

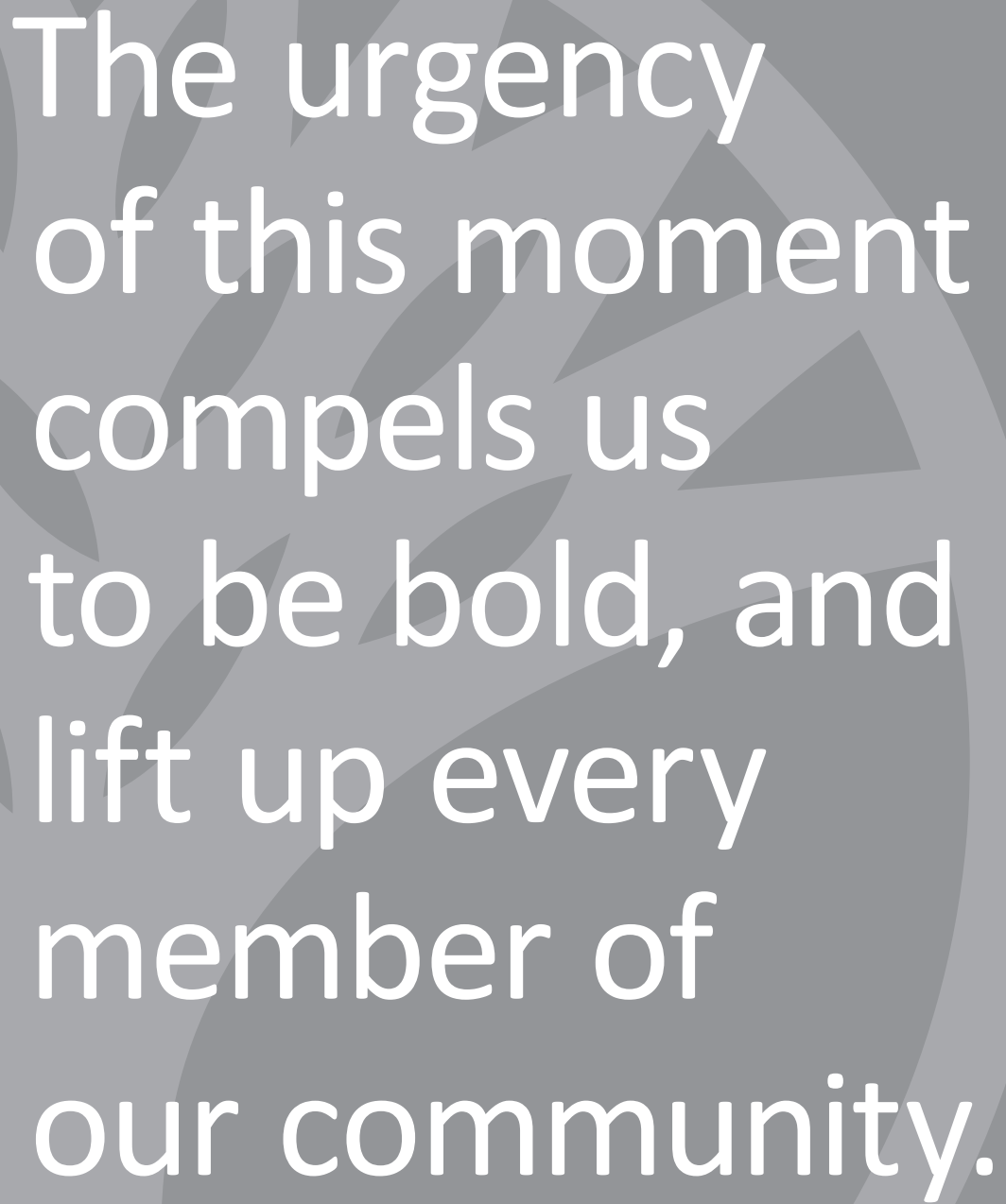
The
COMMUNITY
Foundation
for Greater
New Haven

ADVANCING

OPPORTUNITY + EQUITY



2024/25 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



The urgency
of this moment
compels us
to be bold, and
lift up every
member of
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.



Fernando J. Muñiz, *Chair*

Valarie Shultz Wilson, *Vice Chair*

Vlad Coric

Andrew Eder

Michael Morand

Heather Tookes Alexopoulos

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

Special thanks to Marcella Nunez-Smith and Gregory J. Pepe, whose seven-year board terms expired at the end of 2024.



Enola G. Aird

Terry H. Jones

Emily Wang

Keith B. Churchwell

Andrew S. Knott

Letter from the President & CEO

Advancing Opportunity and Equity: A Future of Action and Impact

As we reflect on the past year at The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven, we do so with a profound sense of gratitude, urgency and optimism. This has been a year of transition, transformation and deepened commitment to advancing opportunity and equity across our communities.

The successful search for a new president and CEO marked a pivotal moment in our journey, reinforcing our resolve to lead boldly in these critical times. With new leadership in place, we step into the future with a renewed vision for accelerating meaningful change, and ensuring that every individual and family in our region has the opportunity to thrive.

As we work toward this vision, The Foundation finds itself in a new place from a year ago. New priorities from the federal government are causing uncertainty, fear and harmful financial strains in our community. In the face of these challenges, The Foundation's values and priorities are not changing.

This moment calls for action. The challenges before us — gaps in economic opportunity, persistent inequities, and systemic barriers — have not disappeared. They continue to demand innovative solutions and collective effort. Through our grantmaking, strategic initiatives and deep community engagement, we are actively shaping a future in which opportunity is not just available but accessible to all.

Strengthening Communities Through Investment and Engagement

Our grantmaking continues to be a powerful vehicle for impact, addressing immediate needs while fueling long-term change. Whether through supporting critical initiatives like Healthy Start, strengthening nonprofits, or funding innovative programs such as New Haven Promise, ConnCAT and NHE3's entrepreneurial support, we are committed to lifting up communities and driving sustainable progress.

Beyond our grantmaking, we have deepened our engagement and partnerships, expanding community-driven impact. We saw record-breaking generosity in The Great Give 2024, underscoring the power of collective philanthropy. Our capacity to explore pathways to greater equity was evident in our continued work with the Racial Equity Institute and new partnerships with institutions like Quinnipiac University. And our commitment to racial equity and inclusion was deepened by our willingness to face New Haven's uncomfortable history through engagement with the *Shining Light on Truth* exhibit displayed at the New Haven Museum. The Latine Philanthropy Forum and Black Philanthropy work continued advancing culturally responsive giving, ensuring that philanthropy reflects and supports the rich diversity of our region.

and Board Chair

Leading with Innovation and Collaboration

As we chart our course forward, we recognize that strong leadership and collaboration are essential. The Neighborhood Leadership Program reboot, the Chauncey Fellowship, and the Changemaker Fund are investing in the next generation of leaders. Programs like Women & Girls mentoring and economic security efforts, along with our steadfast support for nonprofits, demonstrate our holistic approach to community building.

DataHaven's 30-year milestone reminds us of the power of data in driving informed decision-making and accountability. We remain committed to leveraging insights and research to shape policies and practices that create equitable outcomes for all.



Karen DuBois-Walton, Ph.D.
President & Chief Executive Officer

Looking Ahead: A Future of Bold Action

As we bid farewell to a remarkable leader, Will Ginsberg who, in his final annual address, challenged us to find new ways to stay connected and work together, we embrace the future with determination. The urgency of this moment compels us to be bold, to reimagine philanthropy, and to champion solutions that break cycles of poverty, create economic mobility and lifting up every member of our community.

Thank you for your partnership, generosity, and belief in the power of collective impact. Together, we are advancing opportunity and equity — ensuring that Greater New Haven is a place where all can prosper.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Muñiz'.

Fernando J. Muñiz



Fernando J. Muñiz
Board Chair

Thank you for your partnership, generosity, and belief in the power of collective impact.

Our Strategic Framework

GOALS

OBJECTIVES

OUTCOMES

ENGAGEMENT, GIVING, IMPACT

Expand support of, outreach to and input from diverse community residents and institutions

Broaden Reach and Deepen Relationships

Grow and Diversify Local Giving

Increase the Impact of all types of Community Investments

INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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

Build Community-wide Ownership for Regional Inclusive Growth

Support Inclusive Career Pathways in Local Growth Sectors

Support Development of an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

CAPACITY + CULTURE

Build the capacity and strengthen the culture of The Foundation

Support Effective Governance and Board Leadership

Cultivate and Support Staff Culture, Capacity and Effectiveness

Ensure Efficient and Effective Operations

MEET THE MOMENT

Respond to increased community needs and disruption to nonprofit landscape

Develop strategic plan for targeted investments

Assess opportunities and challenges among nonprofits

Increase civic connectedness and strengthen democracy

Develop strategic communications plan to effectively respond and serve as trusted messenger

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



DIVERSE
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ARE
GIVING LOCALLY

THE FOUNDATION
IS IMPACTFUL AND
DEEPLY CONNECTED
TO THE COMMUNITY



Advancing Opportunity + Equity

Five years ago, The Foundation transformed its work to focus on helping Greater New Haven realize a shared future of greater opportunity and greater equity. Ours has always been an inclusive strategy, embracing all people and communities who call our region home. The Foundation remains committed to advancing this strategic vision.





Highlights

Engagement, Giving and Impact

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.”

ENGAGEMENT

Providing access to knowledge resources and information about Greater New Haven is one of the primary ways that The Foundation pursues its mission. We bring the community together to learn about important issues, inspire local giving and strengthen the commitment to creating a better Greater New Haven.

In 2024, nearly 3,200 people attended 92 in-person and virtual events that included convenings, community meetings, informational briefings, forums, and workshops and trainings for nonprofit organizations.



New Collaborations Advance Narrative Change

In 2024, new collaborations grew out of The Racial Equity Institute conversation and workshop series hosted by The Foundation. Participants have remained in touch after the sessions, and created their own cohorts for expanding the conversations further into their own communities and workplaces.

More than 1,300 community members have participated in the workshops since The Foundation began making them freely available four years ago. The sessions explore the reasons behind the need for greater equity by looking at the historic foundations of systemic racism, its persistence today and how the dominant narrative of White superiority creates resistance to change.

Quinnipiac University is one of several local institutions working with The Foundation to expand the reach of these conversations and help change the narrative.

“Partnering with The Foundation helps us to get these conversations into the classroom and in front of the choir adjacent,” said Claude Mayo, Director of the Office of Inclusive Excellence at Quinnipiac University.



Claude Mayo
Quinnipiac University



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Shining Light on Truth

NEW HAVEN, YALE, & SLAVERY

Conversations Confront Uncomfortable Truths . . .

As part of its yearlong series of donor briefings, The Foundation hosted a special guided tour of *Shining Light on Truth: New Haven, Yale, and Slavery* with exhibit co-curator Michael Morand, Director of Community Engagement at Yale's Beinecke Library and board member of The Foundation.

The exhibit at the New Haven Museum demonstrated that slavery was commonplace in colonial Connecticut and foundational to the development of New Haven and Yale. It also told the story of how Connecticut leaders gathered in New Haven in 1831 to block a proposed all-Black college that could have been the first historically Black college and university in the United States.



... And Societal Challenges

The Basic Needs Fund hosted *The Foundation of Hope, How Basic Needs Fuel Broader Change*. The panelists discussed how families who struggle to meet basic needs are forced to make such painful decisions as forgoing a doctor's visit or medicine to pay for rent and food. They emphasized that when basic material needs are met with dignity, people in education, job training and other programs are significantly more likely to succeed.

Since its founding in 2020, the Basic Needs Fund has distributed more than \$1.41 million in grants to local nonprofits meeting basic needs, including (but not limited to) shelter, food, clothing, hygiene items, transportation, nonprescription drugs, and other essential health care not covered by insurance.







Staying Connected and Working Together

At his final annual meeting as President and CEO of The Foundation, Will Ginsberg reflected on the importance of connectedness for achieving a vision of a community with greater opportunity and greater equity.

“The path to continued progress remains what it has always been,” Ginsberg said. “Finding bold new ways to stay connected and to work together.”

Held at Yale’s O.C. Marsh Lecture Hall followed by a reception in Yale’s newly renovated Peabody Museum, the event featured a conversation between Ginsberg and Board of Directors Vice Chair Fernando Muñiz (pictured below) about the future direction of The Foundation.



GIVING

The Foundation works with donors, private investors, foundations, government partners and other funders to increase both endowed and current use funding resources for responding to a broad set of community needs and opportunities. The Foundation is committed to both broadening and diversifying local giving — a key goal of its strategic plan.



New gifts and transfers

In 2024, The Foundation received **\$33.3 million** in new gifts, transfers, and grants, and its combined charitable assets totaled **\$666,996,298** on December 31. Individuals and families established 35 new named funds and organizations established eight new organization funds. (See complete list starting on page 43.)

\$9.9 million in new endowed gifts, deferred gifts and bequests, providing permanent grantmaking resources for our community.

\$8.3 million in new current use gifts for meeting immediate needs in our community

\$11.3 million in new organization funds.

Managing endowed organization funds is a service that The Foundation provides as a registered investment advisor.

\$3.8 million in government and private grants, including grants to The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company (TCFMIC) for connecting capital and technical assistance to underserved entrepreneurs.



'BE THE SEED' Community Performance

Scroll for details



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Record Amounts Raised for Greater New Haven nonprofits

Donors gave to Greater New Haven nonprofits in record numbers during **The Great Give 2024**. An all-time high of **\$3,843,475** was raised for 550 nonprofit organizations serving Greater New Haven. The Great Give has raised **\$28.6 million** for local nonprofits since it began in 2010.

As in years past, nonprofits and other groups came together in support of their favorite causes. In Wallingford, the public access channel WPAA-TV promoted Greater New Haven nonprofits during the event with an in-studio concert and launch party that was streamed to its audience.

THE great Give
MAY 1-2, 2024
A 36-hour, online-giving event

500+ nonprofits to choose from

DONATE TO THE CAUSES YOU CARE ABOUT



Black Philanthropy Inspires Giving and Social Change

Donors and changemakers convened during Black Philanthropy Month, the global celebration of African-descent giving in all its forms held annually in August. The Foundation's **Vineyard Project in New Haven** hosted fund holders and supporters in the historic town of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. The day included the panel discussion, *Reconcile, Challenge, Envision* at the Strand Theater.

The Vineyard Project's named fund initiative has resulted in the creation of 14 new permanent funds at The Foundation. (See the profiles of these and other donors who started funds, beginning on page 49.)



Building Trust, Creating Impact: The Latine Philanthropy Forum

Deeply personal tributes were part of an evening of lifting up the generosity of the Latine community, and changing the narrative of what it means to be Latine in America at the **Progreso Latino Fund's** forum on Latine philanthropy.

Diana Campoamor (at right) editor of the book *If We Want to Win, A Latine Vision for a New American Democracy*, introduced and moderated the panel of Latine charitable fund founders (below): Anaika and William Ocasio, entrepreneurs; Dr. Cynthia Rojas, Co-principal and Co-founder, Rojas Blakely & Associates; and Jacob Padrón, Artistic Director, Long Wharf Theatre.





IMPACT

The Foundation’s grants and distributions support programs that help people, respond to societal needs, and provide opportunities broadly in the Greater New Haven community.

Discretionary resources also support a range of programs, including nonprofit capacity building, and leadership education and mentorship for the next generation of leaders in our community.



2024 Grants and Distributions

In 2024, **\$31.4 million** in grants and distributions were made by The Community Foundation to hundreds of organizations and programs. (See complete list starting on page 108.)

\$10 million in discretionary grants from funds that donors established with a preference for such interest areas as the arts, health or basic needs, and from unrestricted funds. The Foundation used these funds to provide competitive responsive grants and sponsorships to nonprofits throughout the year as well as strategic and program grants of The Foundation.

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

\$7.6 million in donor advised fund grants that donors recommended from their donor-advised funds.

\$4.2 million in fiduciary grants to The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company.

