planting the seeds for something to really grow.”
CompARTE Fund
Est. 2023 by Erandi and Zachary Reiland

The arts have always been a core component of Erandi and Zachary Reiland’s relationship. Since they met as students at Quinnipiac University Law School, much of their social time has been spent enjoying concerts and art shows. Erandi comes from an artistic family that includes actors, poets and painters. So, when the couple decided to start a donor-advised fund at The Community Foundation as part of the 20th anniversary of the Progreso Latino Fund, they wanted it to support the arts.

“Music is one of my main passions, and I want to get more kids invested in music and arts and off their digital screens,” said Zachary, who has played the guitar since his teens. For Erandi, the couple’s fund, the CompARTE Fund, also provides an opportunity to honor her father, an actor, and her late cousin, a musician and opera singer.

Both Erandi, 41, and Zachary, 40, were raised by single mothers, and understand the financial barriers that can prevent youth from accessing arts programming. “Unfortunately, a lot of the Latino community — especially in urban areas — is struggling economically and they don’t have the time or money to rent or buy an instrument, or go to a concert or museum,” Erandi said. Amid tight budgets, school-based art and music programs often face deep cuts or elimination.

The Reilands hope their fund can start to change that in small steps. They are investing $8,000 over four years — with an additional $2,000 match from The Community Foundation — and have structured their fund to grow in perpetuity. While their initial grants will be modest, the couple understands small gifts can make a big impact. “Sometimes it’s the small gestures and little things that can make a serious impact on someone’s life,” Zachary said.

Both point to their role models and the lessons they taught as examples. For Erandi, it was her mother, who emigrated to the United States from Mexico to provide her daughter with a better life. “She modeled for me the importance of working hard, respecting others and always doing what’s right,” she said. Not being afraid to fail is the key lesson Zachary learned from his role models, which include his mother and his music teachers. “The people I looked up to weren’t afraid to put themselves ‘out there’ and follow their dreams,” he said.

Zachary hopes the CompARTE Fund can help more young people discover similar opportunities through art and music.

“Learning to think creatively was a big part of my formative experiences growing up,” Zachary said. The arts, Erandi added, also enable youth to build confidence and see different perspectives. “Art helps people to express themselves and celebrate different cultures,” she said.

The value of art also extends beyond the individual artist, Zachary says.

“There’s inherently a community that forms around art,” he said. “Whether it’s a painting class for kids or a music class for adults, it’s a chance for like-minded people to develop real relationships.”

While they are hoping to help to support artistic communities through their philanthropy, the Reilands have discovered a community of their own through the Progreso Latino Fund, which they want to help promote. They plan to invite family and friends to contribute to their arts-focused fund. “The more people are involved, the greater the impact,” Erandi said. “It’s a great way to leave a legacy and pay it forward.”
Ann and Robert Dahl Fund
Est. 2008 by Ann and Robert Dahl

Ann Sale Dahl Fund
Est. 2015 by Ann Sale Dahl

J. Dwight and Anna E. Dana Fund
Est. 1967 by J. Dwight and Anna E. Dana

Maria Dana Fund
Est. 1962 by Maria T. Dana

Olive Louise Dann Fund
Est. 1972 by Olive Louise Dann

Robert B. Dannies Jr. and Priscilla S. Dannies Fund
Est. 1997 by Robert B. Dannies Jr. and Priscilla S. Dannies

Susan and Gustave Davis Fund
Est. 2017 by Susan and Gustave Davis

Arthur Bliss Dayton Fund
Est. 1991 by Elinor Bliss Dayton

Nettie J. Dayton Fund
Est. 1928 by Nettie J. Dayton

Julia B. DeCapua Fund
Est. 1996 by Julia B. DeCapua

Ted and Luisa DeLauro Community Fund
Est. 2001 by Stanley B. Greenberg and Rosa L. DeLauro

John A. and Edna M. DeLeon Fund
Est. 1991 by John A. & Edna M. DeLeon

Ernest R. and Janet B. DelMonico Family Fund
Est. 2017 by Ernest R. and Janet B. DelMonico

Delta Sigma Theta New Haven Alumnae Scholarship Fund
Est. 2006 by the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

Anthony and William DeMayo Fund
Est. 2018 by Andrew DeMayo

Ann Pecora Diamond Fund
Est. 2015 by Ann Pecora Diamond

Michele DiCapua Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2019 by Tara DiCapua and Jordyn Zembrowski

Dickerman Family Fund
Est. 1982 by Wilton E. Dickerman

Wilton E. Dickerman Fund
Est. 1945 by bequest of Wilton E. Dickerman

Janet Saleh Dickson Memorial Fund
Est. 2001 by Johanna Dickson, Emma Dickson, Angela Shashoua, Aboud Bashy, Nan Ross and Frances Clark

Barnett Dickstein Memorial Trust Fund
Est. 1968 by Barnett Dickstein

Dinsmore Family Fund
Est. 2008 by Teddi R. Dinsmore and Kristen R. Van Alstine

Directors Discretionary Fund
Est. 1980 by an anonymous donor

Diva Fund
Est. 2021 by Allison Ann Alkire and Roslyn Rubinstein

Robert B. and Isabella E. Dodds Fund
Est. 1976 by Robert B. Dodds

Grace Donahue and Doris Feldman Fund #1
Est. 1993 by Doris Feldman

Grace Donahue and Doris Feldman Fund #2
Est. 1993 by Grace Donahue

Karen and Harold Donegan Fund
Est. 2004 by Karen and Harold Donegan

Clarence Doolittle Fund
Est. 1967 by Helen R. Doolittle

David Doolittle Fund
Est. 1946 by Clarence L. Doolittle

Frances C. Doolittle Fund
Est. 2000 by Frances C. Doolittle

Brian D’Orso Scholarship Fund
Est. 2003 by Thomas P. and Susan M. D’Orso

Elizabeth Doyle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 1985 by Eva C. Doyle

Jane and Joe Drumgool Fund
Est. 2018 by Kathleen Hermes

Arthur and Margaret Ebbert Memorial Fund
Est. 1993 by Arthur Ebbert Jr.

ECHORN Fund
Est. 2017 by Marcella Nunez Smith

Ecology, Environment and Alternative Energy Research Prize Fund
Est. 2006 by an anonymous donor

Edelweiss Fund
Est. 2009 by anonymous donors
Funds of The Community Foundation

Edwin and Maye Edmonds Scholarship Fund
Est. 2001 by Edwin R. Edmonds

Education Fund
Est. 1981 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors

H.R. Edwards, MD Fund
Est. 2006 by Mrs. Carol K. Edwards

The Richard A. Ehrenkranz Memorial Fund
Est. 2019 by Susan, Jeff and Peter Ehrenkranz

Robert R. and Anita Brand Eisner Fund
Est. 1984 by Anita Brand Eisner

Helmer N. Ekstrom Fund
Est. 1994 by Helmer N. and Joanne Ekstrom and family and friends

Andrew Eldredge Fund
Est. 2016 by David and Stacey Eldredge

Zarou Manoukian Elliot Scholarship Fund
Est. 1990 by Ralph Gregory Elliot

Ells Family Fund
Est. 2015 by Kristina and Theodore Ells

Seton Elm-Ivy Awards Endowed Fund
Est. 2000 by Fenmore R. and Phyllis Z. Seton

Elm Street Maple Fund
Est. 2022 by Joseph Evans

Louise Endel Fund
Est. 2011 by family and friends

Henry F. English Fund
Est. 1946 by Henry F. English

James D. English Fund
Est. 2021 by the James D. English Revocable Trust

Katharine D. English Fund
Est. 1986 by Katherine D. English

Philip H. English Fund
Est. 1986 by Philip H. English

Richard L. English Fund
Est. 2011 by Richard L. English

Richard L. English Fund for Birding Activities
Est. 2011 by Richard L. English

Ercolano Astorino Fund
Est. 2009 by Helene Augustine

ERJ Fund
Est. 2015 by anonymous donors

Mark and Linda Estacion Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Mark and Linda Estacion

Bernard Ettlinger Fund
Est. 1989 by Bernard Ettlinger

Evie’s Fund for ‘r kids Family Center
Est. 2019 by the Board of Directors of ‘r kids

Exemplary Teacher Professional Learning Community Program of the New Haven Public Schools Fund
Est. 2012 by Robert and Bonnie Kreitler

Fair Wind Fund
Est. 2020 by Andrew McLaren, Brooks McLaren, Eliza McLaren, Christopher McLaren, Frances Irvine, Ana Paula McLaren and Dominic Albanese

Marie T. Falsey Fund
Est. 2018 by Marie T. “Mimi” Falsey

Familia Ijeh Fund
Est. 2023 by Yari and Richard C. Ijeh

Eleanor & Henry Farnam Family Fund
Est. 1998 by Eleanor Farnam

Farrel Fund
Est. 2004 by Franklin Farrel III

Fellows Family Fund
Est. 2018 by John Fellows

Irene E. Feltman Fund
Est. 1995 by Irene E. Feltman

Nathaniel K. Fenollosa Fund
Est. 2014 by Amy Fenollosa, family and friends

Ellen Ferguson Memorial Fund
Est. 2016 by Branford Community Foundation

F. Ferguson Family Fund
Est. 2000 by Sarah M. Ferguson

Ruth M. Ferry Fund
Est. 2001 by Ruth M. Ferry

Robert S. Fers Memorial Fund
Est. 1998 by Mary Lou Stamp

First Niagara Fund
Est. 2016 by First Niagara Bank, now Key Bank

Milton Fisher Scholarship Fund
Est. 2002 by the Renee B. Fisher Foundation

Renee B. Fisher Foundation Fund
Est. 2001 by Carol Fisher and Shelley Fisher Fishkin

Rose M. Fisher Memorial Fund
Est. 2003 by Robert Sherman Fisher
Anne Foley Fund  
Est. 1992 by Anne Foley

Grace Foote Fund  
Est. 1974 by Grace Salisbury Foote

George L. Fox (Unrestricted Fund)  
Est. 1932 by George L. Fox

Frew Family Fund  
Est. 2003 by Robert and Susan Frew

Molly Rubin Fried Fund  
Est. 2009 by Diane and Walter Ariker

Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Fund  
Est. 1991 by Saul Friedler

Friends of Boulder Knoll Fund  
Est. 2007 by Friends of Boulder Knoll

Friends of East Rock Park Fund  
Est. 1998 by friends of East Rock Park

Friends of the New Haven Free Public Library Fund  
Est. 1974 by Friends of the New Haven Free Public Library

Samuel P. Gaines Fund  
Est. 1999 by Priscilla Gaines

Murray Gallant Memorial Fund  
Est. 2001 by Murray Gallant

Ellen D. Galpin Fund  
Est. 1971 by Ellen D. Galpin

Henry L. Galpin Fund  
Est. 1961 by Henry L. Galpin

Aspel and Seymour & Clara Gans Memorial Fund  
Est. 1988 by Clara Gans

Gates Fund  
Est. 1952 by Frank and Ross Gates

Gateway Community College Foundation Advised Fund  
Est. 2023 by Gateway Community College Foundation Inc.

Allison and Joshua Geballe Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2001 by Allison and Joshua Geballe

General Fund, Bank of America (formerly Colonial Bank/BBC)  
Est. 1948 by Colonial Bank

General Fund, Bank of America (formerly CBT)  
Est. 1948 by Connecticut Bank & Trust

General Fund, Bank of America (formerly CNB)  
Est. 1948 by Connecticut National Bank

General Fund, Wells Fargo Bank (formerly UT)  
Est. 1948 by Union Trust Company

Get Outdoors and Enjoy Nature Fund  
Est. 2018 by Louisa Cunningham

Getman Family Fund  
Est. 2000 by Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Getman

Christopher & Toddie (Evelyn) Getman Fund  
Est. 2003 by Christopher Getman and Evelyn Q. Getman

Edmund Gilbert Fund  
Est. 1964 by Edmund K. Gilbert

James and Patricia Gilbert Fund  
Est. 2005 by James and Patricia Gilbert

Gillen Powers Family Fund  
Est. 2015 by Angela and William Powers

Samuel F. and Rose B. Gingold Fund  
Est. 1958 by Samuel F. and Rose B. Gingold

Ginsberg Family Fund  
Est. 2001 by William and Kel Ginsberg

Frederick J. Giovannini Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2013 by West Haven High School

Girls Leadership Through Sports Fund  
Est. 2015 by Barbara Chesler

Girl’s Service Inc. Fund  
Est. 1951 by Girls Service of New Haven Inc.

