In late 2019, Greater New Haven was embarking on a new decade of the 2020s — a time of opportunity — and The Community Foundation seized the moment by adopting a new strategic plan. Much of our work in 2019 that reinforced and informed the plan is highlighted in the 2019/20 Report to Our Community, which is now completed and available online at cfgnh.org/Report2019-20. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the report will be available only in digital form.

Great Give Success Signifies Region’s Commitment and Generosity

The generosity exhibited during May’s Great Give® 2020 surpassed expectations in the face of a crisis like no other and demonstrated how resilient and united our community is and the power of what can happen through a connected and determined community. Ultimately, over $3.6 million was raised online for Greater New Haven’s nonprofits, almost doubling last year’s previous record, through more than 16,000 individual donors.
Facing COVID-19 and Looking to the Future

June 5, 2020

Dear Friends:

At the end of 2019, The Community Foundation adopted a new five-year strategic plan, including new vision and mission statements. In three words, the plan’s title summarizes its central idea: opportunity for all. In 2020, so much has changed, both from the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic in our community and from the rising chorus of voices demanding greater racial equity and justice. The importance and the urgency of the strategies that we put in place last year have been magnified by the events of the last several months.

The devastating health and economic impacts of COVID-19 fall disproportionately on people of color, widening the racial and ethnic disparities that have increasingly come to define our society over the last two decades. No matter how measured — rates of hospitalization and death, access to testing and care, unemployment, undocumented immigrants ineligible for public support, businesses receiving Small Business Administration loans, or young people with the connectivity to truly learn through remote schooling — the COVID-19 data in our community tell a terrible tale of inequality defined by race, ethnicity, citizenship and zip code. These data tell us that our pre-COVID approaches to advancing racial equity have proven to be inadequate.

As we write this, long-standing racial inequities and injustices are boiling over into protest and violence in cities across America following the tragic murder of an African-American man by a white police officer in Minneapolis. Our country and our community have reached a moment of reckoning with the structural racism that is so deeply embedded in our society.

At this time of daunting challenges, the stakes could not be higher. So much about the future of our community — whether we can become a cohesive whole, recover what has been lost, and move forward to a new time of greater opportunity — will depend on how we respond now.

The Foundation’s 2020-24 strategic plan is anchored in our enduring belief that if our community works together effectively, Greater New Haven can be a place of expanding opportunity for all in the coming decade.

Attributed by New Haven’s urban life style and amenities, people have been moving both to downtown and to the neighborhoods in recent years at a pace not seen in our lifetimes. Our region’s biomedical economy — including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, medical research and biotechnology — continues its strong growth and is well-positioned to create much-needed new jobs and to be a driver of Connecticut’s economic progress.

Our plan is all about how this growth can create opportunity for all. We are focusing on education and skill-building for jobs in the growth sectors of tomorrow. We are focusing on support for entrepreneurs, especially women and people of color, and on building a more equitable local system of entrepreneurial support. We are focusing on ensuring that growth does not result in housing displacement. We are committed to our traditional role of supporting the local nonprofit sector in providing people with the support and connections they need to build successful lives. And we are undertaking all of our work with a deepened commitment to greater equity as indispensable to progress, both for The Foundation in achieving our goals and for our community more broadly.

We believe that creating opportunity for all requires that local nonprofits, businesses, major institutions, donors, elected officials, neighborhood leaders and area residents work together in new ways toward shared goals and shared accountability. In doing our part, The Foundation will be listening more broadly to and collaborating more deeply with the people of Greater New Haven.

The Foundation is optimistic for other important reasons as well. The creativity, resilience and innovation shown by our nonprofit sector in responding to the challenges of COVID-19 constitute yet another chapter in its long, proud history of service.

Facing some of their toughest challenges ever, our nonprofits continue to inspire.