\$2.1 million in distributions from a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant to support New Haven Healthy Start.

\$1.2 million in scholarships from scholarship funds.



Entrepreneurs Access Capital and Assistance

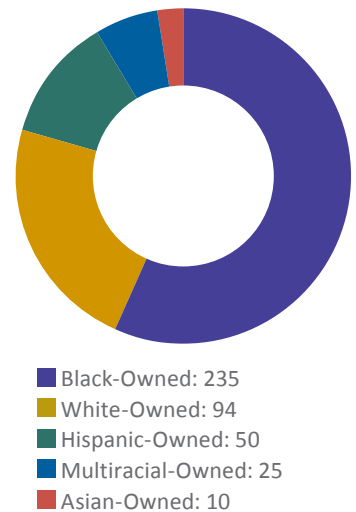
The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company (TCFMIC) is addressing wealth disparities by leveling the playing field for entrepreneurs and business owners.

Its New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem (NHE3) has delivered technical assistance to more than 1,146 clients, and secured funding for 414 businesses, creating more than 200 jobs. Among the businesses served, 63% are women-owned and 77% are minority-owned.

The NHE3 combines incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, and capital through partnerships with 28 Entrepreneurial Support Organizations, including city and state governments, nonprofits, institutes of higher education and private businesses. The ecosystem also provides targeted support for science and technology entrepreneurs through the Connecticut Consortium of BIPOC Technologists.

In 2025, TCFMIC plans to raise \$25 million to start the MIC Innovation and Growth Funds to invest in high-growth startups and provide capital to local businesses.

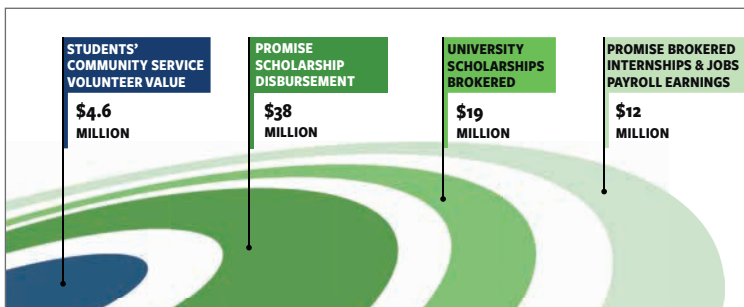
NHE3 Grant Award Demographics





Promise Delivers Opportunity

New Haven Promise, The Foundation's largest strategic grant recipient, has empowered generations of New Haven students. Over its 15 years of comprehensive programming, Promise has provided 3,000 scholars with \$38 million in Promise scholarships and tens of millions more from college and community partners. The Promise Journey — To. Through. And Back. — supports students before, during and after their college years, helping them transition to first jobs and careers. The program has secured 1,500 unique internships



and jobs for students, generating \$12 million in salary revenue.

Providing Babies a Healthy Start

In 2024, **New Haven Healthy Start** supported 432 pregnant women, 603 infants and toddlers, 225 fathers and 367 new mothers, making sure that families receive care at critical stages of pregnancy and child development. The program began its work to improve birth outcomes in 1997, and was awarded a new five-year, \$5.5 million funding commitment from the federal government, pending congressional reauthorization each year. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) joined staff to announce the award.



Workshops, Trainings and Networking Events Strengthen Local Nonprofits

In 2024, The Community Foundation's capacity building program offered 65 different workshops and trainings to nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers, welcoming more than 1,200 attendees representing 292 organizations. Topics included finances, grant writing, artificial intelligence, board development and communications. More than 50 organizations received support to work with a consultant on specific and timely projects to build their individual capacity for long-term stability and growth.

DataHaven Turns 30

DataHaven, the go-to data resource for professionals in public and social service sectors in Greater New Haven and across the state, celebrated its 30th anniversary in November. The Community Foundation has been a partner since the beginning, supporting the idea that public data is a resource that should be easily accessed and widely available. The Foundation has invested more than \$550,000 in DataHaven, including support for the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey and Report.

Neighborhood Leaders Build Community

Participants in The Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Program spend eight months developing, testing and implementing projects that build community. Upon completion of the training, they are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to carry out their projects.

After a yearlong pause while undergoing an evaluation, the program has rebooted with a new cohort of local residents who are building connections in their neighborhoods. Mufid Bohorquez is using his experience with the program to create a virtual hub for his City Point neighborhood to organize cleanups, potlucks and other gatherings for people to get to know each other and help others in need. An artist and graphic designer, Bohorquez says the Neighborhood Leadership Program helped him break out of his shell.

"I always look forward to the classes because I come out energized. I leave that place knowing that I'm going to go out and make a difference," he said.

JaTorra Commodore, a relative newcomer to West Haven, enrolled in the program to build connections. A former teacher, she changed careers to become a certified life coach, offering wellness, meditation and yoga classes for teachers and caregivers, kids in classrooms and anyone looking to reduce their stress.



“I saw that a lot of teachers around me needed help and support and were not getting it. I thought, ‘Maybe this is my path.’ I went out on a limb, started my certification process, and started my business.”

Commodore’s Neighborhood Leadership project is to bring her classes, workshops and programs to more people in the community.

“I want to bring more programs that help with managing stress and dealing with work-related burnout for people who don’t have accessibility to gyms or yoga studios, or who may find those places intimidating,” Commodore said.

Chauncey Fellows Launch Dream Projects

Inaugural Chauncey Fellowship recipients Samantha Sims and Jonathan Weiss (pictured with Henry “Sam” Chauncey) are spending their first year after college pursuing their interests through artistic and service work. Sims, a New Haven native and New Haven Promise scholar, is bringing together Black people of the African diaspora with a new tradition called Liberation Table. Weiss is composing a musical, and teaching music in the community. The fellowship was established by the late Edward “Edder” Bennett in honor of Chauncey, former secretary of Yale University, and mentor to generations of students. Anya AitSahlia of Yale University and Julien Sanchez-Levallois of Southern Connecticut State University were named the 2025 Chauncey fellows.

Changemaker Fund Supports Local Leaders

Across the country, state and philanthropic leaders are experimenting with increasing economic opportunity through direct cash initiatives. The **Connecticut Urban Opportunity Collaborative (CUOC)**, formed by The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, is part of this movement. Working with the national nonprofit UpTogether, CUOC is supporting a guaranteed income pilot in Connecticut called the Changemaker Fund. The program’s direct cash assistance provides 120 community leaders with the financial independence to direct their efforts to community building and advocacy.





Girls of Color Mentoring Network Builds Connections

Created by the **Community Fund for Women & Girls**, the Girls of Color Mentoring Network fosters collaboration among mentoring programs as they each connect girls and young women of color with role models and mentors. In April 2024, Network members collaborated with CT STEM Academy to host the second Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) event, giving young women exercises in coding, robotics, rocketry and other enrichment projects. The girls were also introduced to inspiring women of color with careers in STEM who provided powerful role models.



Nonprofits Support Women's Economic Security

Havenly helps refugee women gain employable expertise in commercial kitchens while learning personal finances and other life skills that will help them and their families succeed in their new country. In order to better serve participants with children, the cafe and support organization is adding childcare to its program with a Pathways for Economic Security for Women grant from the **Community Fund for Women & Girls**.

“The Pathways grant accelerated our shift from vision to action,” says Caterina Passoni, Havenly co-founder. “It came at the perfect time, and gave our community hope when hope was hard to come by.”

The Pathways program invests in local women, helping them receive education and training for jobs that will support them and their families. It also funds childcare and other services to help them advance their professional lives.

In 2024, the program awarded grants totaling \$115,000 to 10 nonprofits that are supporting more than 3,500 local women. The Pathways program has distributed \$504,440 since it was launched in 2022.

Building economic and political
power with refugee women.

Desarrollando poder económico y
político con mujeres refugiadas.

نبني قوة اقتصادية وسياسية مع اللاجئين.





Funds of The Community Foundation*

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. Thirty-five new funds were established at The Foundation in 2024. We thank our donors for their generosity and community spirit.

*As of December 31, 2024; new funds established in 2024 are highlighted in color.
For new funds established with our partner in philanthropy, the Valley Community Foundation, visit valleyfoundation.org.

Funds of The Community Foundation

10.05 Fund

Est. 2010 by Nancy Clayton and Brad Collins

101 College Street Benefits Fund

Est. 2022 by the City of New Haven

2 Chulas Charitable Fund

Est. 2024 by Lissette Andino

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 the 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 an anonymous donor

Jeanne Meyers Amore

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

2 Chulas Fund

Established by Lissette Andino

When a merger at Lissette Andino's workplace took her to Connecticut from Rochester, New York, where she grew up and where she was raising her daughter Ariana, she knew that she would have to create a community — a new family of friends.

"I wanted to connect to my Puerto Rican and Latino cultures and communities," she said. She co-founded the Greater Bridgeport Latino Network to develop workplace and community connections, link people together and share information about work opportunities and community needs and concerns. She wanted to create a network "that supported underserved communities and elevated Latinos." She also began volunteering with nonprofits whose missions she cared about.

But as a single mom, she had one firm stipulation: whatever volunteer board meeting or event she was attending, her daughter would be coming with her. They were a duo, a mother-daughter team.

When Ariana was young, Lissette would bring her to board meetings. She would set her up with her homework and a snack and Ariana would be right there in the mix. "As she got older, I'd say 'What do you have for her to do?' and Ariana would help by stapling papers and stamping envelopes," Lissette said.

Ariana greatly admires her mother and loved having the chance to see what giving back really meant.

"I grew up as my mom's shadow as she worked in these communities with nonprofits," Ariana said. "It really influenced me. It was something my mom built for us — a structure here — and it also created a family for us in Connecticut."

Today, Lissette, who has worked in the public utilities for more than 30 years, is the director of Equity and Environmental Justice at Eversource. Ariana works in administrative support at a bulk shipping company. They continue to be a presence all over the state, volunteering at the Hartford Marathon, and at holiday drives and events in the Latine community. Following the hurricane in Puerto Rico several years ago, Lissette spent 10 days there working on recovery efforts.

Lissette has long appreciated the Progreso Latino Fund events. "I love the programming,"

Lisette said. “The events are impactful and meaningful to me. It is a fund that is trusted and I’m very thankful that The Community Foundation has a Latino Fund.”

Seeing the impact The Community Foundation and PLF have had, and the possibilities that could come from creating a donor advised fund, Lisette and Ariana recently chose to establish their own fund. “I’ve wanted to do this and am grateful that I am in the position now where I can,” Lisette said.

It is called the 2 Chulas Fund. Chulas is a term of endearment Lisette has for Ariana. While it translates to “cute” or “cool” in Spanish, it has a deeper meaning for them.

“We are always together so my mother always calls us her two Chulas,” Lisette said. “It speaks to our mother-daughter bond.”

“It’s representative of us,” Ariana added.

The 2 Chulas Fund will focus as well on mother-daughter bonds. They will earmark some of it toward education. “I would like it to support single Latina moms going to school or getting a license or certificate — an educational purpose,” Ariana said.

Lisette said they also envision it as an emergency fund for mothers who might suddenly need some financial help.

They also want the fund to focus on fun activities that mothers and daughters can have together. Lisette recalled a time she and her daughter took part in a program that existed



because of a grant. It was a six-week dance class for moms and their daughters. Lisette found it to be the perfect time for such a class, when girls ages nine to 12 might start moving in directions beyond their moms.

“We did something we didn’t typically do together,” Lisette said. “It was so much fun.”

She and Ariana want the 2 Chulas Fund to support that kind of program — something other mothers and daughters can find delight in, “building something, doing something different — something they can be part of together.”

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Angel Fund
Est. 2002 by Joseph and Shelly Cogguillo

Celia Aniskovich Fund
Est. 2021 by Celia Aniskovich

Annie Cares Fund
Est. 2024 by Tressa Spears Jackson

Anonymous Fund
Est. 1998 by an anonymous donor

Anonymous 106 Fund
Est. 2003 by an anonymous donor

Anonymous 108 Fund
Est. 2001 by anonymous donors

David Anthony Fund
Est. 2012 by David Anthony

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

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

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

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.

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

Richard and Alice Baxter Designated Fund #4
Est. 2024 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

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

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

Miriam Coleman Birdwhistell Fund
 Est. 2015 by Nan Birdwhistell

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

Bishop Family Fund
 Est. 2005 by Susan Whetstone

Joseph and Susan Bishop Fund
 Est. 1985 by Susan Bishop

Bishop's Orchards Family Fund
 Est. 2023 by Keith Bishop and Deborah 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 Carolyn M. Mazure

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

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

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

Harold D. and 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. and 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

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

Bert and Ina's Girls' Fund

Established by Robin Miller Godwin

Bert and Ina were two of the most powerfully important influences in Robin Miller Godwin's life.

Alberta "Bert" Teague Williams, Robin's maternal grandmother, was born in 1902, one of 18 children. A strong woman, Bert was mother of 13, hardworking, deeply faithful, stern, yet very loving. While she didn't have a formal education, she encouraged all of her children and grandchildren to pursue theirs.

Robin's paternal grandmother was Ina "Granny" Flanagan Miller. Born 18 years after Bert, Ina sought an education and became a nurse's aide before further studying psychiatry to become a psychiatric nurse's aide, working for years in the field. While Bert had 45 grandchildren to love, Ina had one — Robin.

For many years both women were rooted in their New Haven communities, Bert in Dixwell and Ina in the Newhallville neighborhood. Alberta went to work after her husband died in 1948. "Bert was a cook, and she and a friend had a restaurant," Robin said. The restaurant was a gathering place, and Bert made certain that families who were in need did not go hungry.

Ina, who was married 67 years, tended not only to her patients but also to people in her neighborhood who might be struggling with their mental health. "She was always able to calm and center someone who needed it," Robin said. She became known as "everyone's Granny."

Bert moved from New Haven to live with one of her sons in California. When Robin was very young, her father and mother separated, and she and her mother moved to California to live with Bert.

"My grandmother Bert wanted to make sure that I had very close ties to my grandmother Ina in Connecticut and to my father," Miller Godwin said. "So every six months she would take me to Connecticut to be with them."

To keep her grandmothers' memories alive, Miller Godwin established the Bert and Ina's Girls' Fund at The Community Foundation. She



hopes to support an organization that works to combat hunger in the Dixwell neighborhood and a program providing mental health care for residents of the Newhallville community.

Miller Godwin has long been connected to The Community Foundation as a member of the Delta Foundation, where she created a fund in memory of her mother. That fund supports maternal health programs, particularly ones that focus on young mothers. She was also an inaugural member of The Community Foundation's Vineyard Project, which "recognizes and amplifies the vibrant Black history and culture of our local community and encourages Black philanthropy."

Her hope is that the Bert and Ina's Girls' Fund helps the Newhallville and Dixwell communities to thrive. "My grandparents left a legacy of home ownership, of working hard and caring for their communities, of always opening their homes to friends, family or neighbors in need," she said. "I want the fund to help to foster that kind of caring for your neighbor."

Her grandmother Bert grew ill when Miller Godwin was just 11. "I helped take care of her as she had for me," she said. "She had three daughters and five of her sons in L.A., and we all needed to pull together to provide 24-hour care until she passed. I learned what it meant to care for those you love."

"I couldn't honor one of my grandmothers without the other," she explained. "My life was intertwined with both of those women, and I

Inspired by
 **The Vineyard Project**
in New Haven

am the person I am today because of them.” Her grandmother Ina lived a long life and was able to be part of Miller Godwin’s two children’s lives, always there to help.

Miller Godwin, who manages the president’s office and the communications team for the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, will encourage her children to become part of the fund, sharing their ideas about the ways it can support the community.

She recently became a grandmother, and that has only deepened her connection to her family history. “It’s brought back how my grandmothers mothered me,” she said. “My granddaughter Harper Grace is just seven months old but already she is everything! When I look at her, I see my legacy.”

“With this fund, I want the world to know that those two remarkable women, my grandmothers, were here and that they lived beautiful lives.”