Herman and Bess Glazer Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1979 by Herman Glazer

gO fish, ‘A Fund in Memory of Owen Osborne’  
Est. 2021 by Inge, J. Robert, Devin and Carly Osborne

GOGGA Fund  
Est. 2007 by Thomas L. and Jacquelyn M. Hutchison

Joseph Goldstein Memorial Legal Assistance Fellowship Fund (The Goldstein Fellowship Fund)  
Est. 2001 by The Goldstein Fellowship Committee

Walter Goodrich Fund  
Est. 1959 by Walter H. Goodrich

Institute Library, Alfred P. Goodyer Fund  
Est. 1998 by Young Men’s Institute Library
Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Israel and Adele Gordon Fund  
Est. 2006 by Israel and Adele Gordon

Joseph W. Gordon and Mark Bauer Fund  
Est. 2017 by Joseph W. Gordon and Mark Bauer

Jonathan Gorham Sustainability Fund  
Est. 2020 by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim

Winkler C. Gosch and Virginia D. Gosch Fund  
Est. 2006 by Winkler C. Gosch

Grace Fund  
Est. 2023 by James Kenny

Ruth and Charles Grannick Jr. Fund  
Est. 2001 by Ruth B. Grannick

Grave Family Fund  
Est. 1987 by Richard Grave

Edwin S. Greeley Fund  
Est. 1963 by Jennie E. Greeley

Green Grass Fund for Long Wharf Theatre  
Est. 2010 by an anonymous donor

Ruth W. Greenberg Fund  
Est. 1993 by Ruth W. Greenberg

Greensward Fund  
Est. 2018 by David T. and Lisa F. Totman

Ernest B. Gridley Fund  
Est. 1951 by Ernest B. Gridley

Griswold Home for IRIS Fund  
Est. 2022 by Lesley M. Mills

Griswold Homecare Fund  
Est. 2009 by Lesley Mills

Griswold LifeTales Fund  
Est. 2001 by Lesley Mills

Whitney and Mary Griswold Fund  
Est. 1998 by Mary Griswold

Albert L. Haasis Fund  
Est. 1947 by bequest of Albert L. Haasis

Caroline C. Hall Fund  
Est. 1966 by William B. Hall

Harriet B. Hall Fund  
Est. 1958 by Harriet B. Hall

Hamden Economic Development Fund  
Est. 2023 by the Hamden Economic Development Corporation

Henry A. Hamel Fund  
Est. 1997 by Henry A. Hamel

Christopher and Mary Hamilton Fund  
Est. 2020 by Dr. Cheryl Hamilton

Senator Lucy T. Hammer Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2001 by memorial gifts

Paul Hammer Memorial Fund for Cycling  
Est. 2021 by Elm City Cycling

Albert Hamowitz Fund  
Est. 1995 by Albert Hamowitz

Hands On Foundation Fund  
Est. 2022 by Xzavier Richardson

Hannah’s Dream Endowment Fund  
Est. 2000 by Chris and Karen Kristan, New Haven Board of Park Commissioners, and Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center Inc.

Toni N. Harp Endowment Fund for New Haven’s Youth and Seniors  
Est. 2014 by Toni N. Harp, the 50th Mayor (2014-2019) of the City of New Haven

Henry S. Harrison Fund  
Est. 1986 by Henry S. Harrison

Harvey Fund  
Est. 1965 by Elizabeth K. Harvey

Elizabeth Kingsley Harvey Fund  
Est. 2009 by Elizabeth K. Harvey

Katharine Farnam Harvey Fund  
Est. 1969 by Katharine Farnam Harvey

Haven Fund  
Est. 2013 by an anonymous donor

Health Services Fund  
Est. 1979 by Grace E. Marvin

Healthy Start/Male Involvement Endowment Fund  
Est. 2004 by many donors

Louis L. Hemingway Fund  
Est. 1972 by gifts from family and friends

Yandell Henderson Fund  
Est. 1945 by Yandell Henderson

Hereld Fund  
Est. 2011 by Peter Hereld

Patricia Hermes Fund  
Est. 2018 by Paul Hermes

Paul and Kathleen Hermes Fund  
Est. 2018 by Paul and Kathleen Hermes

Eleanor M. Herpich Fund  
Est. 2011 by Eleanor M. Herpich
Lee Cruz and Sarah Miller and their two sons, Pablo and Mateo Cruz, love living in Fair Haven. The part of New Haven tucked between the Mill and Quinnipiac Rivers is the place where they see their good friends and know their neighbors, both old and new. It’s also where they spend a lot of time building community and giving energy to help others. “We have the diversity of the world here,” Miller said. “You have millionaires and the poorest people in the city. We have a continuous stream of new immigrants who need extra support and also enrich the neighborhood culturally, socially and in all kinds of ways.”

Cruz and Miller are long-time community leaders and activists in Fair Haven. Cruz, the director of strategic partnerships at The Community Foundation, is a founder of the Chatham Square Neighborhood Association and co-chair of the Fair Haven Community management team. Miller, the director of strategy, implementation and special projects at the Clifford Beers Community Care Center, is also the Alder for New Haven’s 14th Ward, which includes Fair Haven.

Now, the family has established the Pablo y Mateo Cruz Fund for Fair Haven Community and Economic Development at The Community Foundation. They hope to carry on the work of the Progreso Latino Fund, celebrating its 20th year in 2023. “We felt we wanted to encourage philanthropy and be part of philanthropy in the Latine community,” Miller said.

They want their fund to enhance the economic and social development of Fair Haven in perpetuity, Cruz said, and hope that people will contribute to the fund so it will continually grow. “In Fair Haven, there hasn’t been the kind of financial investment needed to fully develop the neighborhood,” Miller said.

“But a number of things have come together that we’ve been working on for well over a decade — the redevelopment of the old Strong School, as well as better integration of the people who live in the neighborhood and those who do business here,” Cruz said. “There is an energy from people coming together. Setting up a fund is shoring that up.”

Cruz and Miller envision their fund helping to fill gaps in major projects developed by the city or nonprofits, tackling smaller initiatives, and supporting the small businesses, activities and programs of the neighborhood association and other Fair Haven community-led groups. “We want to be part of a creating a culture of abundance rather than scarcity,” Miller said.

The couple said they’d like their young sons to eventually become involved in the decision making about which projects to fund. “We named this for our kids to engage them in thinking about their responsibility beyond the day to day, to consider what it looks like to invest long term in the place where you live,” Miller said.
Funds of the Community Foundation continued

Familia Ijeh Fund
Est. 2023 by Yari and Richard C. Ijeh

Yari Ijeh still remembers how it felt to not have enough. “As a kid, I wasn’t involved in any extracurricular activities because my parents didn’t have the time or the resources,” she recalled. Growing up the daughter of working-class immigrants — her father from the Dominican Republic, her mother from Puerto Rico — Yari watched her parents spend most of their waking hours working to simply make ends meet. “My dad worked the late shift and my mom worked overnight because that’s what they needed to do,” she said.

It’s an economic struggle that many in the Latine community continue to face — and one that Yari and her husband, Chiké, hope to address through the Familia Ijeh Fund which they created in honor of the Progreso Latino Fund’s 20th Anniversary. “As citizens in this community we have a civic duty to ensure that [we help make] it what we want it to be,” Yari said. For the couple, that means creating greater access to opportunities to address societal inequities that often create barriers to upward mobility for the Black and Latine community.

According to a 2021 McKinsey report, Latine Americans make just 73 cents for every dollar earned by white Americans. The report estimates that Latines are underpaid by $288 billion annually, and shows that annual median wages for foreign-born Latines ($31,700) and U.S.-born Latines ($38,848) are significantly lower than median annual wages for white workers ($52,952).

“Structural racism doesn’t allow for some people to move beyond where they’ve been placed,” Yari said. “We need to help fill in those [opportunity] gaps.” Through their family fund, Chiké, 44, and Yari, 46, want to provide access to a broad spectrum of opportunities and experiences for Latine youth and adults — from music lessons and summer camps for kids to leadership development and job training programs to build skills.

Chiké, a photographer and videographer, says that even small opportunities and positive influences can change a person’s mindset and worldview. “I grew up with very little in Bridgeport but had [role models] who showed me there was more to life than what I saw in my neighborhood,” Chiké said. “I want our fund to [show] others that opportunities exist and eliminate obstacles.”

For Yari, chief business development officer with Clifford Beers Community Health Partners, philanthropy is about representation and empowerment. She credits the Progreso Latino Fund co-founders John and Frances Padilla with providing her a sense of community and educating her about the importance of giving back. “I was drawn to the group because I had never seen so many professional Latines having conversations and addressing issues that are so important to the Latine community,” she said. “I felt represented in the work that they are doing.”

Yari has volunteered with the Fund for the past ten years and currently serves as its co-chair. “It has allowed me to help elevate the voice of our Latine community,” she said. Representation is a big priority for both Chiké and Yari. They are also founding members of the Black Futures Fund. Often, she says, marginalized groups aren’t represented at the table when decisions are made that affect their communities. She hopes their family fund — and the broader Progreso Latino and Black Futures Funds — can play a role in changing that. “We want to create changemakers and decisionmakers in our community,” Yari said.

It’s a legacy the Ijehs want to leave behind for their children, Nnaji, 7 and Nnenna, 3, and for the New Haven community. “I hope [our fund] helps make things better than we found them and can teach and inspire others.”
Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Richard Hersh and Judith Meyers Fund
Est. 2023 by Richard Hersh and Judith Meyers
Deborah A. Highsmith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 1991 by Carlton Highsmith
Hillhouse Alumni Scholarship Fund
Est. 1993 by Mark Shafer
Craig M. Hillo Fund
Est. 2017 by Joan and Carmine Hillo
Muriel Hirshfield Scholarship Fund
Est. 1963 by Jack Hirshfield
Historic Structures Fund
Est. 1985 by Historic Structures Unlimited Inc.
Florence A. Hoadley Fund
Est. 1970 by Florence A. Hoadley
John Elwyn Hobbs Fund
Est. 1971 by Harriet C. Hobbs
Hoblitzzelle Family Fund III
Est. 1990 by William E. and Barbara Hoblitzzelle
William and Barbara Hoblitzzelle Fund
Est. 1987 by William E. and Barbara Hoblitzzelle
Hodgson Fund
Est. 2018 by Beverly J. Hodgson
Hodgson/Leventhal Fund
Est. 1990 by Beverly Hodgson and John Leventhal
James W. Hodson Family Fund
Est. 1973 by the James W. Hodson Charitable Foundation
Holahan Family Fund
Est. 2018 by Susan B. Holahan
Nathan and Ellen Holbrook Fund
Est. 1960 by Henrietta S. Holbrook

Home First Fund
Est. 2023 by Yvette Bello and Ilka Torres
Clarence Hooker Fund
Est. 1945 by Clarence R. Hooker
Elizabeth R. Hooker Fund
Est. 1959 by Elizabeth R. Hooker
Richard Hooker Fund
Est. 2000 by Mildred Hooker
Julia Stuyvesant Horner Fund
Est. 1932 by Leonard S. Horner

Nina R. Horowitz and Richard A. Sussman Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Dr. Nina R. Horowitz and Dr. Richard A. Sussman
Nancy I. Hoskins Fund
Est. 2011 by Anne Emmet
Harry S. Huggins Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 1998 by Marcie, Herbert and Mariam Setlow
Hulbert Family Fund
Est. 2014 by Carolyn H. Cary
Anna and Argall Hull Fund
Est. 1975 by Argall L. and Anna G. Hull
John L. and Pauline E. Huwiler Memorial Fund
Est. 1997 by Paul F. and Joan T. Huwiler
Imperato Family Scholarship Fund
Est. 2003 by Eugene Imperato
John Day Jackson Fund
Est. 1961 by an anonymous donor
John D. Jackson Memorial Fund
Est. 1961 by the Register Publishing Company
John H. and William B. Jackson Memorial Fund
Est. 1959 by John Day Jackson
John Herrick Jackson Fund
Est. 1951 by John Herrick Jackson
Richard Seymour Jackson Fund
Est. 1974 by the Register Publishing Company

Robert Fulton Jackson & Annie Mildred Jackson Fund
Est. 2023 by Jared Pollard
Rose H. Jackson Memorial Fund
Est. 1977 by Mrs. William B. Reese and Mrs. Rose H. Jackson Sheppard
William Brinckerhoff Jackson Memorial Fund
Est. 1982 by Rose Herrick Jackson
Jaynes Family Fund
Est. 2007 by Susan and Burton Jaynes
Benjamin Jepson School Fund
Est. 2006 by David P. and Kristen A. Bechtel
Birgitta W. Johnson Fund
Est. 2013 by Birgitta W. Johnson
Elsa T. Johnson Fund
Est. 1993 by Kerala Johnson Snyder
Estelle A. Johnson Fund
Est. 1962 by Estelle A. Johnson

FUNDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Harry H. Johnson Fund  
Est. 2000 by Barbara Dahl and Kevin McCarthy

Henry S. Johnson Fund  
Est. 1995 by Henry S. Johnson

Henry S. Johnson Trust Fund  
Est. 1997 by Henry S. Johnson

Oscar W. Johnson Sr. Fund  
Est. 1998 by Oscar W. Johnson Sr. Foundation

Daniel L. Jones Fund  
Est. 1988 by Helen W. Jones

Helen W. Jones Fund  
Est. 2011 by Helen W. Jones

Lulu and William Jones Fund  
Est. 1986 by Lulu B. Jones

Judy Fund  
Est. 2017 by an anonymous donor

Carol and James Kasper Fund  
Est. 2009 by James Kasper

Keil Memorial Fund  
Est. 2020 by Susan Keil White

Kelley Family Fund  
Est. 2014 by the Stonebridge Foundation

Kelley Memorial Fund  
Est. 2004 by Brooks M. and Suzanne Kelley

Jean R. Kelley Fund  
Est. 1997 by Jean R. Kelley

Carolyn Kellogg Memorial Fund  
Est. 1955 by gifts in memory of Carolyn Kellogg

Edward Konowitz Family Fund  
Est. 2007 by Edward Konowitz

Kreutter Family Fund  
Est. 2017 by David K. and Karole J. Kreutter

La Mariposa Fund  
Est. 2023 by Nancy Roldán Johnson and Craig Johnson

La Voz Hispana De Connecticut Fund  
Est. 2023 by Norma Rodriguez-Reyes and Abelardo King

Landes Memorial Fund for the Arts  
Est. 2006 by anonymous donors

Latina Theatre Fund  
Est. 2023 by Jacob Padrón

Sara Lavery Fund  
Est. 1971 by Sally Brown Bradley
Carroll Brown vividly recalls meeting “Teddy” Brown. It was the Fourth of July, and she was on a blind date set up by her friend. Teddy was in the Air Force and was stationed in Seattle where Carroll lived. They’d gone to a park and when the group got into the car, he said, “Hey girl!” And she said, “I know you’re not talking to me.”

“Then he asked me, ‘Do you smoke?’ and I said no. ‘Do you drink?’ I said no. ‘Do you play cards?’ and I said no, and he asked ‘What do you do?’ And I said, ‘I go to church.’ And they all laughed. I thought my friend had messed up my Fourth of July setting me up with him.”