Furthermore, our community’s generosity has been a bright beacon amidst the gloom of COVID-19. After receiving more than $35 million in new gifts and charitable transfers in 2019, one of the highest annual totals in The Foundation’s 92-year history, 2020 has continued to showcase our community’s deep sense of caring. The Great Give 2020 was by far our most successful ever, raising $3.6 million last month from more than 16,000 donors to benefit almost 400 local nonprofits. In addition, The Foundation’s COVID-19 Community Fund, established in partnership with United Way of Greater New Haven, raised approximately $2.7 million in six weeks in March and April.

With this support as well as additional Foundation funds, The Foundation will facilitate or directly provide more than $10 million to local nonprofits in the first three months of the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to these grants, The Foundation is also working with public and private partners to establish a $1.5 million loan fund for small minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

Rather than being deterred by COVID-19 or feeling helpless in the face of persistent inequity, The Foundation is pursuing with strengthened determination our vision of Greater New Haven as a community of opportunity for all. By working together, drawing on our deep reserves of resilience and generosity, building on our economic strengths, and making greater equity a defining element of our common vision, we believe that our community can make COVID-19 a departure point for reimagining the future of Greater New Haven.

Please join us in this vitally important work.

Khalilah L. Brown-Dean, Ph.D.
President & Chief Executive

William W. Ginsberg
Chair

Our New 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.

For philanthropy in Greater New Haven, as for business and government, COVID-19 is a crisis like no other. Social isolation is altering — perhaps permanently — how we connect with one another, while unemployment at Depression-era levels is redefining vulnerability in our society and stretching the public and private safety net beyond its breaking point. The path of recovery is highly uncertain, but one thing is clear: as a community, we are not going back to the way things were before COVID-19.

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To support personal protective equipment, including masks, and health education to the West Hills and Diwel/Newhallville communities.

Agency on Aging South Central Connecticut Inc.  $20,000
To support meal delivery and cash assistance to homebound elders and people with disabilities.

All Our Kin Inc.  $40,000
To provide direct financial assistance to family child care providers, cleaning supplies, technology enhancements and infrastructure support.

ALS Association, Connecticut Chapter  $20,000
To support direct financial assistance for ALS households in Greater New Haven who have suffered a loss of income due to COVID-19, respite care support for caregivers who are also essential workers and equipment/personal protective equipment for ALS families.

American Red Cross, Connecticut Chapter  $10,000
To support additional staff to assist with blood supplies due to an increase in demand and a decrease in volunteers.

APNH: A Place to Nourish your Health  $20,000
To support the purchase of meals for home delivery and grocery store gift cards for clients.

AFT Foundation Inc.  $40,000
To support the purchase of equipment for telehealth services, personal protection equipment for staff and food for clients.

Arts Council of Greater New Haven  $30,000
To support financial assistance up to $3,000 for low-income individual artists and small-budget creative institutions.

Believe In Me Empowerment Corporation  $15,000
To support the provision of food and basic needs to families.

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To provide food and basic needs essentials to individuals through the Emergency Food Service and housing programs.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven  $22,000
To support the purchase of personal protective equipment as well as staffing to meet state COVID-19 regulations for summer programming for youth.

Breakthrough Church  $5,000
To support the purchase of additional food and basic needs items to distribute at the food pantry.

Casa Otonal Inc.  $20,000
To provide rental assistance and food for elderly residents.

Cathedral of Higher Praise  $5,000
To support the purchase of food, storage and increased hours of operation to meet the increased demand for food for Fair Haven neighborhood residents.

Catholic Charities Inc.  $25,000
To support clinical staff for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment through New Haven Outpatient Clinic, and to support case management services, personal protection equipment and basic needs essentials for families served through Centro San Jose.

Central Connecticut Coast YMCA  $20,000
To support the purchase of food and supplies for the childcare site serving children of healthcare workers at the New Haven YMCA.

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center Inc.  $20,000
To support the purchase of meals for clients and personal protective equipment for staff and clients.

Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church  $5,000
To support the provision of food and basic need support to the Newhallville/Hamden community.

Dr. Marcella Nuñez-Smith, Member of The Community Foundation’s Board and COVID-19 Community Fund Grantmaking Committee

Cleian Adult Day Center (Apostles of the Sacred Heart Cleian Center Inc.)  $25,000
To provide emergency financial support for the Cleian Adult Day Center.

Community Dining Room  $20,000
To support additional financial needs to support food and meals for residents on the Shoreline.

Concepts for Adaptive Learning  $25,000
To provide financial assistance for low-income special education families.

Continuum of Care Inc.  $40,000
To support the purchase of food, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment.

CTCORE-Organize Now!  $20,000
To provide mutual and food assistance to households in New Haven.

CT Students for a Dream  $30,000
To support the purchase of food and regular cleaning supplies and for undocumented and immigrant youth and their families, as well as mental health support for youth and online programming.

Davenport Residence  $5,000
To support the purchase of food for Davenport Dunbar Food Pantry which serves low-income senior.

East Haven Food Pantry at Epiphany Church of Christ  $3,500
To support the purchase of food for the Epiphany Church of Christ.

EIR Urban Youth Boxing  $30,000
To support personal protective equipment, staffing and operational costs of re-opening the recreational program to low-income New Haven children providing mentorship and educational support.

Elena’s Light  $5,000
To support mask production and educational initiatives for refugees and immigrants in Connecticut.

Elm City Internationals  $5,000
To support staffing of the academic and athletic programs for immigrant and refugee middle school and high school students.

Faith Acts for Education  $40,000
To support the purchase of grocery store gift cards for families experiencing food insecurity and cash assistance to churches for direct service relief to their communities.

Family Centered Services of CT  $20,000
To support the purchase of food and other client basic needs including access to technology, personal protective equipment and sanitizing equipment for staff.

Family Re-Entry  $12,000
To support financial assistance for basic needs for clients and families for food and personal protection equipment.

The Food Garage of the Semilla Collective  $20,000
To support the purchase of food for food delivery services for undocumented families.

Foundation for the Arts and Trauma Inc.  $20,000
To provide virtual summer programming for middle school and high school students.

Gaylord Hospital  $35,000
To support the purchase of a UV shoe decontamination station and Personal Air-Purifying Respirators.

Good Child Development Center  $30,000
To support the purchase of food for staff parking expenses and personal protective equipment.

Griffin Hospital  $20,000
To support the purchase of personal protective equipment.

Guilford Interfaith Ministries Inc.  $10,000
To support the purchase of food and packaging to meet the increased demand for food.

Haven’s Harvest  $32,000
To support the provision of food storage as well as staff program costs.

Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs Inc.  $15,000
To provide virtual college and career readiness programming for New Haven and Hamden high school and adult education students.

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Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Greater New Haven  $2,000
To support the provision of personal protective equipment to home bound elderly clients.

IRIS — Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services  $30,000
To support the purchase of food pantry products, gift cards and medicine.

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To support rental and utility assistance as well as food, cleaning supplies and case management services for immigrants and refugees.

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven  $20,000
To support masks for CT – an event created to get masks at no charge into the hands of Greater New Haven residents, especially those in hardest hit neighborhoods.

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven  $15,000
To support financial assistance for basic needs and food.

Junta for Progressive Action  $30,000
To support staffing and direct financial assistance for Latino and undocumented families.

Kadiwaku Family Foundation  $8,000
To support the purchase of food and personal protective equipment, as well as mental health services to New Haven African refugee and immigrant residents.

Kingdom International Economic Development Corp (KIEDC)  $5,000
To support the provision of food for New Haven and Hamden families and elderly residents.

The racial/ethnic disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic are clear. Intergenerational and structural disinvestment in communities are contributing factors to the disparities we are seeing. Communities of color have limited access to high quality healthcare and are less able to social distance because they are more likely to live in densely populated neighborhoods and households.”