The Vineyard Project in New Haven Fund Initiative

The Vineyard Project is dedicated to amplifying Black excellence and the vibrant Black history and culture of Greater New Haven. Its named fund initiative has inspired the following donors to establish funds aligned with and providing permanent resources in support of this mission.

Enola Aird Fund for the
Community Healing Network

Bert and Ina’s Girls’ Fund

Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Fund

Annie Cares Fund

Karen J. Bellamy Fund

Ralph T. and Carroll E. Brown
Scholarship Fund

God Bless Their Soles Fund

Robert Fulton Jackson & Annie Mildred
Jackson Fund

Legacy in Full Bloom Fund

Luminary Scholars Fund

Vincent L. and Ruther J. Miller Fund

Walton-DuBois-Walton Fund for
Black Excellence

William Dennis Wiley and Alyssiah M.
Wiley Scholarship Fund

Alice B. Woodland Legacy Fund

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

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

Botwinik-Horowitz Fund
Est. 1972 by The Botwinik Foundation

Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Fund
Est. 2024 by Hopkins School

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

Britt King Family Fund
Est. 2024 by Louis King and Margaret Britt

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. and Carroll E. Brown Scholarship Fund
Est. 2023 by Carroll E. Brown

Raymond Brown Fund
Est. 1991 by Jane Brown

Buckholz/Fontaine Family Fund
Est. 2017 by Robert E. Buckholz Jr. and Anne Elizabeth Fontaine

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

Gwendoline & Bronach Bye Memorial Fund
Est. 2024 by Geoffrey Bye

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

Cajigas Charitable Fund for the Arts
Est. 2024 by Magaly and Heriberto Cajigas

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 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 Music Fund
Est. 1989 by James W. Cooper

Funds of The Community Foundation

continued

James W. Cooper Unrestricted Fund
Est. 1966 by members of the New Haven Foundation Distribution Committee

Martha and Herman Copen Fund
Est. 2004 by Herman Copen

Judith R. Corchard Fund
Est. 2011 by Wright Investors' Service Inc.

Coric Family Fund
Est. 2024 by Vlad and Elizabeth Coric

Frances Somers Cornell Fund
Est. 1994 by Frances Somers Cornell

Mario 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. Crimmins 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
Est. 2001 by Susan W. and Sumner McK. Crosby Jr.

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

Bishop's Orchards Family Fund

Established by Keith and Deborah Bishop

Bishop's Orchards is woven into the very fabric of the Guilford community and the towns and cities that spread out beyond its 313 acres of farmland. The farm has been part of the town since 1871, when Keith Bishop's great-great-grandfather, Walter Goodrich Bishop, sold vegetables, fruits and ice to families along the shoreline. Bishop's first orchard began in 1909.

Six generations of Bishops have run the farm, which now has 100 year-round employees, 180 during harvest time. "Throughout that time, we've continually evolved and worked to be good stewards of the land," Keith Bishop said.

Today, Bishop's Orchards products are primarily sold directly to consumers, with some to farm markets in CT. It has a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, a winery and a robust pick-your-own business in its orchards.

People come from all over to visit the corn maze and pick pumpkins in the fall; to see the llamas, alpacas and goats at the farm; and to pick up ready-made dinner items or a fresh baked apple pie.

From their earliest days in Guilford, giving back has been a central tenet of the Bishop family. "The people of Guilford and the larger community have supported our family's farm for more than 150 years," said Bishop. "We feel it's very important to support the people of our communities and the nonprofits that do so much work here. My parents were very involved and now our children are. It's a continuous loop."

Keith Bishop recently retired from the farm's daily operations and remains its board chair and president. His daughters, Sarah Bishop Dellaventura and Carrie Bishop Healy, are co-CEOs and his son, Ryan Warsaw-Fan Bishop, is the farm production foreman.

Giving is part of the daily hum of the farm market. Customers can choose to round up their purchases to provide funds to about a dozen different local charities supported by the Bishops, which raises \$5,000 to \$6,000 each month. Keith's wife, Debbie Bishop, has been involved in the work of the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation for many years and Keith has served on numerous local boards and commissions.

Now, Keith, Debbie and their family have established the Bishop's Orchard Family Fund at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven



to provide funds in perpetuity to organizations that they have long supported. This includes the SARAH Foundation of Guilford, which serves hundreds of individuals with intellectual and other challenges, providing day programs, recreation and leisure activities as well as SARAH Tuxis, which provides housing support.

"My oldest sister passed away 14 years ago, and she had Down Syndrome," Debbie Bishop said. "The SARAH organization and other programs made her life so much richer than doctors said it would be early on."

Keith and Debbie Bishop are also legal guardians of a former employee, an older man who has an autism spectrum disorder. "He worked for us for more than 20 years and had to retire five years ago because of a health condition," Bishop said. "After his parents passed away, he had no living relatives, so my wife and I became his guardians. We want to support SARAH Tuxis, the organization that makes his home possible and to support the recreational programs that he enjoys so much."

Their fund will also support Apple Pi Robotics. "My father enjoyed that one of his grandsons in New Hampshire was participating in a robotics program and he said, 'We need to bring that to Guilford,'" Bishop said. He did in 2006, and today more than 400 high school students from Guilford and surrounding towns have participated in the program.



"It opens the eyes of kids about robotics and engineering, and it emphasizes teamwork and collaboration," Bishop added.

Bishop said he and his family are excited to think about all the ways the fund will impact people, and they envision that it will eventually support "over a half dozen organizations."

They chose to create it at The Community Foundation "because many of our family members and employees have been involved in The Community Foundation and we want to give close to home, to help our neighbors. Our family has had deep connections to the people here. Our children will carry that forward through this fund."

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Anna Cutler Fund Est. 1957 by Anna Cutler	Michele DiCapua Memorial Scholarship Fund Est. 2019 by Tara DiCapua and Jordyn Zembrowski
Jacqueline E. D’Addio Fund Est. 2008 by Tracy D’Addio	Dickerman Family Fund Est. 1982 by Wilton E. Dickerman
Ann and Robert Dahl Fund Est. 2008 by Ann and Robert Dahl	Wilton E. Dickerman Fund — Designated Fund Est. 1945 by Wilton E. Dickerman
Ann Sale Dahl Fund Est. 2015 by Ann Sale Dahl	Janet Saleh Dickson Memorial Fund Est. 2001 by Johanna Dickson, Emma Dickson, Angela Shashoua, Aboud Bashy, Nan Ross and Frances Clark
J. Dwight and Anna E. Dana Fund Est. 1967 by J. Dwight and Anna E. Dana	Barnett Dickstein Memorial Trust Fund Est. 1968 by Barnett Dickstein
Maria Dana Fund Est. 1962 by Maria T. Dana	Dinsmore Family Fund Est. 2008 by Teddi R. Dinsmore and Kristen R. Van Alstine
Olive Louise Dann Fund Est. 1972 by Olive Louise Dann	Directors Discretionary Fund Est. 1980 by an anonymous donor
Robert B. Dannies Jr. and Priscilla S. Dannies Fund Est. 1997 by Robert B. Dannies Jr. and Priscilla S. Dannies	Diva Fund Est. 2021 by Allison Ann Alkire and Roslyn Rubinstein
Davis Family Fund Est. 2024 by anonymous donors	Robert B. and Isabella E. Dodds Fund Est. 1976 by Robert B. Dodds
Susan and Gustave Davis Fund Est. 2017 by Susan and Gustave Davis	Grace Donahue and Doris Feldman Fund #1 Est. 1993 by Doris Feldman
Arthur Bliss Dayton Fund Est. 1991 by Elinor Bliss Dayton	Grace Donahue and Doris Feldman Fund #2 Est. 1993 by Grace Donahue
Nettie J. Dayton Fund Est. 1928 by Nettie J. Dayton	Karen and Harold Donegan Fund Est. 2004 by Karen and Harold Donegan
Julia B. DeCapua Fund Est. 1996 by Julia B. DeCapua	Clarence Doolittle Fund Est. 1967 by Helen R. Doolittle
Ted and Luisa DeLauro Community Fund Est. 2001 by Stanley B. Greenberg and Rosa L. DeLauro	David Doolittle Fund Est. 1946 by Clarence L. Doolittle
John A. and Edna M. DeLeon Fund Est. 1991 by John A. and Edna M. DeLeon	Frances C. Doolittle Fund Est. 2000 by Frances C. Doolittle
Ernest R. and Janet B. DelMonico Family Fund Est. 2017 by Ernest R. and Janet B. DelMonico	Brian D’Orso Scholarship Fund Est. 2003 by Thomas P. and Susan M. D’Orso
Delta Sigma Theta New Haven Alumnae Scholarship Fund Est. 2006 by the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta	Elizabeth Doyle Memorial Scholarship Fund Est. 1985 by Eva C. Doyle
Anthony and William DeMayo Fund Est. 2018 by Andrew DeMayo	Jane and Joe Drumgool Fund Est. 2018 by Kathleen Hermes
Ann Pecora Diamond Fund Est. 2015 by Ann Pecora Diamond	Arthur and Margaret Ebbert Memorial Fund Est. 1993 by Arthur Ebbert Jr.
	Ecology, Environment and Alternative Energy Research Prize Fund Est. 2006 by an anonymous donor

Edelweiss Fund
Est. 2009 by anonymous donors

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, M.D. Fund
Est. 2006 by Mrs. Carol K. Edwards

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

David Hall Faile Fund
Est. 2024 by the David Hall Faile Charitable Trust

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 and Henry Farnam 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

Sarah M. Ferguson 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

The Flamingo Fund
Est. 2024 by anonymous donors

The Gwendoline and Bronach Bye Fund

Established by Geoffrey Bye

The fund is named in memory of my two wives, Gwen (1928–1993) and Bronach (1943–2023). Gwen was a teacher and Bronach a nurse. They worked in caring professions, so one is not surprised to know that they were both caring women in their personal lives.

Gwen was unable to resist any request for donations to a good cause; the more checks she wrote, the more requests arrived. Hunger and children's issues were her main concern. She was generous with her time in support of our children's schools. She missed the classroom, but made up for it with her volunteering at the three Greenwich schools that they attended.

Bronach had a similar disposition to respond to any request for a good cause, and she became an indefatigable letter writer for Amnesty International. Her nursing career mainly involved caring for college students and nursing home residents — the young and the old.

After retiring she also became a devoted volunteer. She assisted at the Women's Health Clinic on Fitch Street, New Haven; mobile dental clinics that popped up around the state, many years with A Better Chance in Guilford; the Hole-in-the-Wall shop in Guilford; and latterly at SARAH's Cupboard in Branford.

The Bye Fund has been established to support organizations that Gwen and Bronach would have approved. In so doing their lives are memorialized, and worthwhile causes are supported.

It is very satisfying to have been able to establish the fund in their names with the help of the caring staff of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

— Geoffrey Bye



Bob and Janice Fodero Fund

Est. 2024 by the estate of Janice Benoit Fodero

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

Apsel and Seymour and

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

God Bless Their Soles Fund

Est. 2024 by Karimah Mickens

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

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Institute Library, Alfred P. Goodyer Fund
Est. 1998 by Young Men’s Institute Library

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

Whitney and Mary Griswold Fund
Est. 1998 by Mary Griswold

Albert L. Haasis Fund
Est. 1947 by 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

God Bless Their Soles Fund Established by Karimah Mickens

For 30 years Linda Mickens was a neonatal intensive care unit nurse, “providing tender care to infants and their families,” her daughter Karimah Mickens said. Linda was also an artist who made sculptures out of bronze. But she put her art on hold as life got busy with raising children and materials became expensive.

Then in 2019, Linda Mickens began to get back into her art, spending more time as the pandemic unfolded and as she retired. She experimented with new materials, using recycled paper, wire frames and found objects. She made sculptures of the “everyday angels among us,” that turned into a collection she called *God Bless Their Soles*, which celebrates the resilience and strength and joy of African Americans. She also creates pieces influenced by the far-reaching impact of gun violence on African American communities.

A “social art activist,” Mickens has said she is “deeply inspired by the sounds of Black folk and my southern roots — the blues, jazz, gospel, the familiar sound of cloth scraping across a washing board and Grandma’s laughter.”

Her work has been acclaimed in the press and widely exhibited at the Creative Arts Workshop; the Ely Center; John Lyman Hall;



and in a permanent collection at the River Road African American museum in Donaldsonville, Louisiana. She's received support from foundations and funds, and is at work on life-size sculptures of a New Orleans funeral procession and a series of angel benches to be placed all around New Haven.

Her daughter Karimah happily watched it all unfold. "My mother has always centered our family," Mickens said. "She was a single mom raising three kids working the third shift, working all the time to give us opportunities. She taught us to have courage and to explore and try new things."

With Karimah's mother turning 70 in 2024, she wanted to find a way to honor her and decided to establish the God Bless Their Soles Fund at The Community Foundation. "The God Bless Their Soles Fund is dedicated to helping artists succeed by removing barriers to creativity and providing essential support," Mickens said. "Inspired by my mother, we recognize the powerful impact of art in bringing people together and influencing the world. We aim to make it easier for artists to support themselves, celebrate their talents and create meaningful contributions. Together, we can empower artists to reach their full potential and make a lasting impact on the world."

Karimah Mickens, Hamden's town clerk, has long known of the work of The Community Foundation. She is a member of the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Established in 2006, it was the first charitable endowed scholarship

fund established by an African American sorority at a community foundation. The Community Foundation has also supported Amplify the Arts Festival in Hamden, which Karimah Mickens founded. The festival showcases the voices and perspectives of youth, LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities in Hamden. "I've been a public servant and volunteer my entire life," she said. "And I know the great work of The Foundation."

With The Community Foundation's Vineyard Project in New Haven encouraging Black philanthropy, contributing \$2,000 to people creating a fund, Mickens knew the time was right.

"I want to remove barriers for aspiring creatives," Mickens said. "I have a vision and want to be sure that local artists have supplies, and that there are more spaces where they can work. I want to help support access so their art can be part of exhibitions and seen in galleries and museums."

"Art nurtures us," Mickens added. "It uplifts us, encourages us to question things and to think. Art brings my mother so much joy and I want to find ways to have other artists have that joy."



Funds of The Community Foundation continued

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

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

Hoblitzelle Family Fund III
Est. 1990 by William E. and Barbara Hoblitzelle

William and Barbara Hoblitzelle Fund
Est. 1987 by William E. and Barbara Hoblitzelle

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

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

Jazz Con Clave Fund for Musical Education
Est. 2024 by John Padilla

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

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

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

Kelley Family Fund
Est. 2014 by the Stonebridge Foundation

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

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

Mildred A. Kelly Fund
Est. 1966 by Mildred A. Kelly

Frank Kenna Jr. Fund
Est. 2016 by the Frank Kenna Trust

Gilbert T. Kenna Fund
Est. 2009 by Gilbert T. Kenna

Harry B. Kennedy and Ann H. Kennedy Fund
Est. 2001 by Ann H. Kennedy

Helen and Morgan Keyes and
Eunice Keyes Medlyn Fund
Est. 2003 by Helen and H. Morgan Keyes
and Eunice Keyes Medlyn

Henry Morgan Keyes Fund
Est. 2004 by Henry Morgan Keyes

Dr. Chuwan Kim & Family Fund
for East Rock Institute
Est. 2007 by East Rock Institute Inc.

Beverly Hilton Kimbro Scholarship Fund
Est. 2007 by Warren Kimbro

F. Kirschner Fund
Est. 1942 by Fannie H. Kirschner

Lucy Kittredge Fund
Est. 1970 by Lucy M. Kittredge

Karen E. Knudsen Memorial Fund
Est. 2001 by M.J. Knudsen

The Grace Fund

Established by Jim Kenny

When Jim Kenny moved to New Haven to work in development for Yale University after working at universities around the country, he felt very much at home. He loved the Wooster Square neighborhood. He got involved in civic groups and became co-chair of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Then he began thinking about creating a fund that would make a lasting impact for people in the Greater New Haven community. He knew the focus would be education and it would be named the Grace Fund to honor his grandmother.