“And he ended up being my life; he was the foundation of my life.”

Carroll said that she soon discovered he was a “polite, kind, smart, and a good, good man.” They married and settled in Connecticut, where Teddy was from, and made their home in West Haven. Over the next six decades, they raised their sons, Teddey Jr., Erik and Shawn, and became fixtures in the community both professionally and in their public service.

Carroll and her sons have chosen to honor Teddy’s legacy by establishing the Ralph T. “Teddy” Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide scholarships to students who want to shape their lives around the field of law and give back to their communities.

“They should be young people who care about serving others. That’s what Teddy always did. It was the life that we lived,” said Carroll.

Teddy was a well-known member of the West Haven Police Department, joining in 1977 and becoming the first African American detective on the force three years later. He served for 28 years, retiring as a detective sergeant.

“He wanted to be a role model for our sons,” Carroll said. “He loved his work.”

Carroll and Teddy Brown were a team, and they left an indelible mark on West Haven. Carroll founded the West Haven Black Coalition after noticing that there were no Black residents on the City Council or other administrative bodies. “I held a community meeting and 250 people showed up at the church,” Carroll recalls.
Funds of The Community Foundation

Thomas and Elizabeth Lazay Charitable Fund
Est. 2007 by Thomas J. and Elizabeth V. Lazay

Anne and Steven Lazrove Fund
Est. 1993 by Anne and Steven Lazrove

Stanley A. and Margaret R. Leavy Fund
Est. 1996 by Stanley A. Leavy

Lee Scholarship Fund
Est. 1999 by Marietta and Leighton Lee II and the Lee Family

Wilson H. Lee Fund
Est. 1950 by Wilson H. Lee

Legacy In Full Bloom Fund
Est. 2023 by Alisha Crutchfield

Marvin Lender Scholarship Fund
Est. 1991 by Marvin and Helaine Lender

Martha F. Leonard Fund
Est. 2006 by Martha F. Leonard

Letters for My Children Fund
Est. 2001 by Russel H. Goddard

Diane and Burton Levey Family Fund
Est. 2016 by Patricia Levey Lebow and John Levey

Selma Levine Fund
Est. 1977 by Selma M. Levine

Sid and Donna Levine Family Fund
Est. 2020 by Sid and Donna Levine

Susan Lewin Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by Clement S. Lewin

Susan M. Lewin Women’s Leadership Fund
Est. 2013 by Lesley Mills and other donors

Helen Leyerzapf Fund
Est. 1978 by Helen M. Leyerzapf

NY Lightning Basketball Fund
Est. 2018 by Thomas Hutchison

Ruth C. Lindwall Fund
Est. 1988 by Ruth C. Lindwall

Elsa Guttman Links and Leo Links Fund
Est. 1982 by Elsa G. and Leo Links

Elsa Guttman and Leo Links Scholarship Fund
Est. 1983 by Elsa G. and Leo Links

Beatrice Shapiro Lipsher Fund
Est. 1990 by gift from Tyler Cooper & Alcorn

Judith A. Lisi Fund
Est. 1992 by the Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts

Benjamin Liveten Fund
Est. 2002 by bequest of Benjamin D. Liveten

Mary G. and Isaac S. Liveten Fund
Est. 1990 by Benjamin D. Liveten

John and Margaret Loehr Family Fund
Est. 2007 by John and Margaret Loehr

Charles Long and Roe Curtis Fund
Est. 2011 by Charles Long and Roe Curtis

Lord/Kubler Fund “A” for New Work
At Long Wharf Theatre
Est. 2014 by the Seedlings Foundation

Frances L. Loro Hamden High School Scholarship Fund
Est. 2000 by Frances L. Loro

Jean Lovell Fund
Est. 1994 by New Haven Scholarship Fund Inc.

Shea Lovell DA Fund
Est. 2017 by Patricia Shea and Peter Lovell

Lowery Family Scholarship Fund
Est. 2016 by Mary F. Lowery

Luongo Family Charitable Fund
Est. 2006 by John A. Luongo and Doris Luongo

John, Cecilia and Susan Lyons Fund
Est. 1986 by John and Cecilia Lyons

Frederick Machlin Memorial Fund
Est. 1975 by memorial gifts from the Armstrong Rubber Company

Margaret B. Mack Fund
Est. 1995 by Margaret B. Mack

Madison Surf Club Inc. Fund
Est. 1967 by the Madison Surf Club Inc.

Maiberger Family Fund
Est. 2007 by Richard and Annette Maiberger

Mailhouse Family Fund
Est. 1991 by Robert and Joyce Mailhouse

Nario Malberg Family Fund
Est. 2017 by Luis Nario and Norka Malberg

Anna L. Malley Recreational Fund
Est. 1943 by Walter E. Malley

Walter E. and Anna L. Malley Fund
Est. 1942 by Walter E. Malley

Janet Marlin Fund
Est. 1971 by Janet Marlin
Charles Marlow Fund
Est. 2023 by the Estate of Charles Marlow

Claire Maroney Fund
Est. 2006 by Claire M. Maroney

John S. Martinez and Family Scholarship Fund
Est. 2003 by Ariel Martinez

Zachary and Laura Martinez Fund
Est. 2013 by Zachary and Laura Martinez

Martin-Pescatore Family Fund
Est. 2003 by Anne Martin and John Pescatore

Marian Ambrulevich Martone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2006 by Marian F. Martone

Vincent P. Martone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2012 by Marian F. Martone

John Miles Marvin and Adella Smith Marvin Memorial Fund
Est. 1979 by Grace E. Marvin

Amy Linton Mather — West Haven Pound Pals Inc. Fund
Est. 2002 by Judy Rettig and Christine Santoro

M. Anne and Jean B. Mauro Fund
Est. 1998 by Anne and Jean B. Mauro

McBride Natural History Scholarship Fund
Est. 2019 by J. Michael McBride and Florence S. McBride

McMahon Family Fund
Est. 1991 by Mary I. Smith

McNerney Witek Family Fund
Est. 1997 by Helen McNerney

Esther E. Mead Fund
Est. 1983 by Esther E. Mead

Meadowbrook Pool Club Fund
Est. 2023 by Priscilla Bradford

Eunice Keys Medlyn Fund
Est. 2003 by Eunice Keys Medlyn

Peter J. Meehan and Prudence F. Meehan Fund
Est. 2013 by Peter J. and Prudence F. Meehan

Parviz and Bahijeh Mehri Fund
Est. 1993 by Cyrus Mehri

Ruth A. Meier Fund
Est. 1989 by Allen S. Meier

David and Marcia Mersey Fund
Est. 2019 by Marcia Mersey

Anna Merwin Fund
Est. 1962 by Anna H. Merwin

Jerome and Roslyn Milstein Meyer Family Fund
Est. 2001 by Jerome and Roslyn Milstein Meyer

Roslyn Milstein Meyer Fund
Est. 2014 by gifts of friends

Daniel and Judith Miglio Fund
Est. 2008 by Daniel and Judith Miglio

Louise Miller Fund
Est. 2014 by Randall Miller and Scott Miller

Dr. Tammis Sholin Miller Scholarship Fund
Est. 1995 by the estate of Dr. Tammis Sholin Miller and gifts of family and friends

Paul Millette Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 1987 by Lenore and Francis Millette

Dorothy M. Mills Fund
Est. 1969 by Dorothy M. Mills

Francis J. Mitchell Fund
Est. 1967 by Francis J. Mitchell Jr.

Mary B. Mitchell Fund
Est. 1966 by Mary B. Mitchell

George W. Mixter Fund
Est. 1977 by George W. Mixter

Arthur E. Moore III Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 1989 by Beverly Kimbro and gifts from family and friends

Victor I. Moraru Memorial Fund
Est. 2020 by the generosity of friends and family of Ioana Barac and Dr. Ion I. Moraru

Charles G. Morris Fund
Est. 1970 by the Friends of Boys Inc.

Johnnie Mourning Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2008 by members of the Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry Department of Yale University

Muñiz Martínez Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Fernando J. Muñiz and Maribel Martínez

Kathryn Murray-Phyllis McDowell Family Fund
Est. 1995 by Phyllis McDowell

Murtha Cullina LLP Scholarship Fund
Est. 1999 by Murtha Cullina LLP

Bryant and Sara Munson Fund
Est. 2016 by Bryant and Sara Munson
Richard Hersh and Judith Meyers Fund
Est. 2023 by Richard Hersh and Judith Meyers

Richard Hersh and Judith Meyers have had lifelong careers dedicated to promoting the healthy development of children and youth, with Richard’s focus on education and Judith’s on children’s physical and mental health.

Hersh’s career spanned from his early years as a high school teacher to serving as a college president at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, and Trinity College in Hartford. Most recently, he was a faculty member in the Education Studies Program at Yale University. Meyers is a clinical and community psychologist who was president and chief executive officer of the Children’s Fund, a public charitable foundation, and the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, where she was at the forefront of helping to develop policies and systems to address children’s pediatric and primary health and mental health care.

“For the last thirty years, we’ve both been heavily involved in philanthropy on both the giving and receiving ends. I was always raising money as a college president,” Hersh said. “Judith worked at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and then the Children’s Fund, and served on the Board of the CT Council of Philanthropy for 8 years, including as chair. We have a deep appreciation for the role of philanthropy and the challenge of giving money responsibly. To give money, you have to decide where you can have the most impact that aligns with your values.”

When it came time to do their own estate planning, Hersh and Meyers chose to establish a donor advised fund at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and include a bequest to The Foundation in their estate plans. In addition to supporting education, mental health, children and families, their fund will also focus on arts and culture, which they say has greatly enriched their lives.

They came to better understand and learn about The Foundation when Meyers served on the grants committee for the Greater New Haven COVID-19 Community Fund. “The Foundation brought partners together to quickly distribute money where it was needed most in a time of incredible need,” Meyers said.

The couple has lived in the New Haven area for close to 25 years, first in Hamden and North Haven and for the past seven years in Guilford. They have been actively involved in volunteering, with Hersh serving on the Guilford Board of Education, and Meyers serving on the boards of The Guilford Foundation and the United Way of Greater New Haven, where she is currently chair, and most recently as a CT Hospice volunteer. They created a scholarship fund with The Guilford Foundation to support Guilford High School students in need who plan to pursue a liberal arts degree at a four-year college.

“One of the things we like about The Community Foundation is its focus on systems change,” Meyers noted. “In addition to giving out money for immediate concerns — which is important — they also look at the systems and policies that support these programs, which has a longer-term impact.”
MV Study Abroad Fund
Est. 2020 by Anna Vena

My Brothers Heart — The Joshua French Memorial Foundation Fund
Est. 2010 by Rebekah Horn

Ruth Myers Fund
Est. 1961 by Ruth Myers

Arthur and Ruth Nabstedt Fund
Est. 1975 by Arthur T. Nabstedt

Susan J. Bryson and Laurence P. Nadel Fund
Est. 2002 by Susan J. Bryson and Laurence P. Nadel

Carol DiBenedetto Nardini Fund
Est. 2000 by Carol Nardin

Father Howard Nash Memorial Fund
Est. 2002 by Robert Mantilla

Neighborhood Endowment Fund
Est. 1992 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors

Thomas Nesbit Jr. and Anna C. Nesbit Fund
Est. 2014 by Thomas Nesbit Jr. and Anne C. Nesbit

Netter/Boone Family Fund
Est. 2004 by Ronald and Susan Netter

Mildred E. Neumann Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2000 by Emma Neumann

New Haven Bread Fund
Est. 1980 by First Church of Christ, Trinity Church on the Green, Dawson Bread Fund

New Haven Foundation Fund
Est. 1981 by The New Haven Foundation, now The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

New Haven Real Estate Educational Foundation Inc. Fund
Est. 2017 by New Haven Real Estate Educational Foundation Inc.