Rate of COVID-19-Associated Deaths by Race/Ethnicity

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A March Chronicle of Philanthropy article explained the critical role donor-advised funds play during times of fiscal stress, “as the philanthropic capital reserve in communities across the United States. In today’s circumstances, these funds deeply rooted in their communities are analogous to having hundreds, if not thousands, of local foundations available for support of the projected torrent of emergency needs.” The donor advised funds at The Community Foundation (TCF) and its philanthropic partner the Valley Community Foundation (VCF) are no exception. Between March and May, donor advisors transferred much needed funds directly to the COVID-19 community funds established at the two foundations to get resources rapidly to those most impacted by COVID-19. They also supported local nonprofits directly and increased their participation in The Great Give® by 50%.

In addition, The Foundation accelerated the distribution of $1 million in designated fund grants in April.

The Valley’s Response to COVID-19: Decisive and Direct

In March, representatives from Valley Community Foundation (VCF), Valley United Way, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Valley Council of Health & Human Services joined forces to rapidly deploy resources to organizations supporting people in the Valley Region most significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The collaboration produced the Valley Community COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (The Fund), which as of publication has distributed nearly $150,000 in aid to 40 nonprofits. Many of the grants have been for personal protective equipment and operational support for telehealth, virtual wellness, and remote access programming for organizations with staff working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sharon Closius, VCF President and CEO, is grateful for all the early contributors and entreats Valley supporters to help continue to grow resources for the Valley’s relief and recovery.

To further help Valley residents, VCF has changed the priorities of its Needs and Opportunities grant process to give priority to requests directly related to modifications made as a result of the crisis.

Businesses and individuals looking to make an impact are encouraged to donate at www.valleyfoundation.org to help the Valley rebound from the pandemic. Gifts via credit card are strongly preferred over checks to reduce processing time.

Small Business Loan Program Launching for New Haven & Valley Neighborhoods

The Foundation through its Mission Investment Company (TCF-MIC), the City of New Haven, the Amour Propre Fund and HEDCO are pleased to announce a small business loan program to provide financial relief to small businesses that have experienced an adverse financial impact and economic injury due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The aforementioned partners supporting this program have made an initial commitment of $1.5 million. The focus and priority of this loan program are to assist small, minority and women-owned businesses located in New Haven and the lower Naugatuck Valley (priority for Derby and Ansonia) that have been adversely and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and that either do not qualify or have been unable to access other resources provided by the federal or state government. Loans up to $25,000 will be available. The new program is a major step forward in the implementation of The Foundation’s vision for TCF-MIC as an entity that helps broaden and deepen relationships in our community — a core objective for The Foundation over the next 5 years. More information will be available in the coming weeks on The Foundation’s website at www.cfgnh.org/sblp.

Donor Briefings, Nonprofit Workshops and Payments Go Digital

Since mid-March, five Virtual Donor briefings have taken place providing information about The Foundation’s responses to COVID-19, Greater New Haven’s COVID-19 Community Fund, the work happening to address food insecurity, the racial and ethnic disparities and mental health concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, more than 400 nonprofit personnel have been aided by 14 virtual workshops on topics such as self-care and guided meditation. A series on how to power through COVID-19 offered resources and a road map relative to how to survive and eventually emerge stronger than ever.

Feedback has been positive, including these messages:

“Thank you so much for recognizing how much this topic is needed, and for all the great work you are doing. It is appreciated.”

“(The presenter) has great suggestions and that are implementable, great visuals and examples, lovely presentation manner.”

Finally, The Foundation has gone digital for grant and vendor payments and processed a 54% / $5 million increase in grants this April, compared to the same time last year.

“...there is still a long road ahead of us in terms of how the Valley is able to come through these challenging times in a way that is stronger and more unified than before.”

Sharon Closius, VCF President and CEO