Grandma Grace spent her life teaching English. In her later years, she found a new calling teaching English as a second language to immigrants, working with them on reading and writing and making certain they were connected to the resources they needed.

He talked often with Grace about all that education can bring to a person's life and how vital it is that everyone has access to it. "She felt no one should ever be overlooked and no one should ever not have an opportunity for education because of the type of life they were dealt or where they were born," Kenny said. "She always spoke about how all people are deserving of respect, care, love and support."

He also knew he would establish the fund at The Community Foundation. As Yale University's Assistant Vice President for Development, Schools and Units, and in his role co-chairing the festival, he'd seen The Foundation's impact.

"The Community Foundation is a very responsible financial organization and it's very clear the staff have an incredible ethos of being involved in the community, not sitting behind their desks and just handing out checks. They know the community," he said. "In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, they created an economic investment vehicle focused particularly on businesses in the Greater New Haven community created by Black and Brown founders. Those were very strong decisions, and it made me want to be part of it," he said.

"The reason I believe so strongly in education is I have seen firsthand through my father's life

and many of my uncles and cousins that after receiving an education the pathway for their lives was transformed," Kenny said.

When Kenny's father was a boy, he was one of nine children living in rural Connecticut. Because of his family situation, he had to support himself starting at the age of 11. So he worked hard, first with a paper route, then at restaurants. He wanted to go to college but had no way to get there, so he hitchhiked each way to a community college until a neighbor saw what he was doing and helped him buy a used car.

Growing up, "I didn't have everything I wanted but I had everything I needed," Kenny said. His father and mother both said that no matter what they would help pay what they could for their children to go to college.

He saw how college shaped his own life. "I was a very quiet, reserved kid when I started my undergraduate degree at Castleton State College in Vermont," he said. "But I had the good fortune of being part of a campus community that encouraged students to become involved." By his senior year, he was the student body president of the college and the entire Vermont college system. He learned how to lobby the state legislature and the governor for funds for education.

He went on to graduate school at Colorado State University, affording it thanks to a graduate assistantship and a position as a hall director.

He chose his career — working in development, raising funds for college and universities — because he wanted to center his life around making the college experience available to as many students as possible. "I believe in the mission of Yale because we admit students regardless of their ability to pay, so the entire undergraduate experience at Yale is access-based," he said.

While the Grace Fund is in its formative stages, Kenny has been talking with his family about which nonprofits it will support. "My mother was also a teacher for 30 years and my sister is a teacher. Fundraising for Yale, I know the importance of giving to nonprofit organizations," he said. "There are lots of

great organizations in Greater New Haven focused on education that are receiving support from The Community Foundation and we want to learn more about them and others we don't yet know about. I feel very strongly that access to education is critical to allowing someone to live a transformational life."



Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Koenigsberg Family Fund
Est. 2019 by Daniel Koenigsberg

Hesung Chun & Kwang Lim Koh
Family Fund for East Rock Institute, Inc.
Est. 2006 by East Rock Institute

Lillian and Henry A. Konopacke Fund
Est. 2013 by Henry A. Konopacke

Edward Konowitz Family Fund
Est. 2007 by Edward Konowitz

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Kuss Fund
Est. 1999 by Mrs. Lester A. Kuss

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

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

Suzanne Lagarde and David Stagg Fund
Est. 2021 by Suzanne Lagarde and David Stagg

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

David T. Langrock Old Masters Art Fund
Est. 1982 by the David T. Langrock Foundation

Anna K. and Louis Lapides Fund
Est. 1991 by Anna K. Lapides

John Laslett Fund
Est. 1971 by John Laslett

Latina Theatre Fund
Est. 2023 by Jacob Padrón

Sara Lavery Fund
Est. 1971 by Sally Brown Bradley

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

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

Lesley Mason Mills Fund
Est. 2009 by Lesley Mills

Lesley Mason Mills LifeTales Fund
Est. 2001 by Lesley Mills

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 Benjamin D. Liveten

La Voz Hispana De Connecticut Fund

Established by Norma Rodríguez and Abelardo King

La Voz Hispana is not only the largest Spanish-language newspaper in Connecticut. It's also one of few remaining print-based local news organizations in the country. Covering New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford and Norwalk, the weekly paper is a vitally important resource for Connecticut's Spanish-speaking communities.

When founded in 1993 by Abelardo King, the paper was primarily focused on New Haven and relied on contributed stories from people who volunteered for the love of it. After a few years, King formed a business partnership with Norma Rodríguez, who became the president and publisher. The partnership took the paper to the next level. Advertising revenue grew, helping the paper add staff to support coverage across the state.

La Voz has grown to a circulation of 135,000 and remained dedicated to print, "because of the continued influx of immigrants from 21 Spanish-speaking countries into Connecticut," Rodríguez said. "In their countries, they are accustomed to having morning and evening print newspapers."

Having succeeded in media themselves, Rodríguez and King are now using their philanthropy to help the next generation.

The two established La Voz Hispana Fund at The Community Foundation as part of the Progreso Latino Fund's 20th anniversary fund challenge. The fund will provide scholarships to Latine students from Greater New Haven who have a passion for journalism or communications.

"The Community Foundation as an organization has credibility, seriousness and integrity. The help it provides to nonprofits and organizations in Greater New Haven is so strong," Rodríguez said. "We want our fund to be part of The Foundation because it is run by intentional, focused, giving people who know the communities they serve."

Rodríguez envisions the scholarships benefiting Latine students who are involved or interested in student journalism and communications, including those who, "might not have the A and B grades, but they have talent; they have this interest," Rodríguez said. "They might not have had the opportunities that led them to have A and B grades, but we want them to have this opportunity."

King said he is proud that they have built La Voz into a must-read for Latine people across the state and "for members of the mainstream media because of the paper's political impact and content," King said.

Both said they have found great purpose and joy working in the field of journalism. "I love journalism," said King. "La Voz is the love of his life," Rodríguez added.

"We are excited about encouraging the next generation," she said.



Funds of The Community Foundation continued

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

W. Scott Long Fund
Est. 2024 by the William Scott Long
Charitable Remainder Trust

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

Mary F. Lowery Fund for Women and Girls
Est. 2024 by the estate of Mary F. Lowery

Luminary Scholars Fund
Est. 2024 by Mikisha Bellamy-Relaford

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

Robert and Ann Lyons Sr. Memorial Fund
Est. 2024 by Robert Lyons Jr. and
Lauragene Katz

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

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

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

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

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

Jamie and Michelle McAdam Fund
Est. 2024 by Jamie and Michelle McAdam

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 Keyes Medlyn Fund
Est. 2003 by Eunice Keyes 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 & 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

Vincent L. and Ruther J. Miller Fund
Est. 2024 by Tameika G. Miller

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 and Thelma Mouning
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

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 Nardini

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.

Legacy in Full Bloom Fund

Established by Alisha Crutchfield

When Alisha Crutchfield moved to Westville in 2016, she fell in love with the neighborhood. “It’s peaceful and family and community centered,” she said. She’d left behind life in New York City and a career in retail and celebrity fashion styling (and serving as fashion director for the Miss Universe Organization).

A new mother in an unfamiliar city, she often drove past an empty office space on Edgewood Avenue in her neighborhood, and the space kept calling to her.

She envisioned starting a new chapter in her career and quickly found support from the city of New Haven and through The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

“Resources from New Haven’s Department of Economic Development and The Community Foundation allowed me to start and sustain my business,” she said. She took part in a Quinnipiac Entrepreneurship Academy and Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program (ConnCORP) program for minority and women-owned small businesses. “It fueled my business acumen, helping me to set up a proper business plan and efficiently process my financial statements.”

She leased the Edgewood Avenue space and got to work, taking down the blinds in the former office. Light spilled all around. She used the expansive space as a canvas and created BLOOM, a multi-concept retail space that houses a flower and gift shop, café, and wellness room, plus indoor/outdoor event spaces. Locally made products like jewelry, soap, candles and artwork fill the space.

“We house a café, a flower shop, event spaces, a cozy front patio, and a wellness room which turns into a co-working space where people working in that field can indulge in aromatherapy as they work,” she said.

In addition to commerce, BLOOM is invested in community enrichment — hosting workshops and life’s array of celebrations.

“It’s a community center reimagined. A neighborhood oasis, where people stop in to have lattes and catch up with friends,” Crutchfield said.

BLOOM recently expanded to include upstairs space, now a “retreat meets bed and breakfast — rooted in well-being” where a group of friends recently enjoyed a wellness weekend, and the Yale School of Medicine ran a music mindfulness study.

The possibilities continue to unfold for BLOOM “where people from different backgrounds meet up and get to know one another,” she said. “I love serving the community in an innovative way.”

“That leads me to the Legacy in Full Bloom Fund,” she said.

Crutchfield established her fund at The Community Foundation because she has seen the far-reaching impact of The Foundation in her own life, out in the community and as a member of the advisory committee of The Foundation’s Community Fund for Women & Girls.

Her fund taps into the power of community. “Coming from a low-income, poverty-stricken community in Boston where I grew up, I persevered because of the strong mentality that my family and the community instilled in me,” she said. “I want young people in the New Haven community to thrive.”

The Legacy in Full Bloom Fund is part of the The Foundation’s Vineyard Project in New Haven initiative, whose purpose is to be, “a powerful voice in the conversation of addressing racial equity in new ways.”

Crutchfield wants to leave a legacy for her young daughter and to honor “the strong traditions of educational excellence and etiquette established by our ancestors in the face of unimaginable circumstances and through the harshest of times,” she said.

“As a successful entrepreneur, dedicated community member and mother, I know the power of education and etiquette in every aspect of pursuing my dreams. This fund will provide grants to organizations that will uplift and empower Black youth in their pursuit of education, using intellect and poise.”

“I want our young people to be ready to take on everything that can come in the workforce, whether they are working in corporate America or as small business entrepreneurs or in other workplaces,” she added.



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The Legacy in Full Bloom Fund will support community organizations, including the Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP); Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT) and New Haven Promise. She also plans to support youth arts organizations.

Crutchfield calls her giving concept “the power of one,” and encourages individuals who come to BLOOM to contribute even a dollar to the fund. Already people are embracing the idea, “giving a dollar or \$20 or \$150,” she said.

She named her fund for a quote she’s lived by throughout her adult life: Bloom where you are planted. “It’s an affirmation that has gotten me through so much,” she said. “I want this fund to do the same for others.”



Funds of The Community Foundation continued

New Ways Fund

Est. 2009 by Charles Pillsbury

NewAlliance Bank Scholarship Fund

Est. 1989 by New Haven Savings Bank,
now Key Bank

Newton Family Fund

Est. 2010 by David I. Newton

Next Generation Fund for Advancing Opportunity and Equity

**Est. 2024 by The Community Foundation for
Greater New Haven's Board of Directors**

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

Est. 1995 by John J. Opalinski Jr.

Ophelia Fund

Est. 1986 by Flora J. Calhoun

Henry C. Opper Fund

Est. 2003 by bequest of Henry C. Opper

Optimates Society Fund

Est. 2013 by Matthew Medearis

Opus Foundation Fund

Est. 2024 by Forrest and Blanche Temple

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

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

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

**Gregory R. Parcella Memorial Scholarship Fund
Established in 2024 by family and friends of
Gregory Parcella**

Charles J. Parker Memorial Fund
Est. 1980 by Elise O. Parker

Cynthia M. Parker Fund
Est. 2012 by Cynthia M. Parker

Partnership for Aging Fund
Est. 1999 by several nonprofits
serving the elderly

Partyka Family Fund
Est. 1996 by Mildred Partyka

Elisa D. Pasqualoni Memorial 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

Projects2Ph.D. 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

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

Puerto Ricans United Charitable Fund
Est. 2024 by the Puerto Ricans United
(PRU) Inc. Board of Directors

Push Fund
Est. 2016 by Eugénie 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 #1
Est. 2011 by an anonymous donor

‘r kids Family Center Fund #2
Est. 2019 by the Board of Directors of ‘r kids

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

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

- Responsible Parenting Fund Honoring Robert G. LaCamera, M.D.
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
- 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

Robert Fulton Jackson and Annie Mildred Jackson Fund

Established by Jared Pollard

Jared Pollard thinks often about his grandparents, Robert Fulton Jackson and Annie Mildred Jackson — about their humble beginnings growing up in small towns in rural South Carolina. With his establishment of a new Community Foundation fund in their honor, their legacy will live on.

“Education was literally the gate of opportunity for them both,” Pollard said. “My grandmother was the first in her family to graduate from college. Her parents were sharecroppers. Without an education, there wasn’t a lot of opportunity for her in South Carolina. My grandfather grew up in very modest means, and he was trained as a brick mason at Vorhees University in South Carolina. He was one of the first in his family to attend college. It allowed him to build his craft; to provide for his family; and to let my grandmother later pursue advanced degrees in education to follow her dreams.”

As a young couple, the Jacksons moved to Washington, D.C., “because jobs were plentiful there.” Robert developed work as a mason; Annie taught science and math in Washington, D.C., public elementary schools for more than three decades.

Robert Fulton Jackson used “his life savings to purchase a row house in D.C. in the 1940s for \$14,000 in cash,” Pollard said. It would become the family’s home for the next 75 years. Jared and his brother as well as their cousins grew up in Connecticut but they spent weeks each summer at their grandparents’ house.

“I thought it was such a big house when I was young, but it was a narrow row house. But they had a library — a room full of books,” Pollard said. “My grandmother would encourage us to read all the time and then we would talk about the books.”

“My grandmother was my biggest champion and cheerleader,” he said. She encouraged Jared and all of her grandchildren to delight in and dedicate themselves to learning.

After Jared’s father died, his grandmother helped out to ensure Jared and his brother could continue attending private school.

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“And that was on a teacher’s retirement pension,” Pollard said. “She helped all of her grandchildren in all the ways she could.”

His grandmother cheered Pollard on as he studied economics and political science at Tufts. She attended his commencement from Columbia Business School, where he received his MBA with honors, and she was proud of his career on Wall Street at Goldman Sachs. Today, Pollard, who lives with his wife and two sons in New Jersey, is a senior director of Global Equities at the Royal Bank of Canada.

Jared’s grandparents were fixtures in the Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church in D.C. Robert helped with church renovations, and Annie established and volunteered for decades with the church’s youth ministry and education program. The Jacksons also volunteered and donated to organizations combatting homelessness in the city and to many educational causes. “They felt they were blessed to raise two daughters in their home, to have jobs they loved, and they each felt a deep obligation to help others,” Pollard said.

His grandmother lived in that D.C. home until she passed away peacefully at 96 in 2022. “She was bedridden the last few weeks, but she still had her sense of humor and her strength,” Pollard said.

It was her wish that they sell the house and divide the proceeds between her daughters and four grandchildren. Pollard chose to use some of his inheritance to create the Robert

Fulton Jackson and Annie Mildred Jackson Fund at The Community Foundation. His brother Ian also contributed to start the fund.

A fund had been created at The Community Foundation ten years earlier to honor his late father, Glenn J. Pollard. “Working with The Community Foundation has been such a great experience,” he said. “The staff is fantastic, and the fund is well managed, and it has grown, which has allowed us to provide annual scholarship awards to student athletes at Wilbur Cross High School. I want the funds to continue on in perpetuity long after I am gone.”

The Robert Fulton Jackson and Annie Mildred Jackson Fund will support scholarships for students from the D.C. schools where his grandmother taught; will help support programs at Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church; and provide assistance to Washington, D.C., homeless shelters.

“This is a way to convert that initial \$14,000 investment my grandfather made 75 years ago — using his life savings to create a home for his family — and turning that into generational impact. Although no members of our immediate family live in Washington, D.C., today, we want our grandparents’ influence on their community to live on.”