New Ways Fund
Est. 2009 by Charles Pillsbury

NewAlliance Bank Scholarship Fund
Est. 1989 by New Haven Savings Bank, now KeyBank

Newton Family Fund
Est. 2010 by David I. Newton

North Haven High School Excellence in Music Fund
Est. 2013 by anonymous donors

Donald H. and Frances M. Nugent Fund
Est. 1993 by Frances M. Nugent

Arthur M. O’Brasky Scholarship Fund
Est. 1993 by Arthur M. and Annette F. O’Brasky

Ocasio Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Anaika and William Ocasio

Sara Elizabeth O’Connor Fund
Est. 2003 by Peter and Elizabeth Demir

Ohlbaum Immigration Assistance Fund
Est. 2017 by Edward Coady, Rebecca and Michael Morris, Shoshana, Macoy and Spencer Ohlbaum

Nicholas D. Ohly and Sara Huntington Ohly Fund
Est. 2008 by Nicholas D. Ohly

Oliver and Nelson Family Fund
Est. 2008 by Sara O. Nelson

John J. Opalinski Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ophelia Fund
Est. 1986 by Flora J. Calhoun

Henry C. Opper Fund
Est. 2003 by Henry C. Opper

Optimates Society Fund
Est. 2013 by Matthew Medearis

Orchestra New England Music Director and Sponsorship Endowment Fund
Est. 1998 by Anne and Jean B. Mauro

Organist as Scholar Lectureship Fund
Est. 2018 by Kerala and Richard Snyder

Silas Orion Fund
Est. 2021 by Lani Rosen-Gallagher and Chris Gallagher

Ruth L. Osterweis Fund
Est. 1983 by memorial gifts from family

David P. O’Sullivan Fund
Est. 2020 by David P. O’Sullivan

Outer Island Fund for Education and Research
Est. 2003 by Elizabeth Hird

Oxford Education Fund
Est. 1996 by an anonymous donor

Padilla Family Aspirante Fund
Est. 2022 by John and Frances Padilla

Palitz Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Pamela and Albert Palitz
Helen L. Palmer ‘Spirit of the Foundation’ Fund
Est. 2005 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
Paula and Michael Panik Arts and Education Fund
Est. 2009 by Michael and Pauline Panik
Mary Jane and Ciro Paolella Fund
Est. 1987 by Philip Paolella
Charles J. Parker Memorial Fund
Est. 1980 by Elise O. Parker
Cynthia M. Parker Fund
Est. 1999 by Fred Pasqualoni
PATH Fund
Est. 2016 by Maysa Akbar
Peace and Social Justice Fund
Est. 2008 by Joy Gordon
H. Pearce Family Scholarship Fund
Est. 1999 by Herbert H. Pearce
Pearce-Fleming Family Fund
Est. 2006 by Barbara Pearce and Norman Fleming
Sara G. Peck Fund
Est. 1999 by Sara G. Peck
Rose Pelliccia Fund
Est. 1978 by Rose V. Pelliccia
People’s Bank Fund
Est. 1984 by People’s Bank
Greg and Ann Pepe Fund
Est. 2019 by Greg and Ann Pepe
Dr. Eugene Pergament Scholarship Fund
Est. 2022 by Dr. Eugene Pergament
James and Eileen Perillo Education Fund
Est. 2014 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors and other donors
Permanent Fund for Greater New Haven
Est. 1986 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors
Simon Persky Fund
Est. 1963 by Simon Persky
Edward L. Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2000 by John F. Peters
Catherine P. and Edward Petraiuolo Jr. Fund
Est. 2009 by Catherine P. and Edward Petraiuolo Jr.
John P. and Cora E. Phelps Fund
Est. 1962 by Emma P. Pelton
Dorothy Pickop Fund
Est. 1994 by Dorothy Pickop
Mildred P. and Henry H. Pierce Jr. Fund
Est. 2002 by Katherine C. Pierce
Laetitia V. Pierson Fund
Est. 1993 by Laetitia V. Pierson
Pikaart-Vaughan Family Fund
Est. 2002 by Edward and Margaret Pikaart
Mettie Platt Fund
Est. 1957 by Mettie B. Platt
Glenn J. Pollard Community Fund
Est. 2011 by Jared Pollard and family
Mildred Pond Fund
Est. 1998 by Mildred Pond
Philip Pond Fund
Est. 1964 by Philip Pond
Paula Pope Memorial Trust Fund
Est. 2019 by the employees of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History and Susan L. Voigt
Helen S. Porter Fund
Est. 1962 by Helen S. Porter
Possum Fund
Est. 2019 by Dr. Anne McBride Curtis
David G. Powrie Fund
Est. 2013 by David G. Powrie
David G. Powrie Fund #2
Est. 2015 by David G. Powrie
Progreso Latino Fund
Est. 2003 by Frances and John Padilla
Projects2PhD Fund
Est. 2021 by Donald C. Sawyer III
Promising Scholars Fund
Est. 2007 by the Board of Promising Scholars Fund
Shirley Martin Prown Fund
Est. 2000 by the Friends of Case Memorial Library
Bob Pryde Scholarship Fund
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde
Muñiz Martínez Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Fernando J. Muñiz and Maribel Martínez

When Maribel Martínez was growing up and people in her neighborhood fell on hard times and needed a place to stay, her parents would invite them into their home. “My parents didn’t have much,” Martínez said. “They worked in blue collar jobs, but they gave whatever they had. That was something they really instilled in me — the importance of helping those who need it because it could be you. It’s a very thin line.”

Years later, when Martínez and her sister were caring for her parents, who both suffered from dementia, many of the people her parents had helped stepped in to do whatever they could to assist.

“That’s the way in the Latino community,” she said. “It’s collective. We support one another.”

Martínez’s husband, Fernando Muñiz, meanwhile, grew up in Bridgeport, where he began volunteering in high school. By the time he was in his early 20s, he was serving on several boards of small nonprofits. His parents had set an example by helping others through their church. “I don’t think they would call it community service; it’s how they saw the world: you help other people,” he said.

Both Muñiz and Martínez chose careers in social service. Muñiz is the CEO of Community Solutions, an organization in 11 states that helps people successfully transition from prison back into their communities. Martínez has worked for 32 years at the Department of Children and Families, where she is senior administrator of the Clinical and Community Consultation Division.

“Maribel and I both value community and giving back,” Muñiz said. “We’ve done that all our lives, volunteering, serving on boards, giving to causes we care about.”

With The Community Foundation’s Progreso Latino Fund celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2023, the couple decided the time was right to establish the Muñiz Martínez Family Fund.

“We felt it was a great way to support Latino-led nonprofits that are doing extraordinary work in the community, and to support causes we care deeply about — education, economic development, health care, and homelessness,” Martínez said. They also want to make sure that young people in the Latino community have access to summer employment and other enrichment programs “that we were fortunate to have access to growing up.”

“What particularly drew us to this method of giving was having access to The Community Foundation staff’s expertise in these areas,” said Muñiz, who is vice chair of The Foundation Board.

“We hope our fund will encourage others to start a fund and to understand that you don’t have to be a millionaire to do it,” Martínez said. “You can start something knowing it’s going to grow and that every bit helps.”

“We have two adult children and a granddaughter, and it’s important for them to know why we started the fund,” she added. “It is an extension of their grandparents, our parents, and all they offered to their communities.”
Dorothy M. Pryde Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Dorothy M. Pryde Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Mary W. Pryde Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Mary W. and Robert D. Pryde Library Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Mary W. Pryde Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Robert D. Pryde Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Robert D. Pryde Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1976 by Dorothy M. Pryde  

Puddicombe Fund  
Est. 2015 by Frances Puddicombe  

Push Fund  
Est. 2016 by Eugenie and Bradford Gentry  

Putnam Family Fund  
Est. 2019 by Joellen and Martin Putnam  

Quinnipiac River Fund  
Est. 1990 by settlement between the  
National Resources Defense Council,  
Connecticut Fund for the Environment,  
and the Upjohn Corporation  

Donald Baker Quint Memorial Fund  
Est. 1996 by Bernice and Raymond Quint  

’r kids Family Center Fund  
Est. 2011 by an anonymous donor  

Richard A. Rathbone Memorial Fund  
Est. 1989 by Mrs. Richard A. Rathbone  

Arthur Ratner Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2012 by family, friends and classmates  

Edith P. Rausch Fund  
Est. 1993 by Edith P. Rausch  

Rayford Cafferty Fund  
Est. 2002 by Laura Freebairn-Smith and  
Brett Rayford and other donors  

Read Revolution College Book Fund  
Est. 2010 by Marc Michaelson and other donors  

Read To Grow Fund  
Est. 1998 by Roxanne and Kevin Coady and  
other donors  

Ashleigh Ann Rector Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2017 by Laurel Lopossa and Daniel Rector  

Harriet M. Redfield Fund  
Est. 1950 by Harriet Redfield  

Refugee Reunification Project Fund  
Est. 2005 by Amanda Edmonds, Abja Midha,  
Elora Mukherjee and Vivek Sriram  

Mary A. and Robert S. Reigeluth Fund  
Est. 1991 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Reigeluth  

Marion Cullen Reilly Scholarship Fund  
Est. 2004 by Maureen Reilly  

Maureen A. Reilly Fund  
Est. 2004 by Maureen A. Reilly  

Pamela and Ronald Reis Family Fund  
Est. 1981 by Ronald and Pamela Reis  

Resch Family Fund  
Est. 2004 by Paula and Richard Resch  

Responsible Parenting Fund Honoring  
Robert G. LaCamera, MD  
Est. 1998 by family, friends and colleagues  
of Dr. Robert G. LaCamera  

Reyes Rodriguez Family Fund  
Est. 2023 by Norma Rodriguez-Reyes  

Mary Jane Reynolds Fund  
Est. 1996 by Mary Jane Reynolds  

Florence Rice Fund  
Est. 2014 by Florence Rice  

Frank Rice Memorial Fund  
Est. 1985 by Frank Rice  

Pauline and Frank Richard Fund  
Est. 1992 by Pauline Richard  

Richardson Charitable Fund  
Est. 2007 by Paul G. and Joan W. Richardson  

Rike Fund  
Est. 1978 by Lawrence M. Noble Jr.  

Rebecca Satterlee Robbins Scholarship Fund  
Est. 1996 by Lt. Col. Gerald Robbins  

Constance Robert Fund  
Est. 2008 by Paul E. Robert  

Jean-Michel Robert Fund  
Est. 2008 by Elisabeth B. Robert  

Nathanael V. Robert Fund  
Est. 2009 by Clare and Patrick Robert  

Nathanael V. Robert Designated Fund  
Est. 2021 by Clare and Patrick Robert  

Helen H. Roberts Fund  
Est. 1952 by Helen H. Roberts
Joseph H. and Barbara R. Roberts Fund
Est. 1996 by Joseph H. Roberts

Caroline V. Robertson Fund
Est. 1987 by Caroline V. Robertson

Lupi and John Robinson Fund
Est. 2019 by Lupi and John Robinson

Kevin and Jane Roche Fund
Est. 2020 by Kevin and Jane Roche

Rodriguez Gonzalez Family Fund
Est. 2023 by Norma Rodriguez-Reyes and Carmen Ana Rodriguez

Babette Rogol Scholarship Fund
Est. 1993 by the Babette Rogol Scholarship Inc.

Rhonna and Brian Rogol Fund
Est. 2016 by Rhonna and Brian Rogol

Jose Manuel Rojas Memorial Fund
Est. 2023 by Cynthia Rojas

Frederick Talmadge and Mary Ogden Rolfe
Est. 1961 by Clarence E. Rolfe

Jan Romo Early Education Scholarship Fund
Est. 2021 by Lindsay Ervin

Caroline Rosenstone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by friends of Caroline Rosenstone to honor her memory

Lillian and Irving Rosenthal Fund
Est. 2022 by Yang Ni, Xiaoqing Li and Lillian Rosenthal

Jared Rosner Memorial Fund
Est. 2008 by J. Patrick Carley III and Pio A. Imperati

Carol and Stephen Ross Fund for Arts Education
Est. 2018 by Bernadette Huang and K. Geert Rouwenhorst

Margaret M. Rowland Fund
Est. 1959 by Daisy MacDonald

Rozett Family Fund
Est. 2015 by Jean and Ronald Rozett

Leejay Rudenjak Fund
Est. 2023 by Lisa R. Carter

Ruggiero “Forever In The Light” Fund
Est. 2005 by Sal Annunziato

Joseph Ruggiero Scholarship Fund
Est. 2012 by Joseph B. Ruggiero

Marion M. Russell Fund
Est. 2013 by Marion M. Russell

Sacco Family Fund
Est. 1996 by Carol and Humbert V. Sacco Jr.

Sage Services of Connecticut Fund
Est. 1983 by Sage Services of Connecticut

Saint Ambrose Music Club Fund
Est. 1983 by the Saint Ambrose Music Club

Santiago Martinez Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Raquel Santiago-Martinez and George L. Martinez

Sarah Alison Shufro Mandelkern Fund ("Sarah’s Fund")
Est. 2001 by Cathy Fran Shufro

Gustave R. Sattig Fund
Est. 1951 by Gustave R. Sattig

Robin M. Sauerteig Fund
Est. 2018 by Robin M. Sauerteig

Curtis M. Saulsbury Scholarship Fund

Ilene M. Saulsbury Fund
Est. 2005 by Ilene M. Saulsbury

Grace P. Scalese Award Fund
Est. 1999 by Fred J. Pasqualoni

David R. Schaefer and Janet C. Hall Fund
Est. 2014 by Janet C. Hall and David R. Schaefer

Priscilla A. Schaeneman Fund
Est. 2012 by the Lewis Schaeneman Jr. Foundation

Shimchick Stewardship Fund
Est. 2021 by David Shimchick

Peter and Judith Schurman Fund
Est. 1984 by Peter and Judith Schurman

Reva Berez Schwartz Fund
Est. 2003 by Reva Berez Schwartz

Samuel and Aramina Schwartz Fund
Est. 1954 by Samuel Schwartz

Scott Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Jamison and Sarah Scott

Cornell Scott Scholarship Fund
Est. 2003 by the Advisory Committee of the Cornell Scott Scholarship Fund