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

José 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

Paolo Rubin Rodriguez Legacy Fund
Est. 2024 by Sergio Rodriguez and
Randi Rubin Rodriguez

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

Santisteban Family Fund
Est. 2024 by Denise Santisteban

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
Est. 2001 by Robert H. Saulsbury Jr.

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 Barez Schwartz Fund
Est. 2003 by Reva Barez 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

Seedlings Fund for the
Long Wharf Theatre Endowment
Est. 2008 by the Seedlings Foundation

Phyllis Z. Seton Children’s Endowment Fund
for Edgerton Park Conservancy
Est. 2003 by Fenmore R. and Phyllis Z. Seton

Phyllis Z. Seton Fund
Est. 2015 by Charles and Diana Seton Wakerley

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.

Charles R. S. Shepard and
Derry Ann Moritz Fund
Est. 1994 by Charles R. S. Shepard
and Derry Ann Moritz

Jane Shepard Fund
Est. 1965 by Jane P. H. Shepard

Sherry Fund — Unrestricted 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 and Carol L. 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

SNET Telephone Company Assistance Fund
Est. 2024 by Michael Sopchak; part of The
Trustees of the Employee Benefit Fund of the
Southern New England Telephone Company

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

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

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

Funds of The Community Foundation continued

Louis and Susan Stone Family Fund
Est. 2015 by Susan Stone

Stonebridge Fund
Est. 2014 by the Stonebridge Foundation

Kimberly Stoner Charitable Fund
Est. 2024 by an anonymous donor

Lisl Karen Streett Fund
Est. 1989 by Grace Cornell Terwilliger and
Dr. J. Walter Streett

E. Laura Stuart Scholarship Fund
Est. 2006 by A. Walter and Sharyn A. Esdaile

studioW Advocacy Fund
Est. 2024 by Susan A. Huizenga

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

TGW Fund
Est. 2024 by Tyler G. Whitmer

Bertha M. and Emanuel H. Thalheimer Fund
Est. 1963 by Emanuel H. Thalheimer

Edna May and Richard M. Thalheimer Fund
Est. 1970 by 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 Ethel Tittel Fund
Est. 1990 by William Tittel

William and Marion 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

Torbello Fund
Est. 2023 by Yvette Bello and Ilka Torres

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

Trillium Fund
Est. 2024 by anonymous donors

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

Robert and Ann Lyons Memorial Fund

Established by their children

When Robert Lyons Jr. and his six siblings were growing up, they were loved unconditionally and always encouraged to be their own people.

Their mother, Ann Lyons, who was known as Nancy, made certain that each of her children developed their own interests and passions. “We all had our own growing-up experience,” Robert Lyons Jr. said. “We are all different individuals now. Our mom was very proud of all of us with respect to our own walks in life.”

Nancy filled the Lyons’ home with music and flowers from her garden, and she imbued it with a deep and abiding faith. “Seven days a week, she would pray a rosary for each of us on our day,” he said. “If I was a Wednesday, she’d pray for me, and on Thursday she’d pray for another of my siblings. Faith was front and center throughout her life. If you think of a walking saint, she comes pretty close.”

Their father, Robert Lyons Sr., worked at and then led the family business, the Bilco Company, the basement and metal door manufacturing firm in West Haven, a company spanning three generations. An inveterate designer, he held 40 patents for his inventions.

“He loved his work, and he loved his family,” Robert Lyons Jr. said. “For his 100th birthday, we made a word cloud for him. His children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren all chose words that represented him and it was a masterpiece of all of his characteristics and qualities. Right in the middle were the words, ‘loving’ and ‘kindness.’ Those were words that everybody chose.”

The Lyons’ 71-year marriage was also filled with love. “Even in their 90s, before my mom passed, they were blowing kisses to each other. They grew old together and loved each other right to the end,” Lyons Jr. said.

The Lyons often had a full house — for family dinners, backyard barbecues and gatherings with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, extended family and their many friends.

Nancy Lyons died in 2021. When Robert Lyons Sr. died in May, 2024, their seven children chose to honor them by establishing the Robert and Ann Lyons Memorial Fund at The Community Foundation.

The designated fund will support two organizations the couple cared deeply about — Yale New Haven Hospital’s McGivney Advanced Surgery Center at the Saint Raphael Campus and Catholic Family Charities.

Nancy Lyons was a longtime volunteer at the Church of St. Rita as a Eucharistic minister, CCD teacher and choir member. She cared about the work of Catholic Family Charities.

“My dad was very active in the community and served on boards; and his alma mater, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was very important to him,” Robert Lyons Jr. said.

“He spent quite a bit of time with Sister Anne Virginie (who for decades led the Hospital of St. Raphael), and he devoted much of his philanthropy and community leadership time to St. Raphael’s Hospital.” While he volunteered for many organizations and boards, “the hospital was very near and dear to him,” Robert Lyons Jr. said.

The family chose to create the fund at The Community Foundation because they knew of the impact of The Foundation’s work and the commitment of the staff members to the Greater New Haven community.

“After my father passed, we reached out to Foundation staff, and they turned on a dime for us,” he said. “Everything went smoothly, and it has been exactly what we would have hoped for.”

“I see the fund as a legacy of our parents’ generosity to the community existing in perpetuity, supporting two organizations that provide benefits to others in the world.”



Funds of The Community Foundation continued

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

William Verdi Fund
Est. 1959 by memorial gifts

Wayne D. Vetre Memorial Fund
Est. 2021 by Jacklyn A. Belmonte

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Santisteban Family Fund

Established by Denise Santisteban

Note: The following profile was written prior to the passing of Denise Santisteban on April 15, 2025.

From the first moment she stepped onto a stage, Denise Santisteban loved everything about theater.

“When I was a kid, I was cast in an elementary school play and that was it! I was in love with it,” Santisteban said. “I worked in all kinds of arts growing up. I did theater and dance as I went through school. In my professional life, I’ve worked in all facets of theater — costume design and props. I’ve been a stage manager. I’ve directed and acted.”

“What I discovered during all those years is that the heart of theater is storytelling,” she said. “You have to have a great story.”

Santisteban is the curator of Idea, Story and Tours Programs for New Haven’s Festival of Arts & Ideas, where she has worked since 1996. “I bring the humanities part of the festival together, setting up talks, panels and discussions about ideas, about what we can learn from and explore with one another.” Before that she was an equity stage manager in the San Francisco Bay area.

She is also a storyteller, performing with the Institute Library Story Sharing Group and the Ubuntu Storytellers.

“As I got older, I began thinking about how there is a gap. There is such a rich tapestry of historical Hispanic culture,” she said. “I’m Mexican and Peruvian. Not a lot of Latine stories are told on the stage.”

She wanted to find a way to preserve and share those stories, and find a way too for emerging Latine artists to bring new works to the stage and to storytelling venues.

At the same time, she began thinking about leaving a legacy. As a member of The Community Foundation’s Progreso Latino Fund’s (PLF) advisory board, she was inspired by PLF’s challenge — encouraging members of the Latine community to create their own funds in support of nonprofits and causes they care about.

Giving back has long been a part of her adult life. She volunteers with several arts organizations, and is the board chair of the Connecticut Arts Alliance.

She talked with her daughter, Rio Santisteban, and they decided to establish the Santisteban

Family Fund at The Community Foundation. She found that when she discussed setting up the fund with Community Foundation staff, “They made the process simple and smooth — it was great.”

“I want the fund to support individual artists and Latine theater, theaters that are getting started and are trying to sort things out,” she said. “There’s a lot of talent here in New Haven and I’d like the focus of the fund to be here.”

She knows how challenging it can be for a small Latine theater to build an audience, and for a storyteller or theater artist to have sustained work. Having worked in theater on the West and East Coasts, she’s seen some small theaters thrive and flourish and noted that many others “aren’t here anymore.”

She said that as she moved through her career, people who worked in the arts always encouraged her. “They would say ‘Stay with it,’ ‘Keep going.’ I found this wonderful community of people who were giving and creative and that was the kind of life I wanted,” Santisteban said.

“We want to be able to give that to others,” she said. “I think even more voices can be raised up. We can weave a new tapestry of Hispanic stories.”



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Calabresi and Kelly King

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Est. 1961 by Woman's Seamen's
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Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Fund

Established by Hopkins School

New Haven native Dr. Edward A. Bouchet was a physicist and educator. At the time he completed his dissertation at Yale in 1876, he was the first Black person in the country to earn a doctorate from an American university and just the sixth American to earn a Ph.D. in physics. His academic achievements were recognized with his induction into Phi Beta Kappa. After graduate school, he taught chemistry and physics for 26 years at the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia, one of the few academically rigorous schools for African Americans in the country. Bouchet continued to teach and work in education for most of his life.

Bouchet's illustrious academic career began at Hopkins School, where he was valedictorian of the class of 1870. In honor of Bouchet, his intellectual drive and his legacy of achievements, Hopkins School has established

a charitable fund in his name to provide experiential learning opportunities for New Haven students through impactful community programs.

The fund was created by Hopkins School in partnership with The Foundation's Vineyard Project in New Haven.

"Dr. Bouchet is one of the alums that Hopkins is most proud to be associated with," says Hopkins Director of Community Engagement Angela Wardlaw, who spearheaded the fund's establishment. "In a real sincere way, we want to be actively involved in the community that we are a part of. Whether it's the arts, or technology, or something else, we want kids in the community to have the opportunity to pursue something that they are interested in that ordinarily would not be available to them."



At a signing ceremony in front of a portrait of Bouchet: Hopkins Head of School Matt Glendinning; Angela Wardlaw, Hopkins' Director of Community Engagement; Erica Bradley, Manager of Community Philanthropy for The Community Foundation; Will Ginsberg, former President and CEO of The Community Foundation; and Leon Bailey Jr. Vice President of Human Resources of The Community Foundation.

Organization Funds*

Organization Funds are established by nonprofits that wish to have their charitable assets managed under The Community Foundation’s long-term investment model. Since 2014, The Foundation’s Corporation has been a registered investment adviser.

Advancing Connecticut Together	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Fund	Connecticut Fund for the Environment
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David A. Carlson Lecture Organization Fund	Connecticut Children’s Museum Fund	
Center for Family Justice Inc. Fund	Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence Fund	
	Connecticut Coalition on Aging Fund	

Woodbridge Park Association Strategic Investment Fund

Established by the Woodbridge Park Association

The Woodbridge Park Association (WPA) is one of the oldest land trusts in the state, beginning in 1928 with Newton Herbert Street's donation of 82 acres in honor of his mother, Alice Newton Street. By placing the land in the trust of a nonprofit, Street preserved a large swath of nature uniquely situated near the center of town.

"It was absolutely visionary," says Catherine Wick, the association's president. "The organization was founded with a nonprofit board to run it."

The all-volunteer nonprofit board of directors is responsible for preserving Alice Newton Street Memorial Park, now 100 acres, and making it accessible to the public. The main trail is manicured, wide, and relatively flat, while other paths are winding and natural.

"This park in particular is one of the most heavily used of all the open space areas in the town. We're aware of making it accessible to as many people as possible," Wick says.

To preserve the WPA's financial assets, the board created an endowed organization fund, which will perpetually help fund park maintenance and strategic land purchases.

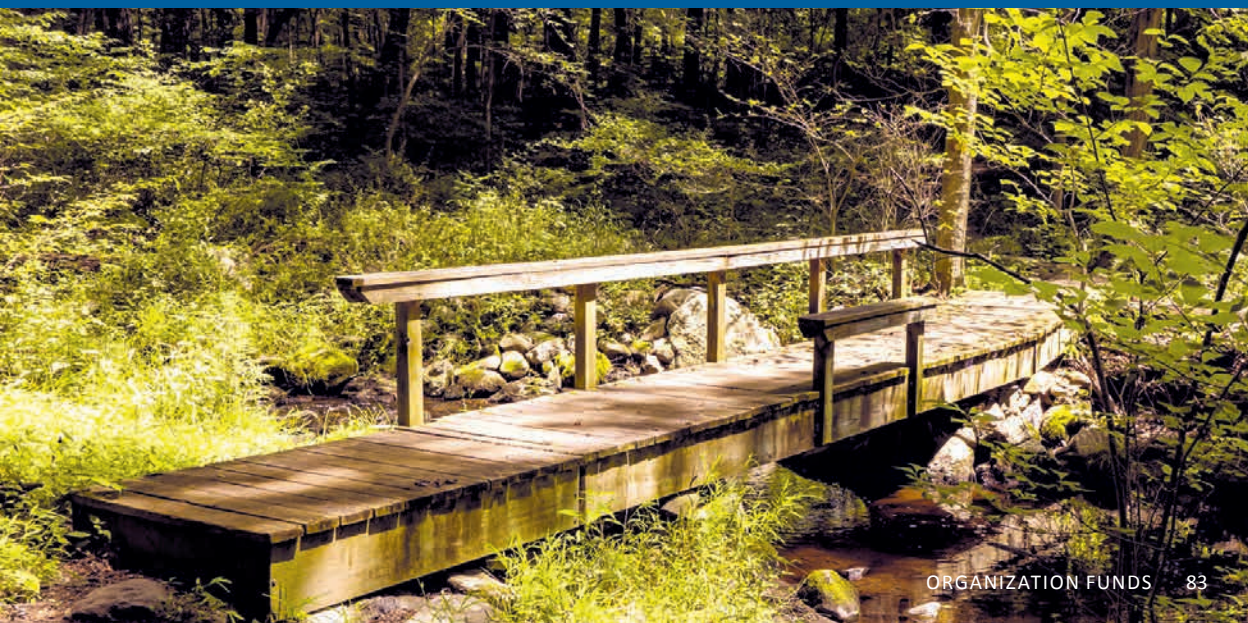
The Woodbridge Park Association is a distinct organization from the Woodbridge Land Trust,



which owns and manages many of the other natural areas in Woodbridge. Combined with town-owned lands, the tracts create a greenway that circles the entire town, and connects to wooded trails that travel from New Haven through Bethany and beyond.

While the land preserves may be located in Woodbridge, Wick emphasizes that they are available to all, and that the mission of the WPA is to serve the region.

"There are a number of area towns that don't have much land available to preserve. One thing that we in Woodbridge can contribute to the broader community is to preserve as much land as possible," Wick says. "We understand that we take advantage of the city. Many of us work, dine, shop and use the city every day. Preserving our land and making those resources available to the public is our way of contributing something of value to our neighbors in the city. We view it as a regional asset, and we welcome everyone."



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The Community Healing Network is dedicated to freeing the world of the lie that was used to justify the enslavement of Africans and has continued to perpetuate anti-Black racism down to the present day — the lie of White superiority and Black inferiority.

“Our goal is to eradicate the lie forever,” says Community Healing Network Founder Enola Aird. “Attitudes and behaviors are handed down with every generation. Much good is handed down, but we have to leave the toxic behind. If we do not do this work of freeing ourselves from the lie, then the assaults on our dignity will continue.”

The Community Healing Network brings together Black people from around the world to heal from the trauma caused by anti-Black racism. Its programs include a weekly online healing circle for a global audience and in-person Emotional Emancipation Circles in different cities. Developed in collaboration with the Association of Black Psychologists, the emancipation circles create opportunities

for participants to share stories, and deepen their understanding of self-worth, relationships, and communities. The programs also promote emotional wellness skills for living a fully healthy life.

“Racism adversely affects a person’s self-image and mental functions, your ability to walk with confidence in the world, and thinking clearly,” says Aird. “It makes the accomplishments of Black people all the more remarkable and is what gives me enthusiasm to do this work.”

To support the work of the Community Healing Network over the long term, Leon Bailey Jr., Sr. Vice President for Human Resources and Organizational Culture at The Community Foundation created the Enola Aird Fund For The Community Healing Network.

“For me, this fund is getting at the root cause of the problem, and if we don’t do that we’ll be working around the edges. I know the work will be successful,” Aird said.