Sea and Sierra Fund
Est. 2019 by Virginia T. Wilkinson
Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Seedlings Fund for the Long Wharf Theatre Endowment
Est. 2008 by the Seedlings Foundation
Phyllis Z. Seton Fund
Est. 2015 by Charles and Diana Seton Wakerley
Phyllis Z. Seton Children’s Endowment Fund for Edgerton Park Conservancy
Est. 2003 by Fenmore R. and Phyllis Z. Seton
George D. Seymour Fund
Est. 1945 by George D. Seymour
William R. Shaffer Fund
Est. 1975 by William R. Shaffer
Cherry Shaw Swords and Virginia Thorne Shaw Fund
Est. 2014 by Susan Stevens
Jane Steidley Shaw Fund
Est. 2009 by Jane A. Shaw
Brooks Shepard Jr. Fund
Est. 1990 by Brooks Shepard Jr.
Jane Shepard Fund
Est. 1965 by Jane P. H. Shepard
Charles R. S. Shepard and Derry Ann Moritz Fund
Est. 1994 by Charles R. S. Shepard and Derry Ann Moritz
Sherry Fund
Est. 2004 by William Sherry
Herman E., Clara G. and Helene M. Shincel Fund
Est. 2001 by Helen M. Shincel
David W. Short Music Scholarship Fund
Est. 2016 by Kelly Short
Siempre Pa’lante Fund
Est. 2022 by Tara Sanabria Davila & Malwin Davila
Dr. Lorraine D. Siggins Fund
Est. 2022 by Dr. Lorraine D. Siggins
Siloe Fund for Haiti’s Children with Disabilities
Est. 2018 by Louise Cunningham
Caroline Silverthau Fund
Est. 1942 by Caroline Silverthau
Martha Simpkin Fund
Est. 1971 by Martha H. Simpkin
Louis and Joan M. Sirico Fund
Est. 2010 by Teresa M. Sirico
Gustave & Carol Lynn Sirot Family Fund
Est. 2011 by Carol L. Sirot
Gustave & Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship Fund
Est. 1999 by Carol Lynn Sirot
Margaret G. Sisk Fund
Est. 2014 by Margaret G. Sisk
Sidney Skolnick Fund
Est. 2016 by Sidney Skolnick
Skye Foundation Fund
Est. 2017 by the Skye Foundation
David A. and Claire O. Smith Family Fund
Est. 2003 by David A. and Claire O. Smith
Donald E. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Est. 2013 by Donald E. Smith
Ella E. Smith Fund
Est. 1959 by Ella E. Smith
Maude Smith Fund
Est. 1967 by Maude S. Smith
May C. Smith Fund
Est. 1996 by Rosemary Little
Rita and Ray Smith Fund for Strong Families
Est. 2017 by Carole Bass
Thomas Smolack Scholarship Foundation Fund
Est. 2022 by Thomas Smolack Irrevocable Trust
Kerala and Richard Snyder Fund
Est. 2014 by Kerala and Richard Snyder
Social Services Fund
Est. 1970 by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Board of Directors
Social Venture Partners Connecticut, New Haven Fund
Est. 2019 by Donald M. Kendall Jr., Board Chair of Social Venture Partners Connecticut
Dieter and Veronica Soell Fund
Est. 2023 by Dieter and Veronica Soell
Solar Panel Fund
Est. 2023 by Sara Ohly
Pedro Soto and Sara Jamison Family Fund
Est. 2016 by Pedro Soto and Sara Jamison
Viola J. Spinelli Fund
Est. 2016 by Viola J. Spinelli
Margaret M. Sprick Fund
Est. 1997 by Margaret Morton Sprick
R. Edwin and Alpha M. Steele Fund
Est. 2001 by R. Edwin and Alpha M. Steele
Joan A. Steitz Fund
Est. 2008 by Joan A. and Thomas Steitz
La Mariposa Fund  
Est. 2023 by Nancy Roldán Johnson and Craig Johnson

Nancy Roldán Johnson has always believed in Latine empowerment. In 2016, as part of a nonprofit she co-founded called Together for Latinas, Roldán Johnson developed La Mariposa (The Butterfly), a 12-session empowerment program for Latina adolescents. Now, as part of the 20th anniversary of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s Progreso Latino Fund, Nancy and her husband, Craig, are deepening their investment in the Latine community through La Mariposa Fund.

“For the evolving journey that every individual goes through, we want our fund to help Latine youth and young adults in need of support,” Nancy says. Craig adds, “I have seen the extra barriers that are often in place for Latinas and the challenges of access.” In particular, the couple intends to focus their philanthropy on improving access to education and mental health services.

While figures from the National Center for Education Statistics show college enrollment rates for Hispanics ages 18-24 increased by 14% from 2000 (22%) to 2018 (36%), Latine adolescents still face significant challenges, ranging from high school completion to access to mental health support and treatment. According to U.S. Department of Education data, the nation’s Latine high school dropout rate is 65% higher than that of white students, often exacerbated by systemic inequities. Research studies also show alarming trends around Latine mental health. Collectively, they experience the highest levels of depression among different racial-ethnic groups. More than three-quarters (78%) of Latine youth reportedly suffer from traumatic adverse childhood experiences like poverty, yet are less likely than any other group to receive clinical or school-based treatment, and also less likely to receive mental health medication, according to the National Register of Health Service Psychologists.

“I hope [our support] can help remove the stigma around mental health,” says Nancy, noting mental health challenges were a part of her family growing up. Despite the obstacles she faced, Nancy knows firsthand how important positive influences and words of support can be. “I had a community college professor who saw something in me and believed in me,” Nancy says. “The power of words can be very powerful — especially to the mind of a young person.”

The couple sees community service and philanthropy as a civic duty and an important opportunity to give back. As successful professionals — Nancy serves as the executive director of California-based One Circle Foundation, and Craig leads a division of a spirits and wine company — they want to help level the playing field. After spending nine years living in Sweden and London, they also understand the value of experiencing and celebrating different cultures, and hope to elevate Latine pride, culture and opportunity.

“I want young Latines to know that whatever they aspire to be, there’s someone willing to help and resources available to them,” Nancy says. “I hope La Mariposa Fund can provide a steppingstone to opportunity.”

“When you help someone, you never know who will change the world,” Craig says. “While our fund is modest, we hope the people we help will change the world in a better way.”
Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Joseph C. Stevens Fund
Est. 1990 by Joseph C. Stevens
Eva-Marie Pfeiffer Stinson Memorial Fund
Est. 2000 by Helen C. Pfeiffer
Douglas and Patti Stitzel Memorial Scholarship Fund for Hamden High School
Est. 2002 by Milton and Dorothy Stitzel

Kate Farrow Stoddard Fund
Est. 2023 by Kathleen F. Stoddard
Louis and Susan Stone Family Fund
Est. 2015 by Susan Stone

Stonebridge Fund
Est. 2014 by the Stonebridge Foundation
Lisl Karen Streett Fund
Est. 1989 by Grace Cornell Terwilliger & Dr. J. Walter Streett
E. Laura Stuart Scholarship Fund
Est. 2006 by A. Walter and Sharyn A. Esdaile

Subbloie Family Fund
Est. 2022 by Albert Subbloie, Jr.
Carla and Sean Sullivan Family Fund
Est. 2016 by Carla Supersano Sullivan and Sean J. Sullivan

Sunshine Fund
Est. 2005 by the Sunshine Donor
Jean Sutherland Fund
Est. 2022 by Jean Sutherland

Swanson Gregson Fund
Est. 2017 by F. Peter Swanson, M.D. and Robert J. Gregson
Philip Scott Taksen Memorial Charity Fund
Est. 2005 by Michelle Taksen

Taylor Mendez Family Fund
Est. 2023 by Caprice Taylor Mendez
William Henry Taylor Fund
Est. 2009 by Priscilla Taylor
Charles L. Terrell/New Haven Savings Bank Scholarship Fund
Est. 2001 by New Haven Savings Bank, now KeyBank
Naomi Law Terrell Foundation Fund
Est. 2006 by Naomi Law Terrell
Bertha M. and Emanuel H. Thalheimer Fund
Est. 1963 by bequest of Emanuel H. Thalheimer

Edna May and Richard M. Thalheimer Fund
Est. 1970 by bequest of Richard M. Thalheimer
Janice M. Thompson Fund
Est. 1963 by Janice M. Thompson
Walter Tischbein Scholarship Fund
Est. 2017 by William Lee on behalf of The Lee Company
William and Marion Tittel Fund
Est. 1990 by William Tittel
William and Ethel Tittel Fund
Est. 1990 by William Tittel
Lavonne Tokarczyk — S.A.F.E. Fund
Est. 2002 by Judy Rettig and Christine Santoro
Mary and Frank Tokarski Musical Arts Fund
Est. 2018 by Mary J. Tokarski
Minnie Tolles Scholarship Fund
Est. 1988 by Minnie Tolles

Pam & Hervey Townshend Family Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by Pamela & Hervey Townshend
Raynham Townshend Fund
Est. 1993 by Mrs. Raynham Townshend and family
Grace Ellen Treat Fund
Est. 1974 by Grace Ellen Treat
Benjamin Paul Trivelli Fund
Est. 2005 by Sharon Trivelli and Nicholas Lavorato
C. Rachel Trowbridge Fund
Est. 1983 by C. Rachel Trowbridge
Hayes Q. Trowbridge Fund
Est. 1969 by Hayes Q. Trowbridge
May Wells Trowbridge Fund
Est. 1946 by May Wells Trowbridge
Olga M. Trowbridge Fund
Est. 1989 by Olga M. Trowbridge
Truesdell Donor Advised Fund
Est. 2007 by Hobart G. and Nancy C. Truesdell

Edgar Tullock Emphysema Fund
Est. 1983 by Edgar Tullock
SSG Nate Turner Fund
Est. 2011 by Marcia and Charles (Tom) Turner
J. Birney Tuttle Fund
Est. 1952 by Josephine B. Tuttle
Wachovia National Bank (formerly Union Trust Company) Fund
Est. 1973 by Union Trust Company, now Wells Fargo
Urban Resources Initiative Legacy Fund
Est. 2010 by P. Christopher Ozyck and Lauren and Ben Heruska

Valley Foundation Fund
Est. 1980 by Harry Bassett

Ralph G. Van Name Fund
Est. 1962 by Ralph G. Van Name

Theodora Van Name Fund
Est. 1962 by Theodora Van Name

Willard G. Van Name Fund
Est. 1960 by Willard G. Van Name

Annie B. Veale Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by Roslyn Milstein Meyer and Jerome Meyer

William Verdi Fund
Est. 1959 by memorial gifts

Wayne D. Vetre Memorial Fund
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Tomi Veale was 15 when she became a junior counselor at Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership Inc. (LEAP) in New Haven. She loved the experience — tutoring children, camping, hiking the Appalachian Trail, and learning from the senior counselors, who talked with her about their lives in college and the application process.

“Who I am now I owe to LEAP in terms of my desire to go to college, to pursue a master’s program, to continue to want to work with young people,” Veale said.

“Neither of my parents went to college. To have peers, college students and young professionals to help me navigate that was so important,” said Veale, now the director of elderly services for the City of New Haven.

Tomi’s mother, Annie B. Veale, first supported her as a LEAP mom, and then began her own journey with the organization. After retiring from the Southern New England Telephone Company, she became the receptionist for LEAP.

“It was a complete passion for her,” Tomi Veale said. “She loved it. All the kids knew her. She’d be sitting outside in front of the house, and the kids would walk by and say, ‘Hey, Miss V.,’ and she’d talk with them. Everyone loved her. Engaging with the children and the staff kept my mom young.”

Henry Fernandez, LEAP’s executive director, said Veale’s influence was felt by the entire LEAP family, especially the high school and college students who worked as junior and senior counselors. “Her affection for the young people, her kind words, her sharing of her wisdom and her humor — all of those things influenced young people’s experience at LEAP every day,” Fernandez said.

Annie Veale died in January 2023. To honor all that she meant to the organization, LEAP co-founders Roslyn Milstein Meyer, Jerome Meyer, and Anne Tyler Calabresi established the Annie B. Veale Scholarship Fund at The Community Foundation.

The Fund will provide a scholarship each year to cover the cost of books, fees and other incidental costs for one of the LEAP senior counselors.

“The cost of books and all kinds of other things you need when you are going to college is very significant, and a lot of students who start college drop out because the financial wherewithal is not there,” said Milstein Meyer, a clinical psychologist and a former assistant clinical professor in psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine.

LEAP was founded in 1992 after the Meyers, Calabresi, and a group of educators and students gathered to talk about finding a way to provide more educational and cultural opportunities for children of color in New Haven. Three decades later, LEAP now serves 1,000 young people each year, offering after-school and summer programs including literacy, swimming, coding, camping, dance, yoga, athletics, and gardening among many other activities.

“Our organization’s core mission is training leaders and educating kids,” Milstein Meyer said.

At LEAP, Annie Veale “was curious about everyone and would ask questions and make children laugh,” Milstein Meyer said. “LEAP was her family.”

Tomi Veale said she is proud of the legacy her mother created. “She lived by putting her community first, and she always wanted to help others to see all the good that’s out here in the world,” she said. “She would be very honored by this.”
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They are families without consistent access to food, or couples living paycheck to paycheck, or older residents who just can’t make the Social Security check stretch any further. They face hard decisions about which bills to pay, and how they might trim the grocery budget.

“If you’re driving through our beautiful shoreline communities, you might not see that there are people in need sleeping in parks and churches or living in a tent over by the truck stop,” says Judith Barron, executive director of the Community Dining Room (CDR) in Branford.

All are welcome at the Community Dining Room, where people stop in at noon for a nutritious hot meal, which could be jambalaya with a rice medley and three-bean salad or a vegetable frittata, shrimp scampi or pasta bolognese. Homebound residents can have those meals delivered, and there are Family Meal Nights in the summer on local town greens with food, fun, a DJ spinning music and take-out dinners available every Wednesday and Friday night.

“Our name explains who we are — a community dining room — and we purposefully look like a restaurant with a homey feeling,” Barron says. “It’s a nice quiet community setting where everyone can gather and show support for one another through food — seven days a week, 365 days a year.”

During the pandemic, emergency grants from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven helped the nonprofit respond to the crisis. The Community Foundation’s support is why “we were able to keep our doors open during the pandemic. We never had to close and that was so important because there were even more people in need,” Barron says.

The CDR had to completely change their way of operating — serving all meals to go — and that meant increased expenses they hadn’t anticipated. The Foundation provided consultant help and myriad ways of support.

“The Foundation staff were there with us every step,” she says. “They had Zoom discussions with directors of nonprofits to help us pivot and find solutions and vent our frustrations, even talked with us about the burnout that staff and volunteers may be facing and how to help with that. The Community Foundation is just phenomenal.”
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The rule of thumb for defining housing as affordable is that a household should not spend more than thirty percent of its net income on rent or mortgage payments. Yet in Connecticut, more than 200,000 families are estimated to spend more than fifty percent of their take-home pay on housing, according to Open Communities Alliance (OCA) and Partnership for Strong Communities, which track housing data in the state.

To Erin Boggs, the founding executive director of OCA, the crisis of housing affordability is explained by Economics 101. The supply is not meeting the demand. “Connecticut is missing a minimum of 135,000 units of affordable housing, and in the New Haven region alone the gap is almost 26,000 units,” Boggs says.

The affordability crisis has only accelerated in recent years amid general inflation, higher construction costs, and rising interest rates for homebuyers. Even rental rates — with average one-bedroom rentals in New Haven costing over $2,000 a month, according to figures from Zillow and RentCafe — have pushed housing out of reach for many low-income families. Prices are typically higher in resource-rich suburbs, meaning the affordability crisis reinforces existing segregated housing patterns and further limits housing choice.

It’s a reality that Boggs’ organization is working to change through education, advocacy and research, with the support of a recent general operating support grant from The Community Foundation.

The mission of OCA is to increase the equitable availability of affordable housing across all of Connecticut’s 169 towns and cities, and ensure more housing choices for low-income families.

Boggs says that many myths drive community opposition to affordable housing projects. “People think affordable housing will decrease property values, increase crime, negatively impact schools and perhaps increase property taxes,” she says. “Studies have shown it’s just not true, especially smaller-scale affordable housing [development] in resource-rich communities.”

To educate communities and policy makers about the issue, OCA partners with other regional and statewide nonprofits, civil rights organizations and housing advocates.

While Boggs believes local communities should have a choice in housing development in their towns, she adds that they also have an obligation to allow a level of affordable housing.

Traditionally, many communities have created restrictive zoning requirements — like creating large zoning lots for single family homes — that limit the amount of multi-family housing that can be built. Even state rental vouchers — which supplement rent so that a low-income family pays no more than 30% of its income for housing — are ineffective in certain communities, according to Boggs. “Unfortunately, the maximum voucher isn’t high enough to [afford living] in lots of communities in the state,” she said.

The ultimate answer, Boggs says, is the development of more affordable housing, which is why a fundamental change to the way Connecticut approaches land use is essential. And the tide may be turning. Boggs says the heightened focus on racial equity has created increased support for developing more affordable housing and creating more opportunities.
Gifts to honor family members or friends are made to many established funds, and are a time-honored and meaningful way to pay tribute to or remember someone special.

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Grants and distributions to the community amounted to $32 million in 2023, including allocations from Organization Funds at The Foundation. In addition to providing general operating support, funding helped build the capacity of our nonprofit partners and advance The Foundation’s leadership priorities.
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GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

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ClimateHaven
Incubator helps local entrepreneurs launch climate-tech businesses.

In March, The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company (TCFMIC) granted $100,000 from its general resources and from its Elm Seeds Fund to ClimateHaven, a new effort to incubate and accelerate climate change entrepreneurs by providing education, tools and resources to help take carbon-reducing technologies to market. Yale University is also a supporter of the new climate tech startup incubator, which intends to be a strong part of the local community with a regional and global reach. “Climate change is the unique challenge that unites both moral imperative and economic opportunity,” said ClimateHaven CEO Ryan Dings in an interview with Yale Ventures.

“ClimateHaven has an incredible opportunity to tap into the deep well of brilliance and entrepreneurial talent that exists at Yale University and in New Haven, and support startups that have the potential to scale globally.”
Youth Entrepreneurs Make Pitches and Connections
Summer program motivates teens to explore and learn.

While many teens were relaxing over summer vacation, a group of New Haven area high school students pitched their business and social venture ideas to a crowd assembled in a college lecture hall. It was the culmination of a business and innovation class at the University of New Haven and part of the Youth Entrepreneurs summer enrichment program that received grant funding from The Community Foundation.

Students worked with a professor to develop ideas ranging from a real estate company to a mental health service. They learned how to prepare financial statements, study competitors and develop marketing plans.

“It was phenomenal,” said Dr. Laquita Joyner-McGrath, founder of the program. “These are the skills that they will need moving forward.” After the course, students were paired with mentors in their field of interest to apply what they learned and gain hands-on experience.
Grants and Distributions continued

Animal Haven Inc.......................... $59,211
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Connecticut Women’s Chorus............. $443
Ansonia High School ...................... $63,817
Ansonia Public Library ..................... $4,906
Anthony Chabot
Elementary School PTA ..................... $1,000
Anti-Defamation League
Connecticut Regional Office .............. $64
Anti-Defamation League ................. $5,750
Anti-Racism In Action Inc ................ $500
APK Charities ............................... $3,000
Apostle Immigrant Services .......... $8,438
Appalachian Mountain Club ............ $500
APT Foundation Inc ....................... $9,288
Aquinas House .............................. $250
Archdiocese of Hartford ................. $1,400
Architecture Resource Center Inc. ... $14
Area Congregations Together Inc. .... $5,216
ARl of CT Inc ................................ $300
Arise Africa .................................. $2,000
Arizona State University Foundation ... $23,667
Armary Community Garden ............. $10,000
Army’s Legacy Animal Rescue and Sanctuary ........ $206
Art Center of Sarasota .................. $1,000
ARTE Inc ....................................... $5,285
Arthritis Foundation ..................... $10,039
Arts Center Killingworth/ Spectrum Art Gallery ................ $93
Arts Council of Greater New Haven ... $63,757
Arts for Learning Connecticut Inc.
(Young Audiences of Connecticut Inc.) .. $28,611
Arts in CT Corporation .................. $4,110
Artspace Inc ................................ $209,458
Ashoka ........................................ $26,000
ARC of Greater New Haven Inc ........ $28
Assumption School ....................... $328
The Astronomical Society of New Haven .. $41
Atwill Memorial Chapel ................... $1,000
Auburn University ......................... $5,000
Audubon Connecticut ..................... $15,000
Aurora Women and Girls Foundation .. $5,000
AVAIL NYC .................................. $250
The Avon Theatre Film Center .......... $500
AXIS ............................................ $500
Bakerville United Methodist Church ... $15,000
Ball & Socket Arts ......................... $8,254
Baltimore Museum of Art ................ $4,629
Barbara’s House ............................ $250
The Bay Park Conservancy .............. $1,000
Bay Path University ..................... $3,500
Beardsley Park Zoo ....................... $500
Beautiful Life Adult Care Services ...... $10,000
Believe in Me Empowerment Corporation $106,023
Benhaven Inc ............................... $8,473
Bereavement Care Network ............ $262
Berklee College of Music, Office of Student Accounts .... $5,000
Berkshire United Way .................... $6,000
Berkshire-Taconic Community Foundation ... $6,000
Best Video Film & Cultural Center .... $34,395
Bethany Historical Society ............. $60
Bethany Land Trust ....................... $23,689
Bethany Library Association ........... $936
Beth-El Center Inc ....................... $13,271
Bethel United Methodist Church .... $1,000
Bethesda Nursery School ............... $41,277
Bethlehem University Foundation .... $600
Better Future Forward ................... $10,000
Beulah Heights Social Integration Program .. $6,184
Beulah Land Development Corporation Inc ................ $62,633
BHcare ....................................... $26,713
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut .... $25,000
Grants and Distributions continued

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Black Boarders CT $51
Black Business Alliance Inc. $20,541
Black Corner Investments $18
Black Infinity Collective $18
Black Rock Food Pantry $1,000
Blossom Hills Foundation $10,000
BOFFO Inc. $5,000
Booker T. Washington Academy $10,397
Botsford Family Historical Association Inc. $54,510
Boundless Literacy Inc. $5,542
Boy Scouts of America, Connecticut Yankee Council $139,646
Boy Scouts of America, Housatonic Council $26,396
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven $70,636
Boy Scouts of America, Lower Naugatuck Valley $221
Boys & Girls Club of Milford $555
Boys & Girls Village Inc. $37,593
Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op $248
Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance $1,092
Branford Chorale $143
Branford Community Foundation $2,773
Branford Compassion Club $12,629
Branford Early Learning Center $535
Branford Electric Railway Association $540
Branford Festival $14
Branford Food Pantry Inc. $2,101
Branford High School $11,165
Branford Historical Society $7,500
Branford Land Trust $42,994
Braelon Touchpoints Center $300
Bregamos Community Theater $20,501
Bridgeport Rotary Club Foundation $159,500
Bridges Healthcare Inc. $45,110
Broadway on Main Theatre Company $487
Brock University $4,000
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep $500
The Brotherhood Sister Sol $250
Brown University $6,000
Bucknell University $1,000
Building One Community $10,000
Bunlandia Rabbit Rescue and Rehab $734
Burroughs Community Center $1,000
Call-A-Ride of Greenwich Inc. $500
Calvin Hill Day Care $4,653
Camp Rising Sun $1,032
Canal Dock Boathouse Inc. $68,566
Candullz Cleaning From The Heart $5
Capital Classics Inc. $5,000
Capital for Change $4,246
Career Resources Inc. $2,000
Carleton College $1,000
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Carver Community Center $500
Casa Otoñal Inc. $3,018
Cathedral of Higher Praise, Church of God of Prophecy $10,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford $405
Catholic Charities Diocese of Bridgeport CT $300
Catholic Relief Services $1,500
Celebration Barn Theater $250
Center for Children’s Advocacy $34,328
Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity $60,000
Center for Popular Democracy $1,000
Center Stage Theatre Inc. $1,183
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA $148,962
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, Hamden/North Haven Branch $15,254
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, Soundview Family YMCA Branch $555
Central Connecticut State University $57,800
Inclusive Growth
New role at New Haven Chamber helps build community and opportunity for minority-owned businesses.

As the founder of Oh Shito!, a New Haven start-up, Kwame Asare hopes to popularize shito, a popular West African condiment in Ghana, from which Asare emigrated at age ten. For Asare, who founded his company in 2021, food is about community. “There are many similarities among different cultures around food,” Asare said. “It’s really about how food makes people feel.”

Asare is also learning that growing a business — particularly a BIPOC-led one — is about community, too. In New Haven, the focus on building an inclusive economy, and better supporting minority businesses and entrepreneurship is increasing, with the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce playing a lead role. With a $150,000 multi-year grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, the Chamber created a new role — the Inclusive Growth Coordinator — dedicated to actively recruiting, supporting and connecting BIPOC-led businesses like Asare’s.

Garrett Sheehan, the Chamber’s President & CEO, said that while an increase in membership is welcome, it was not the primary purpose of the new role. “We wanted to foster more connections for BIPOC-owned companies to interact with the broader business community and create more opportunities for them,” Sheehan said. He says potential misperceptions about the Chamber — that it’s only for downtown-area companies or certain types of businesses — may have historically stifled minority engagement with the organization, but that’s changing rapidly.

The Chamber is not only raising awareness and visibility for BIPOC-owned businesses via monthly spotlights on its website, newsletter and email marketing campaigns, and it’s making new funding available, too. Last year, through an IKEA-funded initiative, the Chamber awarded five $5,000 grants to Black-owned businesses. Kwame Asare was one of the recipients. He says the award money helped him purchase label applicators and a commercial-grade peeler to peel vegetables that are a core ingredient of his company’s current portfolio of four shito products. The time savings the machines created — cutting the vegetable prep time from three hours to 30 minutes — has enabled Asare to increase production to 400 jars per week.

Over the past two years, Asare — who works by day for a tech company — has expanded his sales operations from online-only to include farmers markets. He is now attracting interest from mainstream grocers like Whole Foods and ShopRite. To meet that growing demand, Asare says he needs to scale his business — and find a larger commercial kitchen space than his current one. He’s turned not only to Chamber staff for help, but also its members. “Multiple members have offered to help [try] to solve my current situation,” Asare said.

For Sheehan, the Chamber’s Inclusive Growth Coordinator role is just the beginning. “Inclusive growth becomes part of every discussion around business,” he said.
A Home of Their Own
Habitat for Humanity builds homes, stability for families and neighborhoods.

Alicia Tirado and her daughter, Dalilah, shared a cramped one-bedroom New Haven apartment for eleven years. It had little privacy and was cold in the winter. “There wasn’t much insulation and the furnace couldn’t keep up,” Tirado said. “I was always debating turning up the heat versus the higher bills.” While Alicia always dreamed of owning a home that would provide a better life for her daughter, the goal seemed out of reach. “It’s hard to qualify for a mortgage as a single parent with one income,” Tirado said.

Their fortunes turned brighter when they were selected as one of seven families to receive a home built for them by Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven.

Habitat makes new or renovated homes affordable for families by drawing on the power of volunteers working side-by-side with the recipient families. To qualify, families must meet a defined income level, have a demonstrated need for housing and willingness to contribute 400 hours of sweat equity. They must also complete 25 hours of coursework in homeownership — including budgeting, insurance and saving.

Requiring homeowners to participate in the construction of their home alongside volunteers has several benefits, says Co-Executive Director Jennifer Rook. “First of all, it shows families that the community cares about them and believes in them,” she says. “It also helps create a bond between the home and the homeowners.”

Through Habitat, homeowners also learn home maintenance skills during the construction. All Habitat projects are overseen by licensed professional staff and subject to standard inspections. Habitat homes average 1,300 square feet with a minimum of 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Habitat finances the mortgages, which range from $96,000 to $125,000 over twenty-five years at 0 percent interest. “Typically, families pay about $380 a month before taxes and insurance,” Rook says.

With a budget of $2 million — largely funded by private donations — Habitat typically builds and finances 4 to 6 homes in New Haven County annually. Rook says that Habitat targets particular streets for revitalization. Not only do new homes create a tax source for the city, they also help create more stable communities. “When we build enough homes together, homeowners support one another, form neighborhood watch groups, and change a specific area for the better.”

For Habitat families like Alicia and Dalilah Tirado, owning a home creates financial stability and a sense of belonging. Dalilah now has her own room, a backyard for the first time ever, and most importantly, dependable heat for the winter. “Everything I do is for my daughter,” Alicia says. “She is the center of my world and I want her to have what I didn’t.”
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As an art historian, Maureen Belden, executive director of the Guilford Art Center, hopes history doesn’t repeat itself. When the pandemic hit in March 2020, her organization saw classes go virtual, its gallery close temporarily, and its largest fundraiser — the summer craft expo on the town green — cancelled. Even as restrictions lifted that fall, the Center’s in-person classes allowed only fifty percent capacity — a lingering financial hit for an organization that’s heavily dependent upon tuition fees for roughly eighty percent of its operating budget. “The funding from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to support general operations was critical to keep us whole,” Belden said.