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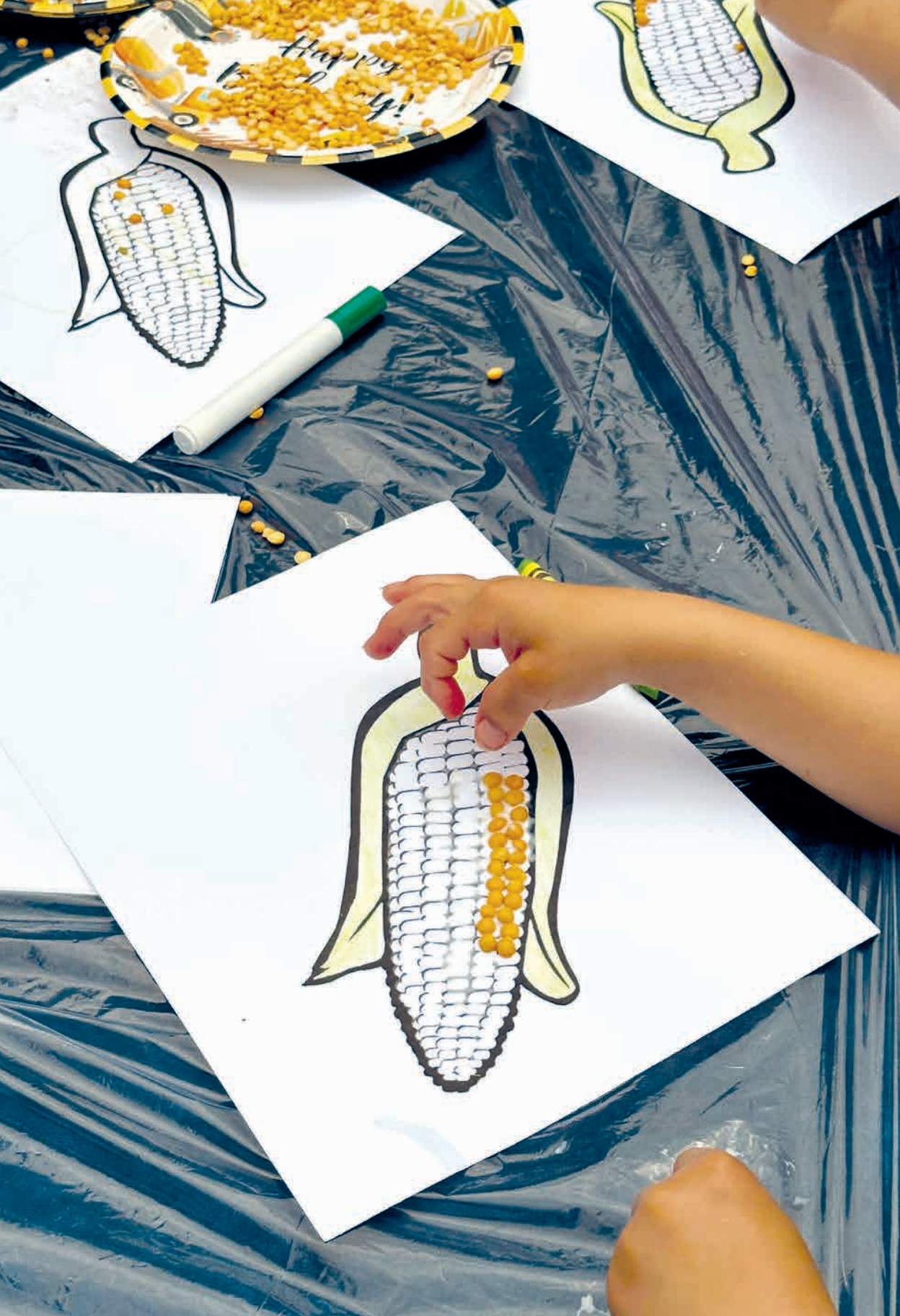
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Grants and Distributions

Grants and distributions to the community amounted to \$31.4 million in 2024. In addition to providing general operating support, funding helped to build the capacity of our nonprofit partners and advance The Foundation's strategic priorities.

Grants and Distributions

1 Freedom4All	\$500
108 Monkeys	\$18
4-CT	\$20,045
A Better Way Foundation	\$20,000
A Broken Umbrella Theatre	\$2,141
A Chance for Love Rescue	\$260
A Kinder Ground Inc.	\$1,205
Abilis Community Foundation Inc.	\$1,000
Ability Beyond	\$2,000
Abundant Harvest Outreach Ministries	\$325
Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall	\$352
Accelerate Change Inc.	\$10,000
ACES Education Foundation	\$3,000
ACES Educational Center for the Arts	\$300
ACLU Foundation of Connecticut	\$5,000
ACT of Connecticut	\$25,000
Adam Wysota Foundation	\$9,052
Adaptive Sports at Mount Snow	\$1,000
African American Society #024	\$6,147
Afrique Prospere Education	\$31
Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut Inc.	\$326,397
Albertus Magnus College	\$9,152
All Access Training and Student-Athlete Development	\$8,737
All As One	\$8,000
All Corners Farm Inc.	\$496
All Faiths Food Bank	\$3,000
All In For Milford	\$3,500
All Our Kin Inc.	\$48,367
All Saints Catholic Academy	\$51,489
All The Kings Horses Equine Rescue Inc.	\$997
Allegheny Land Trust	\$500
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Tau Xi Omega, Hamden Chapter	\$2,663

Creating a Community of Young Leadership through Discovering Amistad

In 1839, an African named Sengbe Pieh led an uprising aboard the Spanish ship *Amistad* by using a loose nail to free himself and his fellow captives. Despite not sharing the same dialect, the Africans were able to take control of the ship and demand that the captain sail them back home.

The captain instead sailed to Connecticut, where the Africans, members of the Mende tribe in what is now Sierra Leone, were arrested for mutiny. Their case, which was appealed all the way to the Supreme Court, ultimately led to their freedom and became a touchstone of the abolitionist movement.

The *Amistad*'s inspiring story lives on through the Discovering Amistad program, which brings students from across Connecticut aboard a replica of the ship to learn the history and understand their own power for making social change in the present.

"He had a nail," says Discovering Amistad Executive Director Paula Mann-Agnew, who uses the story of Sengbe Pieh's resourcefulness as a lesson to help students realize their own leadership potential. "What do you have? What are you going to use?"

Recent grants of \$30,000 and \$7,500 from The Community Foundation supported programming for local students that connect the *Amistad* story and the Mende people's struggles with the social and racial justice issues of today. The lessons also focus on the powerful themes of the *Amistad* uprising: leadership, resilience, courage and the importance of community.

Since 2015, Discovering Amistad has served 42 school districts and educated over 20,000 students, visiting ports in Stamford, Bridgeport, Norwich, New London, Mystic and Martha's Vineyard. The ship's home base is the Canal Dock Boat House on Long Wharf in New Haven, which also houses a museum and is the site of a leadership academy for students in Greater New Haven.



“We are helping students understand that they can be change agents — that they can make a difference,” Mann-Agnew says.

The leadership academy is a 30-hour program that involves such community service projects as park clean-up and letter-writing campaigns to local government and school officials. Students also explore the possibilities for enacting change through art. Students write music calling for environmental change and social justice and develop visual art projects that interpret their own lives through the lens of the *Amistad*.

“The legacy of the *Amistad* becomes that sort of thing where you realize you are very much a part of your own experience in this world, and it is up to you to make life not only better for yourself, but your community,” Mann-Agnew says.

Discovering *Amistad* is educating teachers as well. Mann-Agnew says she often finds a deficit in what teachers have been taught.

“We realize that many of these teachers, although they’re excellent teachers, they themselves have never had African American studies. They themselves have never learned about the *Amistad* story from an inclusive perspective,” Mann-Agnew says.

For Mann-Agnew, the program is a profound way to connect with and honor her heritage through New Haven’s history.

“One thing that’s important to me is being a part of an organization that celebrates history from a resiliency, cultural perspective and inclusive perspective. I’ve had an opportunity to give respect and acknowledgment to my ancestors.”



Grants and Distributions continued

Alpha Kappa Alpha, of Theta Epsilon Omega Chapter	\$2,000
ALS Association, Connecticut Chapter	\$85
Alternative Radio: Audio Energy for Democracy	\$1,000
Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter	\$7,031
Amel of Hope	\$4,000
American Anti-Vivisection Society	\$10,193
American Cancer Society Inc.	\$33,872
American Diabetes Association Connecticut Affiliate	\$3,000
American Foundation for the Blind	\$10,193
American Friends of Magen David Adom	\$249
American Friends of the Canadian Centre for Architecture	\$26,122
American Heart Association	\$3,679
The American Independent Foundation	\$50,000
American Indian College Fund	\$3,000
American Jewish World Service	\$10,000
American Red Cross, Connecticut Chapter	\$44,703
American Red Cross, National Headquarters	\$744
American School for the Deaf	\$10,207
American Symphony Orchestra League ..	\$3,165
American University Hillel	\$1,000
Americans for Peace Now	\$2,000
AmeriCares	\$500
America's VetDogs — The Veteran's K-9 Corps.	\$1,124
Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society Inc.	\$31
Amity Regional High School	\$4,293
Amity Teen Center Inc.	\$9,365
Amnesty International	\$8,787
Amogerone Volunteer Fire Company	\$250
Anchor Health Initiative	\$13

Animal Haven Inc.	\$73,568
Animals For Life	\$9,000
Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus	\$5,871
Ansonia High School	\$63,858
Ansonia Public Library	\$4,911
Anti-Defamation League Connecticut Regional Office	\$15,058
Anti-Racism In Action Inc.	\$509
APK Charities	\$3,000
A Place to Nourish your Health (APNH)	\$62
Apostle Immigrant Services	\$30,347
Appalachian Mountain Club	\$500
Apple Playschools	\$250
APT Foundation Inc.	\$8,266
Aqua Jets Swim Club of Connecticut	\$250
Aquinas House	\$250
Archdiocese of Hartford	\$1,950
Catholic Charities Inc. — Archdiocese of Hartford	\$400
Architecture Resource Center Inc.	\$7,549
Area Congregations Together Inc.	\$16,280
Area Cooperative Education Services (ACES)	\$22,000
ARI of CT Inc.	\$300
Army's Legacy Animal Rescue and Sanctuary	\$91
Art Center of Sarasota	\$1,000
ARTE Inc.	\$7,666
artEquity	\$5,000
Arthritis Foundation	\$10,193
Arthritis Foundation Inc. (Connecticut Market)	\$8,323
Arts Center Killingworth/ Spectrum Art Gallery	\$109
Arts Council of Greater New Haven	\$40,460
Arts for Learning Connecticut Inc. (Young Audiences of Connecticut Inc.) ...	\$20,044
Arts in CT Corporation	\$228
The Asher House	\$400

American Secondary Schools for International Students & Teachers Inc. (ASSIST)	\$1,000	Bethlehem University Foundation	\$1,000
ARC of Greater New Haven Inc.	\$40	Beth's Furry Friends Foundation	\$3,000
Assumption School	\$67	Better Future Forward	\$17,500
The Astronomical Society of New Haven	\$53	Better Local EcoSystems LLC	\$2,800,000
Atwill Memorial Chapel Cemetery.....	\$1,000	Beulah Heights Social Integration Program	\$30,205
Aurora Women and Girls Foundation	\$5,000	Beulah Land Development Corporation Inc.	\$76
The Avon Theatre Film Center	\$500	Beyond the Horizon Inc.	\$31
Ball & Socket Arts	\$1,562	BHcare	\$46,926
Baltimore Museum of Art	\$4,637	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut	\$17,250
Barbara's House	\$250	Bikers Against Animal Cruelty	\$27
The Barn	\$979	Birthright of Greater Meriden	\$4
Basic Needs Fund	\$16,000	Black Boarders CT	\$10,378
The Bay Park Conservancy	\$1,000	Black Business Alliance Inc.	\$9
Bay Path University	\$2,500	Black Infinity Collective	\$504
Beagle Freedom Project	\$400	Black Maternal Health Project	\$1,000
Beardsley Park Zoo	\$500	Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library	\$500
Beautiful Life Adult Day & Home Care Services	\$5,000	Blessed Michael McGivney Parish	\$13,419
Believe in Me Empowerment Corporation	\$75,027	Blossom Hills' Foundation	\$10,000
Belle Sol Inc.	\$3,500	Boffo Inc.	\$5,000
Benhaven Inc.	\$7,570	Booker T. Washington Academy	\$10,129
Benincasa Community Inc.	\$2,500	Borden Ministries Inc.	\$5,000
Bereavement Care Network	\$2,683	Boston Firemen's Relief Fund	\$1,000
Berkshire United Way	\$6,000	Botsford Family Historical Association Inc.	\$53,955
Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation	\$6,000	Boundless Literacy Inc.	\$20,461
Best Video Film & Cultural Center	\$22,573	Boy Scouts of America, Connecticut Yankee Council	\$139,357
Bethany Historical Society	\$53	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven	\$55,816
Bethany Land Trust	\$11,165	Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley	\$356
Bethany Library Association	\$1,308	Boys & Girls Club of Milford	\$30,549
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church	\$500	Boys & Girls Village Inc.	\$25,331
Beth-El Center Inc.	\$18,628	Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op	\$20,116
Bethel United Methodist Church	\$1,000	Brain Injury Alliance of CT	\$1,500
Bethesda Lutheran Church	\$4,000		
Bethesda Nursery School	\$3,163		

The Power of Advocacy

Court Appointed Volunteers Protect the Best Interests of Children

In any given year, there are more than 7,000 children in Connecticut courts under child protection, including over 1,000 in New Haven alone. The need to safeguard their best interests, as Josiah Brown knows, is great. Brown is the executive director of Connecticut Court Appointed Special Advocates (CT CASA), a New Haven-based social justice organization that helps improve outcomes for children at risk.

“Research shows that a key to the resilience of a child who has experienced adversity and trauma is having a relationship with at least one caring adult,” Brown says. “Our volunteers provide that, and we’re an organization where a modest investment can go a long way in changing the trajectory of a child’s life.”

The organization is aligned with a national CASA movement, which provides volunteer advocates to help youth involved in the court system because of abuse or neglect. CASA recruits, trains and manages volunteers who engage with foster care cases — in which children are removed from their home — and protective supervision cases in which children remain with their biological family if it’s deemed safe. “Our advocates can play a role in preventing a child’s entry into the foster care system,” Brown says.

Volunteers serve as court appointed advocates for an 18-month term, with the average volunteer committing 10-15 hours per month to the role. “Advocates seek to build a positive relationship with the child they’ve been assigned to, and whenever possible with their family members,” Brown says. Volunteers, who

range in age from 20s to 70s — come from diverse professional backgrounds, including law, healthcare, education and social work.

Volunteers are appointed by a judge and typically support two to three children during their service. Before meeting their assigned children, they receive 30 hours of trauma-informed preparation. Once assigned, the volunteer must meet with their child at least monthly, and conduct a fact-based gathering of information through meeting social workers, therapists, educators and medical professionals involved with the child. The volunteers submit written reports to the court to help inform judges in determining the best interests of the child. “Every child involved in the court system has an attorney; and one of our responsibilities is to complement the roles of the attorney, and social workers, who have heavy caseloads,” Brown says.

CASA also works to identify community resources like early childhood, after school and summer programs, and job opportunities for children to help them stay on track to graduate from high school and plan beyond. Last year, CT CASA served more than 150 youth, supported by 100 volunteers, and expanded to seven of ten courts statewide. That work is managed by Brown and a small staff of five.

Brown points to funding and capacity — both of staff and volunteers — as primary challenges. “We’re getting more case appointments; our program is growing,” Brown says. “We need additional volunteers across the state.” CT CASA currently receives about one-third of its operating support from federal dollars passed through the state judicial branch on a competitive basis, but also relies on foundations and individual donors to support its work. The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven granted \$10,000 to support the organization’s general operations, and helped connect CT CASA to donors interested in its cause. “The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven has enhanced the visibility around our work, which helps lead to more volunteers — advocating for more children.”