These days, the picture of life at the Guilford Art Center — which was founded in 1967 — is a bit rosier. Enrollment is up for most classes; some, like ceramics, even command a waiting list. In part, Belden, who has led the organization since 2013, credits the mental strain and social isolation of the pandemic with fueling greater interest in the arts. “The pandemic made people realize what’s really important to them,” Belden said. “People who always wanted to learn how to paint or pottery-making are making the time in their lives to do that.” In particular, enrollment among youth — traditionally a challenging demographic to capture — has seen significant growth. “After kids were so impacted by lockdowns, being able to make art together and having a sense of a creative community is helpful,” Belden said.

In 2023, the Art Center collaborated with about twenty Guilford High School students to establish the Teen Art Club to expose adolescents to a variety of artistic media, including ceramics, painting, jewelry making and weaving. “Our Center has become a place of belonging that’s neither school nor home,” Belden said. “We have classes for all ages and abilities,” Belden said. “And across a number of different art and craft media.”

The facility features six classrooms for arts programming — including a recently expanded space for ceramics and a blacksmith forge. It also features a gallery that presents rotating exhibits of contemporary art and craft. Additionally, the gallery serves as a venue for a number of community arts organizations and is free to the public.

With support from The Community Foundation, the Center has also started to provide more free programming in partnership with other local nonprofits to make the arts accessible to all. The organization also offers tuition assistance.

One of the organization’s biggest challenges, Belden says, is helping people to rethink their definition of an artist. “We often hear people say, ‘I’m not an artist,’” Belden said. “But it’s not only about the product, it’s also about the process of working with your hands, head and heart to express yourself; arts are for everybody.”

It’s not just local artists and hobbyists that the Guilford Art Center is helping. The annual summer craft expo and the holiday expo, supported by dozens of volunteers, each support hundreds of professional artists from across the country by showcasing their work. Proceeds from both events benefit visiting artists and the educational and community programs at the Center.

For Belden, the most valuable role the arts center plays is creating an emotional impact. “It’s rewarding to see how meaningful the arts can be to people and how happy they make them,” she said.
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For formerly incarcerated men, finding steady employment with opportunity to advance can be challenging. This issue increases the risk — and societal cost — of recidivism. Nationwide, nearly 70% of released inmates return to prison within five years.

It’s an issue that Scot Esdaile is working to address as the president of the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP, part of the nation’s largest and oldest civil rights organization. At any given time, there are more than two million people in the U.S. criminal justice system. Black Americans are incarcerated at five times the rate of whites, according to The Sentencing Project, a national research and advocacy group for prison reform. Black men with a history of incarceration face unemployment rates that are more than four times that of Black non-offenders, according to the Prison Policy Institute.

Esdaile says that while many programs provide job training for people returning to the community from prison, the lack of employer partnerships and stigma of criminal records are big obstacles to successful job connections.

To address this complex problem, the Connecticut NAACP launched the Million Jobs Campaign in 2020. Under Esdaile’s leadership — and with multi-year funding from The Foundation — the organization is training formerly incarcerated state residents and placing them in entry-level jobs with partner employers. The program also serves those who have an arrest on their record but didn’t serve time.

The program was modeled after a successful reentry program at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where 10% of entry-level roles are reserved for people with a history of incarceration.

“I wanted to understand the most effective programs in the country for [helping] formerly incarcerated individuals,” Esdaile said. “Often with reentry programs, there’s a lot of training and money invested, but not a lot of results.”

To launch the program, the Connecticut NAACP worked closely with Yale New Haven Hospital, which has agreed to set aside 5% of jobs for former inmates. Roles range from patient transport and cooks to more advanced positions such as laboratory technicians and coders.

“In many urban areas, hospitals are the largest employer and a major economic engine,” Esdaile said. “So it made sense to start with the healthcare system.”

The Connecticut NAACP also works closely with local chambers of commerce, grassroots community organizations and the state’s workforce development boards. Last year, the NAACP placed one hundred formerly incarcerated individuals in jobs in New Haven.

“With an average salary of $30,000, that generated $3 million in economic impact,” Esdaile said.

The program’s curriculum was developed in collaboration with local healthcare HR directors. It helps participants learn communications and technology skills, and prepare for an interview, which is guaranteed for everyone who completes the program.

Twenty-six percent of the program’s applicants have been placed in full-time jobs, with more than three-quarters of those hired retaining their job, according to Esdaile, who is working to double the placement rate to 50% and expand the program across the state and beyond healthcare. In December, Esdaile began talks with the U.S. Navy and Groton-based Electric Boat to forge new partnerships in the defense industry. He’s also hoping to add opportunities in manufacturing, construction trades and retail.

“The NAACP has more than 2,200 branches nationwide,” Esdaile said. “If we create just one hundred jobs annually per location, over a five-year period, that’s more than 1 million jobs for former inmates.”
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Waste Not, Want Not

Haven’s Harvest addresses food insecurity and climate change through food recovery.

One way Lori Martin measures success is in pounds — 1.5 million pounds to be exact. That’s how much perishable food Haven’s Harvest, where Martin is executive director, recovered and redistributed last year to address food insecurity in Greater New Haven.

“There’s a lot of wasted food that is still good, but with a timer on it,” Martin says. “Our mission is about how to get it to people in need who can eat it.”

Nationally, 40% of all food — roughly 119 billion pounds — goes to waste, according to Feeding America. That’s the equivalent of 130 billion meals. At the same time, food insecurity is on the rise. According to statewide data from DataHaven, the number of food insecure adults in Connecticut was 17% in 2022, up from 10% in 2021. Among Black and Latino adults, those percentages were even higher.

“With inflation, the cost of food is rising and the cost of housing [in Connecticut] is already high,” Martin says. “There’s a desperation in people who do not have enough money [for food].”

Martin and her volunteers have worked to be part of an innovative solution through food recovery — which gets unused perishable and prepared foods to those in need. The model is gaining traction.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates uneaten food across the United States contains enough calories to feed more than 150 million people — much more than the 35 million Americans who suffer from food insecurity.

“We need to educate consumers about waste,” Martin says. “A lot of people think a ‘sell by’ date is an expiration date, but that food is still good.”

Over the past few decades, federal and state legislation has created liability protections for commercial food enterprises and nonprofits to donate perishable goods.

Volunteers, food providers and distribution partners have been vital to Haven’s Harvest growth and impact. Over the past five years, Martin estimates the number of food donors — including bakeries, grocers, restaurants and universities — has tripled from around 50 in 2018 to more than 150 today. Likewise, the number of distribution sites — which includes childcare centers, schools, low-income subsidized housing communities and senior centers — has grown from eight to more than 275.

“We use a hyperlocal model,” Martin says. “If we receive the food on the east side of New Haven, for instance, we try to distribute it on the east side.” To coordinate the scores of weekly food pickups and drop-offs, Haven’s Harvest relies on nearly 400 volunteers, who use their own cars to keep the organization’s food distribution model working. That’s resulted in meals for tens of thousands of children, parents and the elderly across the region.

In addition to addressing hunger, Haven’s Harvest is also helping the environment. Food waste, according to EPA figures, is the single most common material in landfills, accounting for nearly a quarter of all landfilled solid waste. Globally, food loss contributes nearly 8% of human-originated greenhouse gas emissions.

Martin is proud of the growth and impact of her organization, and is encouraged by an increased focus on making food recovery more widely practiced — including a recently released EPA toolkit for municipalities to achieve zero food waste. “That’s still our goal,” Martin says, “and I think it’s possible.”
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Busy Bees
Huneebee Project teaches youth mindfulness and social entrepreneurship.

After experiencing burnout from her job as a social worker, Sarah Taylor began making beeswax candles as a way to cope. As she got to know local beekeepers, she was so inspired by their passion that she started beekeeping herself.

“I found it incredibly healing,” Taylor said. “Beekeeping requires you to be totally present and focused; all the worries and thoughts you have disappear in those moments.”

Thinking back to her time as a social worker, Taylor realized such mindfulness might be therapeutic for young people, especially those in foster care or protective services. Often, Taylor says, those systems are under-resourced and cannot adequately connect youth to opportunities. Combining her insights from beekeeping with her experience in social work, Taylor founded Huneebee Project in 2018. The New Haven-based social entrepreneurship organization works with adolescents and young adults, ages 15 to 23.

The dual goal of the 15-week program — which runs on Saturdays — is to provide transferable job skill-building opportunities within a therapeutic context. Participants are often referred by such community organizations as the Yale Child Study Center, Department of Children and Families, outpatient clinic providers and school counselors. As part of the program, each young person has a mentor who provides individualized attention and support.

A grant from The Community Foundation led to the hiring of a lead beekeeper, which has allowed Huneebee Project to triple the number of annual cohorts — typically comprising five or six young people. Taylor estimates that the honey production — which her organization sells online and through pop-up markets — has increased by about 500%, with sale proceeds from the enterprise funneling back to support the program.

That revenue model also allows Huneebee participants to gain valuable hands-on job experience.

“Whether its marketing, customer interfacing, tracking inventory or product creation,” Taylor said, “our program builds job skills.”

The organization also sells gardening seeds and planters, beeswax candles, branded coffee mugs and apparel, and runs a seasonal flower subscription service.

But it’s more than just hands-on job skills experience that participants receive. Huneebee Project also provides workshops — including resume writing — that help youth to market their program-related skills. In some cases, they don’t need to look far. To date, twelve past participants have been hired part-time by the organization — including six currently working with Huneebee — to support its nine garden sites and 40 hives.

What makes Taylor most happy is seeing the engagement of young people who may have struggled in the past to attend school.

“In order to graduate from our program, [participants] have to attend a minimum of 75% of our workshops and complete a finalized resume,” Taylor said. “On average, 96% of our participants achieve that.”
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In her four decades as a nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital, Pina Violano saw the impact of gun violence firsthand. “I have cared for hundreds of gunshot victims and witnessed the devastation guns can have on individuals, families and communities,” Violano says.

Inspired to reduce gun violence, she co-founded Swords to Plowshares Northeast. The New Haven-based nonprofit works in partnership with local law enforcement to reduce the number of guns through an anonymous buy-back program. It then teaches young people affected by violence the craft of blacksmithing in order to transform the weapons into art, jewelry and gardening tools. The unique program is helping to solve a social problem while also creating economic opportunity and hope in the community.

“We want our kids to realize there are other paths they can follow,” Violano says. “Our mission is about changing hearts and minds, and transforming communities.”

Since 2016, Swords to Plowshares has helped remove more than one thousand guns from Connecticut streets. Police vet the firearms to ensure that they’re neither stolen nor have been used in a crime.

Gun buy-backs are only a small part of the solution to reducing gun violence, Violano says. Providing mentors and job skills to young people, she contends, is equally important.

In 2023, a grant from The Community Foundation supported a 12-week internship program that enabled six teens, ages 14 to 16 years old, to learn jewelry making and blacksmithing using recycled gun parts. All participants came from communities with high rates of gun violence. They earned $15 an hour and were paired with mentors.

“Many of our participants are dealing with underlying traumas and are worried about finding a safe place to live or where to get their next meal,” Violano says. “We provide an opportunity for youth to have a real job and learn life-saving skills and the trade of blacksmithing.”

A single rifle, Violano says, can be forged to create three garden tools or up to forty pieces of jewelry. Some of the jewelry is sold through an online store to support the program. The rest is given to survivors of gun violence or to people with family members who were killed by guns. The garden tools are sold online and donated to urban community gardens across Connecticut.

“It’s powerful to be able to take a gun that could have destroyed a community and turn it into something that is helping to provide access to fresh, healthy food,” Violano says.

A sixteen-year-old in the program told Violano that he “thought he was living on borrowed time,” Violano says. “We need to change the narrative around guns and provide education, building self-esteem, and most importantly giving youth hope of a better future.”
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Early Education Provider Grows
West Haven Child Development Center expands services through partnerships.

When the West Haven Child Development Center opened in 1978, it had two pre-school classrooms and 30 students. As childcare demands grew, along with new measurement standards and a heightened focus on social and emotional development, so did the organization. Today, the Center serves more than 130 children from birth to kindergarten, and includes an infant program, an Early Head Start program that serves children under age three, and additional services delivered through community partners.

Many families pay on a sliding scale or receive subsidies, which places financial pressures on the organization. Funding from The Foundation has helped alleviate some of these pressures and strengthen programming. Recent grants have supported general operations, the completion of a new playground, and the hiring of a nurse and social workers.

“We want our children to be socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically ready for kindergarten,” says Executive Director Patrice Farquharson, who has worked at the Center since shortly after its founding.

The number of children needing social and emotional development services has risen significantly since the pandemic, Farquharson says. The school partners with West Haven Mental Health, which helps toddlers needing socialization skills.

Massaro Farm in Woodbridge is another key partner.

“The children have an opportunity to get produce, and we give recipes to parents and encourage them to do their own home gardens,” Farquharson says.

The Center also builds emergent literacy skills, an important predictor of educational success. A child’s reading ability level by third grade is one of the most critical determinants of success in high school and beyond, according to research from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Low literacy levels are more likely to be found among low-income families. More than 8 in 10 (83%) financially disadvantaged students nationally score below third grade proficiency levels, according to the National Head Start Association. West Haven Children’s Development Center is helping address these challenges.

Student progress at the Center is assessed by measuring age-appropriate development skills — including communication, problem solving, fine motor skills and social development. Parents are kept involved with home visits, parent-teacher meetings and a parent council.

“We like to have the parents’ perspectives, learn about the home environment, and set goals for their children,” Farquharson says.

The Center also uses technology and social media pages to connect parents with classrooms and to help students share important parts of their day.