Grants and Distributions continued

Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance	\$1,310	Catholic Charities	
Branford Chorale	\$141	Archdiocese of Hartford	\$21,000
Branford Community Foundation	\$258,747	Catholic Charities	
Branford Community Television	\$18	Diocese of Bridgeport CT	\$250
Branford Compassion Club	\$14,516	Catholic Relief Services	\$1,000
Branford Early Learning Center	\$321	Celebration Barn Theater	\$250
Branford Electric Railway Association	\$102	Center for Children's Advocacy	\$28,709
Branford Food Pantry Inc.	\$76	Center for Common Ground	\$25,250
Branford High School	\$13,801	The Center for	
Branford Land Trust	\$10,254	Community Collaboration	\$5,500
Branford Rotary Foundation	\$1,000	Center for Community Engagement	
Brave Nature School Foundation	\$62	and Health Equity	\$60,000
Brazelton Touchpoints Center	\$300	The Center for Family Justice	\$12,000
Bregamos Community Theater	\$297	Center Stage Theatre Inc.	\$5,752
Bridge Family Center Inc.	\$600,000	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA	\$146,346
Bridgeport Rescue Mission	\$250	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA,	
Bridgeport Rotary Club Foundation ...	\$140,000	Hamden/North Haven Branch	\$15,021
Bridges Healthcare Inc.	\$29,830	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA,	
Broadway on Main	\$1,083	Soundview Family YMCA Branch	\$5,500
Brown University	\$17,350	Central Connecticut State University ...	\$50,984
Building One Community	\$10,000	Central Park Conservancy	\$1,000
Bunlandia Rabbit Rescue and Rehab	\$390	Centro San Jose	
California Institute of Technology	\$3,000	c/o Catholic Charities Inc.	\$3,600
Call-A-Ride of Greenwich Inc.	\$250	CERCLE	\$15,072
Calvin Hill Day Care	\$3,226	Change in the Air Foundation	\$2,040
Camp Rising Sun	\$22	Channel 13 — Educational	
Camp Tawonga	\$250,000	Broadcasting Corporation	\$2,000
Canal Dock Boathouse Inc.	\$36,392	Chapel Haven Schleifer Center Inc.	\$65,540
Cape Cod Modern House Trust	\$1,000	Charter Oak Cultural Center	\$500
Capital Classics Inc.	\$5,000	Chatham Square	
Capital for Change	\$4,740	Neighborhood Association	\$750
Career Resources Inc.	\$29,000	Cheshire Food Drive	\$1,187
The Carter Center	\$1,000	Cheshire Historical Society	\$9,168
cARTie	\$10,710	Cheshire Land Trust	\$10,000
Carver Center	\$500	Cheshire Pollinator Pathway	\$4,576
Casa Otoñal Inc.	\$2,610	Cheshire Soccer Club	\$36
Cathedral of Higher Praise,		The Cheshire Symphony Orchestra	\$3,500
Church of God of Prophecy	\$10,000	Chestnut Hill Concerts	\$65
		Child Guidance Clinic	\$10,000
		Child Neurology Foundation	\$2,000

Grants and Distributions continued

Childless Mother Foundation	\$204	Collab	\$31
Children Incorporated	\$18,323	Collective Consciousness Theatre Inc. ..	\$15,646
Children in Placement of CT Inc. (Connecticut Youth Alliance)	\$40,297	Collective Oyster Recycling & Restoration (CORR)	\$31
The Children’s Center of Hamden	\$82,674	The College of New Jersey	\$4,000
Children’s Community Programs of CT Inc.	\$107	Columbia University	\$2,000
Children’s Law Center of Connecticut	\$9,750	Columbus House Inc.	\$118,395
The Children’s Preschool	\$571	Common Cause	\$2,000
Chozen Generation International Inc.	\$2,500	Common Ground High School (New Haven Ecology Project)	\$91,818
Christ Church Parish of New Haven	\$30,957	Community Action Agency of New Haven Inc.	\$45,342
Christ Episcopal Church	\$9,366	Community Development Corp. of South Berkshire	\$2,500
Christ Episcopal Church of Bethany	\$7,176	Community Dining Room	\$73,501
Christian Community Action	\$41,650	Community Food Cupboard	\$250
Church of Christ Congregational	\$18,300	The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut Inc.	\$10,848
Church on the Rock	\$5,000	Community Foundation of Sarasota County	\$1,000
Church World Service	\$870	Community Foundation Opportunity Network	\$5,000
City Angels Baseball Academy	\$15,224	Community Fund for Women & Girls	\$1,000
CitySeed Inc.	\$67,642	Community Healing Network Inc.	\$3,000
Civic Orchestra of New Haven	\$5,833	Community Hope Center	\$36
Clara M. Robinson Foundation	\$5,058	Community Libraries of Providence	\$5,000
Clark Memorial Library	\$500	Community Nursery School	\$20,102
The Clay Studio	\$2,800	Community Partners in Action	\$5,000
Clelian Adult Day Center (Apostles of the Sacred Heart Clelian Center Inc.)	\$15,080	Community Placemaking Engagement Network	\$137
Clemson University	\$3,000	Community Soup Kitchen	\$59,691
Clifford Beers		Community Tax Aid	\$1,500
Community Care Center	\$251,159	Compassion and Choices	\$500
Clifford Beers		Compassus Living Foundation	\$400
Community Health Partners	\$5,000	Concepts for Adaptive Learning	\$21,723
ClimateHaven Inc.	\$75,280	Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel	\$5,506
Close Up Foundation	\$50,000	Congregation B’Nai Jacob	\$2,065
Connecting Through Literacy: Incarcerated Parents, Their Children, & Caregivers (CLICC)	\$21,000	Congregation Mishkan Israel	\$3,897
CMWP Foundation	\$23,009	Congregation Or Shalom	\$1,561
CoCo’s Animal Rescue Efforts of Seymour	\$208	Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONNECT)	\$20,058
Cold Spring School	\$500,000		

ConnCAN (50CAN Inc.)	\$9,750	Connecticut Fair Housing Center	\$5,085
ConnCORP Holdings Inc.	\$71	Connecticut Farmland Trust	\$2,607
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	\$1,000	Connecticut Fire Academy	\$1,000
Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation Inc.	\$500	Connecticut Foodshare	\$95,407
Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education	\$4	Connecticut Forest & Park Association ...	\$9,527
Connecticut Architecture Foundation Inc.	\$835	Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus	\$505
Connecticut Association for Human Services	\$1,000	Connecticut Green Building Council	\$8,267
Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education	\$250	Connecticut Greyhound Adoption	\$9,657
Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)	\$273,387	Connecticut Health Advancement and Research Trust	\$1,000
Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education	\$22,500	Connecticut Health Investigative Team ...	\$1,200
Connecticut Audubon Society	\$34,138	Connecticut Hospice Inc.	\$53,535
Connecticut Bail Fund	\$12,462	Connecticut Humane Society	\$23,982
Connecticut Bar Foundation	\$1,000	Connecticut Hurricanes Drum and Bugle Corps Inc.	\$1,285
Connecticut Black Exposition LLC	\$5,000	The Connecticut Institute for the Blind Inc.	\$20,000
Connecticut Burns Care Foundation	\$4,273	Connecticut Institute for Social Entrepreneurship	\$3,500
Connecticut Center for Arts & Technology (ConnCAT)	\$414,369	Connecticut Invention Convention	\$2,500
Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce Inc.	\$80	Connecticut Junior Republic	\$2,541
Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation Inc.	\$11,207	Connecticut Justice Alliance	\$9
Connecticut Children's Museum	\$2,475	Connecticut Land Conservation Council	\$8,248
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$24,307	Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation	\$130,000
Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness	\$295	Connecticut Lyric Opera	\$2,500
Connecticut College	\$16,996	Connecticut Mental Health Center Foundation	\$25,375
Connecticut Community Foundation ...	\$10,848	Connecticut News Project	\$75,299
Connecticut Council for Philanthropy	\$44,780	Connecticut Oral Health Initiative Inc.	\$527
Connecticut Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$5,967	Connecticut Psychological Association	\$80
Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance	\$13	Connecticut Public Broadcasting	\$15,671
Connecticut Epilepsy Advocate Foundation	\$13	Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs	\$1,098
		Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair	\$838
		Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches	\$1,000
		Connecticut State Golf Association	\$15,022

Grants and Distributions continued

Connecticut State		CT Cycling Advancement Program	\$1,000
Missionary Baptist Convention	\$250	CT Folk	\$7,732
Connecticut Student Journalism		CT HBCU Alumni Network Inc.	\$30,000
Collaborative	\$2,000	CT STEM Academy	\$62
Connecticut Students for a Dream	\$428	CT Wildlife Rehabilitators	
Connecticut Trust for		Association Inc.	\$76
Historic Preservation	\$286	The Connecticut League of	
Connecticut Urban Education Fund		Conservation Voters Education Fund	\$2,500
(Acorn Fund) Supporting		The Current	\$5,000
St. Martin de Porres	\$4,273	Curry College	\$8,000
Connecticut Veterans Legal Center	\$13,093	CWGA Scholarship Fund	\$13,133
Connecticut Violence		Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute	\$5,000
Intervention Program	\$27,549	D.E.S.T.I.N.E.D. to Succeed	\$10,522
Connecticut Voices for Children	\$310,865	Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter	\$1,000
Connecticut Women’s Consortium Inc. .	\$30,571	Daniel Hand High School	\$628
Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame	\$223	Darien Public Library	\$500
The Connection Fund Inc.	\$5,027	Dartmouth College	\$57,500
The Connection Inc.	\$1,709	DataHaven	\$51,576
Conquer Cancer Foundation		David Geffen School of Drama	
of the American Society of		at Yale University	\$250
Clinical Oncology	\$1,000	Deep South Today (Mississippi Today)	\$1,000
Continuum of Care Inc.	\$38,031	Deer Lake Wilderness School	
Cooperative Arts & Humanities		(Pathfinders)	\$3,418
High School	\$824	Defenders of Wildlife	\$12,215
Cornell Lab of Ornithology	\$500	Deliberative Democracy Gift Fund	\$270,000
Cornell Scott-Hill Health		Delta Foundation of	
Corporation	\$114,290	Greater New Haven	\$240
Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center		Delta Sigma Theta New Haven	
Foundation Inc.	\$3,500	Alumnae Scholarship Fund	\$6,168
Cornell University	\$500	Democracy North Carolina	\$2,800
Council on Aging of Volusia County Inc.	\$500	Derby High School	\$11,795
Council on Foreign Relations	\$25,000	Derby Historical Society	\$102
Council on Foundations	\$19,750	Derby Little League	\$27
Courage Kenny Foundation	\$18,323	Derby Neck Library	\$543
The Cove Center for Grieving Children	\$3,000	Derby Pop Warner	\$27
Covenant to Care for Children	\$10,022	Derby Running Club	\$18
Crafting the Future	\$2,800	Desert Community Foundation	\$1,000
Craig M. Hillo		The Diaper Bank	\$36,163
Memorial Sports Scholarship Fund	\$2,000	Dig Deep	\$1,000
Creative Arts Workshop Inc.	\$12,115	Diocese of Norwich	
Cristosal	\$10,000	Outreach to Haiti	\$525

Building the Parental Bond Through Reading

Prison Reading Program Fosters Connection Between Incarcerated Parents and Their Children

Joy Haenlein has always been a passionate advocate for literacy. Her interest in using reading to improve family connections led her to volunteer with CLICC (Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated Parents, their Children and Caregivers), a New Haven based nonprofit that uses books and mentors to foster communication between incarcerated parents and their children. “When I started volunteering in 2009, we ran a test pilot program through Danbury Federal Prison with a handful of incarcerated mothers,” Haenlein said. “We found the experience was positive and helped parents learn more about their kids.”

Since then, CLICC’s program has expanded to seven prisons across Connecticut, and Haenlein has grown from volunteer to the organization’s executive director. CLICC also developed a specially designed curriculum in partnership with Columbia University’s Teachers College. “Children of incarcerated parents often experience stigma, shame, stress, trauma and social isolation,” Haenlein says. “We train our mentors to use books, characters, settings and plots, to explore relationships between parents and kids.”

Children select the books that they and their parents both read and discuss through in-person meetings, video chats, letters and phone calls. The meetings and interactions are among the key metrics that CLICC tracks to measure impact. “That [increased communication] helps to create deeper conversations and strengthen bonds between parent and child,” Haenlein says. “Research has shown that both literacy and stronger family relationships help reduce recidivism rates.”

General operations funding from The Community Foundation — \$70,000 over two years — has been vitally important to the program’s growth and impact. “We have used those funds to purchase books and to fund training for our youth mentors,” Haenlein says. Many of the youth mentors are college students — including several from Yale’s Undergraduate Prison Project. “Having college students mentoring our kids, especially our high school-aged youth, is particularly important because it feels like a peer.” The mentoring component, Haenlein

says, has shown to help children process the emotional struggle of having an incarcerated parent. And, she adds, the youth are becoming better readers.

The parents also benefit from having mentors. Through weekly group sessions they talk about their parenting challenges and concerns. “Oftentimes, we see a lot of peer-to-peer mentoring from the incarcerated parents who share their own experiences and try to help each other.” CLICC also helps parents prepare for their release dates by connecting them to employment and family support services. But the biggest benefit is the stronger family relationships and connections. “Better relationships with their children can provide a stronger social safety net,” Haenlein says, “and better connection to community.”



Grants and Distributions continued

The Disability Fund Inc.	\$2,500	Elena’s Light	\$12,566
Disabled American Veterans	\$1,000	Eli Whitney Museum Inc.	\$25,673
Discovering Amistad	\$129	Elim Park Baptist Home	\$9
District Innovation and Venture Center (DAE)	\$13	Eli’s Garden of Healing	\$223
Dixwell Community House Inc. (Q House)	\$2,150	Elm City College Preparatory Middle School	\$30,450
Do Good Feel Good Inc.	\$116	Elm City Consort	\$208
Dockyard Roller Derby	\$2,000	Elm City Dance Collective Inc.	\$707
Doctors Without Borders	\$13,637	Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee Inc.	\$5,031
Dominate the Day Foundation	\$1,000	Elm City Internationals	\$35,566
Dorothy Whitfield Historic Society	\$513	Elm City Montessori School	\$997
Douglass Fund at the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College	\$870	Elm City Robo Squad	\$120
Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen	\$93,236	Elm City Wolverines Youth Football	\$2,562
DPB Priesthood Association		Elm Shakespeare Company	\$38,272
Dominican Friars Foundation	\$39,357	Ely Center of Contemporary Art	\$15,831
The Dream Center of West Haven	\$98	EMERGE Connecticut Inc.	\$26,042
The Dudley Foundation	\$102	Emmanuel Church	\$3,000
Duke University Press	\$20,000	End Hunger Connecticut!	\$13
Dwight Central Management Team	\$800	Entertainment 2 Affect Change	\$8,000
Dwight Hall Yale	\$19,680	Environment and Human Health Inc.	\$87,373
East Haven High School	\$1,624	Environmental Defense Fund	\$6,108
East Haven Public Library Inc.	\$593	Episcopal Church of St. Paul & St. James	\$3,736
East Haven Public Television	\$1,187	Episcopal Relief & Development	\$8,000
East Rock Community Magnet School PTO	\$396	Equal Justice Initiative	\$1,000
East Rock Institute Inc.	\$3,550	Equity Enrichment Alliance	\$6,250
Eastern Connecticut State University	\$8,100	Erector Square Studios Artist Collective	\$4,500
Eastman School of Music	\$17,000	Ethnic Heritage Center	\$89
Eat Up Foundation Inc.	\$500	The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center	\$54,500
E.C. Scranton Memorial Library	\$765	Experiment Station Associates	\$45
Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc.	\$67	Eyewitness Palestine	\$1,000
EcoWorks CT Inc.	\$85	Fair Haven Community Health Care	\$202,261
Edgerton Park Conservancy	\$10,337	Fairfield County’s Community Foundation	\$65,085
Edgewood Magnet School PTO	\$201	Fairfield University	\$6,000
Edith B. Jackson Child Care Program Inc.	\$392	Family Centered Services of CT	\$2,688
EIR Urban Youth Boxing Inc.	\$15,000	Farm & Wilderness Foundation	\$78
		Farm School	\$10,000