“It’s a great way to keep parents connected and gives them something concrete at school to talk about with their children,” Farquharson says.
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Walnut Hill School for the Arts .............................. $500
Walter Pop Smith Little League — New Haven .................... $1,208
Ward-Heitmann House Museum Inc. ........................... $23
Washington University School of Medicine Medical Alumni/Development Programs ........................................ $500
Watch Hill Chapel Society ........................................ $500
Waterside School ........................................ $500
Watkinson School ........................................ $1,000
We Are One Inc. ........................................ $9,213
We Are The Village ........................................ $28
WEDU PBS ........................................ $1,000
Weruche Inspires International ......................................... $9
Wesleyan University Men’s Soccer .................................... $25,000
West Haven Black Coalition Inc. .............................. $1,050
West Haven Child Development Center .......................... $201
West Haven Community House .................................... $42,359
West Haven High School ........................................ $28,813
West Haven Historical Society ..................................... $839
West Haven Public Library ........................................ $56
West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center .......... $46
Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe of Florida ..................... $1,000
Western New England Psychoanalytic Institute ....................... $11,901
Westport Country Playhouse ...................................... $25,000
Westport Library Association ..................................... $1,000
Westville Community Nursery School Inc. ....................... $561
Westville Village Renaissance Alliance ........................... $952
WFUV Radio ........................................ $500
WHEAT Inc. ........................................ $29,666
Wheaton College ........................................ $7,000
Where The Love Is Inc. ....................................... $567
Whitney Center ........................................ $6,500
The Whitney Players Theater Company Inc. ....................... $4,210
Whitneyville Cultural Commons ................................... $41,526
Wider Church Ministries .......................................... $5,000
WIHS Radio ........................................ $1,000
Wilbur Cross High School ....................................... $8,500
Wine Down CT ........................................ $10,000
Winnett Food Forest Inc. ....................................... $97
Winning Ways ........................................ $32,626
Wisdom Way ........................................ $500
Witness Stones Project .......................................... $273
Witnesses to Hunger New Haven ................................... $750
WMNR Fine Arts Radio ......................................... $535
WNET, THIRTEEN PBS ..................................... $2,500
WNPR-FM ........................................ $99
Women and Family Life Center .................................... $63,794
Women In Need Inc. ........................................ $10,000
Women of the Village ......................................... $15,258
Women’s Business Development Council ......................... $30,000
Women’s Health Research at Yale ................................ $52,782
Wood River Women’s Foundation ................................ $1,100
Woodbridge Town Library ........................................ $4,906
Woodruff Family YMCA ...................................... $129
Woodstock Area Council on Aging — The Thompson Senior Center ............... $1,500
Woodstock Ski Runners ........................................ $1,500
Wooster Square Conservancy Inc. ................................ $500
Worcester Polytechnic Institute ................................ $8,000
The Word ........................................ $20,000
The WORD Poets ........................................ $407
World Central Kitchen ........................................ $1,000
World Wildlife Fund ........................................ $8,659
WPKN (89.5 FM) ........................................ $124
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Entrepreneurship is a path to opportunity. Through NHE3 (New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem), The Foundation is building a new ecosystem of support for small businesses owned by women and people of color. The small businesses and nonprofit entrepreneur support organizations listed on the following pages received grants made possible by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, City of New Haven and The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company.
173 Surf N Turf
1W LLC
628 Digital Design
7K National Trucking LLC
A&D Equipment
Above Average LLC
ADHD Empowerment
Advanced Physical Medicine
Sports Chiropractic
African Special Foods Restaurant
AJ’s Transport
All Star Maintenance
American Safety Equipment and Rental
Artiste M Studios
Artrilla’s Creations & Expressions LLC
Asare & Family LLC
dba Oh Shito!
Atelier Cho Thompson
B&A Benefit Solutions
Babe’s Day Care
Baby Me Day Care
Balance Massage & Wellness Center
Balance Therapy LLC
Beyond an Education
BirthWrite Consulting Group
Blacc Boss Enterprises LLC
Black Corner Market
BLOOM
BMP Custom Prints
Borrelli Landscaping & Pressure Washing LLC
Brakah Enterprises LLC
Breakfast Belle
Breed Ent
Brenda’s Way Counseling Services
Cakesss Kitchen LLC
Camillion Hair Clinics
Caribe Soul
Carnelian
Cave à Vin
CFC Deli LLC
Chef Sil’s Vegan Kitchen
Cheshire Equestrian Center
CityLife
Collab Incorporated
Collective Space
Community Economic Development Fund
Community Matters Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children, Inc.
Cook Well Coalition
Curly Hair Coalition
Curly Hair Salon by Luvena Leslie
DGJ Electrical
DHJ Services, LLC
Diamond Realty Partners, LLC
Divine Design Events
Divine Writing & Consulting Solutions
Dunns Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service
East Rock Breads
Eatbonix
EC Potty
Effective Healthcare Medical P.C.
Elm City Allure
EMB Diamond LLC
Empowered Together
Evalstats
Every Child Ahead
Executive Notary Signing LLC
F.A.D. Mechanical LLC
Family Eyecare of Orange
Flash Lady Photography LLC
Focused Fitness Solutions
Free Maiden
Frijoles Negros, LLC
Fusion Design
futuresTHRIVE
The creative team at 628 Digital Design, a digital marketing agency specializing in inclusive content for diverse audiences.

Gem Capital Logistics LLC
Gisselle FeQuiere
Global Palate Foods LLC
Glow Worm LLC
Gold Star Inflatables
Gorilla Lemonade
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
Growing-Up Together DayCare
Growler Power Inc.
GS Welding LLC
Hair’s Kay Beauty Salon
Hall Fitness
Hall Maximin Enterprises
Happy Homes
Dog Daycare and Training
Healing Springs Wellness Center
Healthy Mom LLC
Heartwood Renovations
Hooray LLC
Hope For New Haven
Indelible Impressions Consulting
Inner You Clinical Services LLC
Innovative Consulting and Solutions
Invite Fun Rentals
Ira Revels Consulting
IRL Innovations LLC
It Takes A Village Learning Center LLC
The Ital Juicery Company
ITS The Room
Ivy’s Simply Homemade
Jay’s Creation

Jazmiup Experience
Jenn B Skin
JenteelNature Health
Jimmy Does the Best
Jitter Bus LLC
JMK Professional Services LLC
Joseph Support Services LLC
Joseph Support Services ELM LLC
JTM Seiko
Karma’s Closet
KBG Vision
Khepri Stylez LLC
Kiddie Care Clubhouse
Kiddie Korner Daycare
Kidz Tyme Learning Center
Kimm’s Enterprises
Kool Breeze Jammerican Cuisine
L and B’s Automotive and Autobody LLC
Lark Advisors LLC
Lawson Power Source
The Learning Center
Learning Curve Daycare
Lifespan Collaborative Services
Lifetime Center LLC
Light at the End of the Puzzle
LightSpeedEdu
Lil Sunshine Home Day Care LLC
Little Dude Art LLC
Little Tots PlayCare
Liv Well Behavioral Health Services 2 LLC
NHE3 Grants continued

LMG Photography
Love Hunter Watches
Love Not Hype
LSJ Masonry
lujo bar, LLC
Lumi Accounting and Financial Services LLC
M&M House of Love Day Care
Madern Upholstery Center LLC
Manjares
MELT Chocolatier
Mending Hearts LLC
Mental Growth & Internal Healing LLC
Midnight Oil Collective
Miller Rebar
Milton & Goose LLC
Mindless Thoughts LLC
Minority Construction Council
Motherlyluvtoo Family Child Care
Ms Mia’s TLC Group Daycare
Muscle Therapy Wellness Lounge
Myers Medical Coding Education LLC
Mystic River Chocolate Cafe LLC
Narrative Project
Nasir’s Youth Interest Group
Nay’s Little Rascals Preschool
Nelson Telecom Consulting LLC
Nessel Design
New Birth Hair Care
New England Snow and Ice Management LLC
Newton-Foster Home Care Agency LLC
NexGen Electric LLC
Noah’s Ark Daycare
North Star Design Studio
The Notorious P.I.C.
Nurse’s Office Walk-In Primary Care Clinic
Odeon Boutique

Tierra Soap Co. co-owners Richard Ramos and Addy Reyes-Ramos.

Ovelle Coffee
Patience Unique Braiding LLC
Peace of Royalty
Performing Arts Academy of CT
Precision Cuts of Middlebury
Primetime Trucking LLC
Pro Bike Design
Professional Dental Assistant School
Professional Image LLC
Provision CT LLC
Quality Counseling
QuikDraw Phlebotomy School
Raices Rebeldes LLC
Ram Technologies LLC
Ransome Reliable Catering Service
Reboot Drip Therapy LLC
Recovery on the Green
Reg. Brand LLC
Reichelt Construction Contracting
The Reign
ReNurse Academy
Retrospective Films LLC
Rhythm Brewing Co.
Ricky D’s Rib Shack
Rising Star Academy LLC
Ronald Trucking LLC
Rose Kihara Nurse Practitioner LLC
Manjares is a neighborhood café in New Haven’s Westville Village.
The Community Foundation’s assets were $748.3 million as of December 31, 2023. The Community Foundation’s Corporation, which manages more than $500 million of the endowed assets of The Foundation, including the assets of our external organization fund partners, posted a gain of 12.7% in 2023. The Corporation’s portfolio fared well in a global equity environment that was both concentrated and fueled significantly by a small list of technology companies. The Corporation’s global equity assets were up 21.6% and its hedge strategies increased by 13.2%, while private equity was down 7.5% and private real assets lost 4% as private markets continued their overall lackluster performance. The Corporation remained well positioned and prudently diversified globally, and its performance against the Endowment and Foundation national peer group placed it in the top fifth of this study for the 10 years ending in December 2023.*

Foundation’s Investment Returns Gain in 2023

Long-Term Asset Allocation Model

- Global Equities: 50%
- Hedges: 15%
- Private Equity: 12.5%
- Fixed Income/Cash: 15%
- Real Assets: 7.5%

Diverse Managers** by Asset Class

- 20% of The Foundation’s advisors are diverse and manage 16% of the assets
- Industrywide, diverse managers manage 1.4% of the assets under management in the U.S.***

*Past performance is no indication of future results. The Corporation is a Connecticut-registered investment adviser.
**50% ≥ ownership by women and/or ethnically diverse individuals.
***Knight Foundation Diversity of Asset Managers Research Series
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**Includes distributions from an organization fund back to the nonprofit of $40M (2022) and $32M (2023) for its own investment management.
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Dear Friends:

As my retirement approaches, I am reflecting on what I have seen and learned in my twenty-four years at The Foundation and in the forty years since I first came to live and work in New Haven.

To me, the one word that best encapsulates the character of our community is “aspirational.” We are always pushing forward, never content to remain where we are. As a people, we are eager to tackle tough issues, passionate, rich in talent, ideas, and creativity, and proud to be here. Even as we revel in our diversity, we come together to build a brighter shared future for all in our region. New Haven is an ever-fascinating place.

These are the reasons why my wife Kel and I have been happy and proud to call New Haven home for four decades. They are also why it has been such a joy and privilege for me to do the work of The Community Foundation each day since 2000.

For many years, even with all of these strengths, our aspirations seemed out of reach. Over the last quarter-century, that has changed.

Today, the world values what makes our community so special. New Haven is both urban in all the best ways and also intimate and connected. That all-too-rare combination is why people want to be in our city again.

At the same time, New Haven’s medical and scientific research base is creating a new economy here. For the first time in generations, jobs and careers in globally competitive industries are growing in our region. This is the promise of opportunity for today and tomorrow.

With New Haven on the rise, the hard edges of our long-standing divisions are softening. City/suburb and town/gown tensions no longer stand in our way. We see our diversity as a great asset. Yet, of course, progress brings new challenges too. To move forward as one community today means addressing disparities and displacement, building an economy for all, educating our young people so they can find their places in it, and forthrightly facing the inequities of our past so as to build the most respectful and inclusive future possible.

Rather than feeling daunted by these challenges and by others as yet unknown, there is strong and growing confidence in our community today that we can build a bright shared future together.

Confidence in the future is an essential driver of community philanthropy. So it was in the optimistic 1920s when the headline “New Haven’s Tomorrow” announced the
the founding of what was then The New Haven Foundation. So too has it been over these last twenty-four years. It is inspiring to work each day with individuals and families whose belief in our community runs so deep that they give both to meet the needs of their own time and to provide for future times that they will never see. The Foundation’s story is written by our donors.

Community philanthropy is confidence wedded to caring. Our community’s wonderful nonprofit organizations advance what we as a community care most deeply about. The Foundation is frequently honored by these organizations for our support, yet it is those on the front lines doing the difficult and much-needed work of community every day who deserve the spotlight. The heroes of The Foundation’s story are our local nonprofits.

We become a community not just by being neighbors, but by truly connecting with one another. Deeply rooted connection is about seeing our community through the eyes and experiences of others and embracing a shared future vision. The work of supporting, expanding and deepening these connections is at the heart of community philanthropy too.

Philanthropy, giving for the benefit of others, is a noble undertaking. Yet to me, community philanthropy is one step beyond, for it is about individual giving brought together to build something more humane and more connected than any of us could build alone. With confidence, caring and connection, the philanthropic whole can indeed be greater than the sum of its many individual parts. That is community philanthropy.

Over these last twenty-four years I have benefitted from the wisdom and breadth of perspectives of the 50 board members I have worked for and the talents and commitments of the staff colleagues I have worked with. I am deeply grateful. Thanks to all of them, The Foundation has grown over these years not only in size and impact but as an innovator and leader too.

Later this year I will step away, proud of all that The Community Foundation has become, confident in the future of our community, and overflowing with gratitude to all those in Greater New Haven whose devotion enables our community to aspire greatly and to achieve much.

Let us continue to move forward together.

William W. Ginsberg
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