Farmington Canal		Franklin Pierce University	\$8,000
Rail-To-Trail Association	\$31	Franklin University Switzerland	
The Farmlink Project	\$1,000	In Lugano, Switzerland US Office	\$500
Feed Branford Kids	\$7,536	Freedom Reads	\$15,227
Feeding Families Foundation Inc.	\$7,785	French American	
Fellowship Place	\$79,611	International School	\$20,000
Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño		Friends Center for Children Inc.	\$12,799
Martín Peña	\$216	Friends of Animals	\$12,215
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation	\$10,000	Friends of Case Memorial Library	\$2,234
Fighting Against Injustice		Friends of the Cheshire Public Library	\$9,158
Towards Harmony (FAITH)	\$1,000	Friends of Derby Public Library	\$278
First Baptist Church	\$12,800	Friends of East Rock Park	\$1,093
First Church of Bethlehem UCC	\$20,511	Friends of Edgewood Park	\$1,250
First Church of Christ,		Friends of Greenwich Point	\$250
Ladies Home Missionary Society	\$14,997	Friends of Kensington Playground	\$553
First Church of Christ New Haven	\$117,399	Friends of Legal Services for	
First Congregational Church		South Central Connecticut	\$250
Day Care & Nursery Inc. of Cheshire	\$138	Friends of Nathaniel Witherell Inc.	\$500
First Congregational Church		Friends of Sacramento	
of West Haven	\$500	National Wildlife Refuge	\$500
First Presbyterian Church		Friends of the Ansonia	
of New Haven	\$16,494	Nature Center (FANCI)	\$107
The First Tee	\$500	Friends of the Hamden Library	\$429
FISH of Greater New Haven	\$29,619	Friends of the Milford Library	\$3,000
Fitchburg State University	\$1,000	Friends of the	
Fix and Feed North Haven Inc.	\$494	New Haven Animal Shelter	\$533
Fixing Fathers	\$13,567	Friends of the Shelton Animal Shelter	\$250
Florence Griswold Museum	\$250	Friends of the	
Flying Cow Foundation	\$147	Wallingford Animal Shelter	\$985
FOCUS	\$1,000	The Fund for Johns Hopkins University,	
Focus for Democracy Fund	\$5,000	School of Medicine	\$870
Food Bank For New York City	\$5,000	Fund for the Guggenheim Fellowships	\$750
Foote School	\$1,500	Funders' Collaborative	\$90,000
For Cameron Inc.	\$9	Funders' Network for Smart Growth	\$3,750
Fordham University	\$1,000	Furry Friends Foster and Rescue	\$391
Fort Nathan Hale		FUSE Theatre of CT	\$5,258
Restoration Projects Inc.	\$10,161	Garden Club of New Haven	\$28,775
Fostering Family Hope	\$10,116	Gateway Community College	\$8,785
Fotokids	\$5,000	Gateway Community College	
Foundation of the Greater New Haven		Foundation Inc.	\$133,527
Chamber of Commerce	\$33,818		

Authoring a New Story for New Haven

Job training, youth programs creating hope and community at ConnCAT

Erik Clemons believes in the impact of stories. The stories told about a community, he says, often reflect how a community feels about itself. Since 2011, the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT), where Clemons is CEO, has been helping author a new and empowering story and vision for New Haven neighborhoods that have suffered from poverty and neglect.

“ConnCAT has helped a community of people — many who probably stopped dreaming — to hope and dream again,” Clemons says.

Since its founding, ConnCAT has trained nearly 1,000 adults for jobs in in-demand fields, and served thousands of young people in its summer and afterschool programming. The vision for its operations is modeled on the Manchester Bidwell Corporation in Pittsburgh, created by the community leader Bill Strickland. The Community Foundation provided an initial grant for its feasibility study, and a subsequent \$1 million grant over four years to help build ConnCAT’s New Haven-based facility. Partnering with Yale New Haven Hospital, ConnCAT began with two training programs: medical billing and coding, and phlebotomy.

“We started small and served fifteen students in each class,” Clemons recalls. Programs have since expanded to include a Culinary Arts Academy and BioLaunch, a training program for entry-level positions to support the Elm City’s rapidly growing bioscience sector. All ConnCAT training programs are free and range from four to seven months in duration for participants to earn state or industry-related certification credentials.

Job skills are only part of the ConnCAT program. “Through our career pathways program, we help [students] with job-seeking skills including a personality assessment, resume-building, and interview skills,” Clemons says. He estimates that to date, more than 70 percent of program graduates have been placed in jobs.

But it’s more than adult learners who are building better futures at ConnCAT. Through a partnership with New Haven Public Schools, more than 2,000 middle and high school students annually come through ConnCAT’s doors to take advantage of its art studio,

where they can learn photography, drawing, painting, dance and digital technology.

“We use arts as a vehicle for academic achievement and building a sense of community,” Clemons says.

The physical space is as important to Clemons as the programming. “We want ConnCAT to be a place of beauty and dignity where people [are inspired] to dream beyond their current circumstance,” Clemons says. The facility by design features natural lights, bright colors, wall art and music playing. “We believe that our surroundings can influence performance.”

For its next chapter, ConnCAT will become part of ConnCAT Place on Dixwell, a \$180 million, eight-acre redevelopment project led by its development arm, Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program (ConnCORP). The project plans to transform urban blight into a vibrant community beacon featuring a grocery store, 184 units of housing, a performing arts center, a food hall, retail space, an office building, child care center, and ConnCAT’s new headquarters.

For Clemons, it’s all part of writing a new story for New Haven, especially in traditionally marginalized neighborhoods. “ConnCAT is helping people in our community to re-author their stories, thereby recasting their lives,” Clemons said. “I am most proud of that.”



Grants and Distributions continued

Gather New Haven	\$59,472	GreenWave	\$1,500
Gaylord Hospital	\$86,597	Greenwich Center for Hope and Renewal	\$500
Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue	\$500	Greenwich Chaplaincy Services	\$250
Georgetown University	\$1,000	Greenwich Community Gardens	\$500
Georgia Institute of Technology	\$4,000	Greenwich Green and Clean	\$250
Get in Touch Foundation	\$5,045	Greenwich Historical Society	\$250
GHS Apple Pi Robotics	\$552	Greenwich Police Scholarship Fund	\$250
Girl Scouts of Connecticut Inc.	\$2,564	Griffin Hospital	\$9,863
Girls on the Run Greater Hartford	\$18	Groton School	\$500
Glimmerglass Opera Theatre Inc.	\$25,000	Guardian Ad Litem Services Inc.	\$5,000
God's Miracles Unlimited	\$200	Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind	\$10,207
Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund	\$30,113	Guided by Goats	\$125
Goodspeed Musicals	\$79,968	Guiding Eyes for the Blind	\$57,000
Goodwill Industries of Southern New England Inc.	\$9,294	Guilford A Better Chance Inc.	\$989
Gould Farm	\$500	Guilford Art Center	\$25,242
The Governor's Academy	\$10,000	Guilford Center for Children	\$240
The Governor's Prevention Partnership	\$19,500	Guilford Community Fund	\$250
Grace and St. John's Episcopal Church	\$71	Guilford Community Television	\$20,518
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	\$1,000	The Guilford Foundation	\$422,699
Grant Foundation for Hospital Albert Schweitzer	\$870	Guilford Free Library Assoc.	\$1,000
Greater Dwight Development Corporation	\$60,000	Guilford High School	\$8,925
Greater New Haven African American Historical Society	\$76	Guilford Interfaith Ministries Inc.	\$339
The Greater New Haven Cat Project	\$27,728	Guilford Land Conservation Trust	\$536
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce	\$58,297	Guilford Performing Arts Festival	\$10,145
Greater New Haven Community Chorus	\$8,992	Guilford Preservation Alliance	\$500
Greater New Haven Green Fund Inc.	\$64,544	Habitat for Humanity International	\$500
Greater New Haven Labor History Association	\$36	Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven	\$22,736
Greater New Haven Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.	\$31	Habitat for Humanity Sarasota Inc.	\$1,000
Greater Purpose	\$900	Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America	\$249
The Green Peacock Corporation	\$9	Halfway Home Rescue Inc.	\$1,299
Green Planet Company	\$80	Hamden Art League Inc.	\$149
		Hamden Hall Country Day School	\$56,446
		Hamden Heronettes Parents Association	\$411
		Hamden High School	\$61,519

Grants and Distributions continued

Hamden High School		Hill Regional Career	
Music Parents Organization	\$856	Magnet High School	\$19,303
Hamden Historical Society Inc.	\$31	Hillhouse High School	\$31,013
Hamden Land Conservation Trust	\$5,850	Hill-North Management Team	\$500
Hamden Library	\$13,817	Historic Deerfield	\$2,500
Hamden Regional		Historic Wooster Square Association	\$500
Chamber of Commerce	\$22,200	Hockey Haven	\$4
Hamden Symphony Orchestra Inc.	\$278	Hole in the Wall Gang Camp	\$5,500
Hamden Transition Academy	\$1,000	Holistic Behavioral Health	
Hang Time	\$10,000	Wellness Center Inc.	\$5,009
Hanna Perkins Center for		The United States	
Child Development	\$5,000	Holocaust Memorial Museum	\$500
Hannah Gray Home Inc.	\$16,541	Home Care Plus	\$4,649
The Happy Life Beagle Rescue	\$400	Home Care Plus of	
HART United Inc.	\$9	South Central Connecticut	\$14,105
Hartford Catholic Worker House	\$1,000	HomeHaven	\$4,859
Hartford Foundation		Homes for the Brave	\$352
for Public Giving	\$180,585	The Hometown Foundation Inc.	\$13
Hartford Stage	\$75,000	Hope After Loss	\$412
Harvard College Fund	\$1,000	HOPE Partnership Inc.	\$5,000
Harvard Medical School	\$2,000	HOPE-SS Inc.	\$266
Harvard University	\$9,000	Hopewell Fund	\$10,000
Havenly	\$36,838	Hopkins School	\$2,583
Haven's Harvest	\$39,329	Horizons at Foote	\$39,710
Hazelden Foundation	\$15,000	Horizons National	\$500
Health Assistance InterVention		Housatonic Valley Association Inc.	\$1,000
Education Network, Inc. (HAVEN)	\$13	Boy Scouts of America,	
Health Care Without Harm	\$10,000	Housatonic Council	\$25,912
Health Equity Solutions	\$21,777	Howard University	\$1,000
Hebrew Burial & Free Loan		Humane Society of New York	\$10,193
Association of New Haven Inc.	\$303	Humane Society of the United States	\$6,108
Heifer International	\$870	Huneebee Project Inc.	\$22,253
Help Our People Inc.	\$1,000	Hunger and Homeless Action Project	\$6,500
Helping Our People to Excel Inc.	\$27,000	Husson University	\$4,000
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Inc.	\$66,366	I AM The Voice Of Legacy	\$3,120
Higher Heights Youth		Ignite The Voice Inc.	\$57
Empowerment Programs Inc.	\$40,866	ImmaCare Inc.	\$12,000
Highville Charter School	\$80	Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church	\$5,011
Hill House Senior Residence	\$500	Impact Partners CLT	\$500
		In A Heartbeat Inc.	\$10,000

Inpower CT Inc.	\$3,000	JUNTA for Progressive Action	\$25,114
Inspired Communities	\$25,000	Justice Arts Coalition	\$5,000
Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Greater New Haven	\$39,163	Kallos Chamber Music Foundation	\$250
International Association of New Haven	\$53	KAT6 Foundation	\$2,500
International Festival of Arts & Ideas	\$355,685	Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center	\$1,000
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War	\$870	Keene State College	\$6,000
International Rescue Committee	\$50,000	Keewaydin Foundation	\$5,000
Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)	\$71,566	Kids In Crisis Inc.	\$250
J Street Education Fund	\$3,000	Kidz Konnection Inc.	\$180
James Blackstone Memorial Library	\$2,040	Kimball Union Academy	\$10,000
James Hillhouse High School SPMT Parent and Community Committee	\$3,000	Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 5467	\$500
James Vick Foundation	\$5,018	Knights of St. Patrick	\$49
The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research	\$27,464	KNOWNprenuers Inc.	\$5,058
Jane Goodall Institute	\$500	KQED	\$960
Jazz Haven	\$36	Kucetekela Foundation	\$500
Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven	\$24,400	Kulturally LIT Inc.	\$21,118
Jewish Family and Community Services	\$2,000	La Puerta Community Development Corporation	\$3,600
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven	\$55,779	La Salle University	\$5,000
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven	\$24,884	Lady Ds Scholarship Fund Inc.	\$200
Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven Inc.	\$151	Latinas & Power Corp.	\$16,262
Jewish Home for Children	\$969	Lawyers for Children America	\$13,000
Jewish Voice for Peace	\$1,000	League of Women Voters of Connecticut	\$2,500
Johns Hopkins University	\$4,000	League of Women Voters Education Fund	\$2,500
Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale	\$402	LEAP	\$482,291
Juliano Dance Initiative Inc.	\$664	LeeGeorge Pantry and Community Services	\$5,000
Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County	\$36	Leeway Inc.	\$664
Junior Achievement of Southwest New England Inc.	\$500	Legacy Theatre	\$19,097
		Leila Day Nurseries	\$58,034
		Liberty Community Services Inc.	\$36,523
		Life Haven	\$4,772
		Life Health and Wellness Center Inc.	\$17,156
		Lighthouse International	\$10,193
		Lincoln Center Theater	\$11,000

Grants and
Distributions continued

Lions Low Vision Centers of Fairfield & New Haven Counties	\$18
Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven	\$27,038
Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut	\$15,215
Little Free Pantry on Skokorat	\$5,000
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$250
Foundation for Diversity in the Arts dba Live & In Color	\$5,000
LivFree	\$2,000
Living United CT Transitional Services ..	\$15,058
Loaves & Fishes	\$42,681
Local Initiatives Support Corporation ...	\$35,000
Long Wharf Theatre	\$1,063,541
Lost in New Haven Inc.	\$571,022
Love Center Deliverance Ministries	\$107
Love Mom XOXO Foundation Inc.	\$13
Love146	\$250
LULAC Head Start	\$3,421
Lumibilty	\$62,422
Lyman Hall High School	\$1,898
Lyme Connection	\$8,000
Madison Ambulance Association	\$1,000
Madison Community Services Inc.	\$3,000
The Madison Foundation	\$99,554
Madison Historical Society	\$85
Madison Lyric Stage Inc.	\$6,579
Magnolia Theatre Company	\$61
Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust	\$2,800
Mainspring Narrative Films Inc.	\$2,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation of America	\$400
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut	\$4,313
MakeHaven	\$366
Making Headway Foundation	\$2,000
Manufacturing and Technical Community Hub (MATCH)	\$15,000

Growing the Arts
Rebranded Arts Festival Bringing Creativity,
Diversity to CT Shoreline

When the Guilford Performing Arts Festival launched in 2017, it was designed as a three-day weekend showcase of music, dance and theater. “The initial aim was to create a celebration that would bring the community together and leverage the wealth of talent right here on and around the Shoreline,” says Peter Hawes, the organization’s executive director. “It’s evolved to include artists from around the world as well as from around the block, and to incorporate educational and human-service elements. We see it as our mission to entertain, inspire, empower and unite the community.”

Through the volunteer-run festival — which is held every two years — artists perform in dozens of venues across Guilford, centered on the historic Guilford Green but also in churches, the library and community center, businesses, restaurants and a senior center; it drew a record 5,600 people in 2019.

Then COVID hit, forcing a scaled-back version of the festivities in 2021 with fewer shows and volunteers. “We knew 2023 would be a build-back year,” Hawes says. But the lessons from the pandemic also provided an opportunity to reshape the festival and rebrand it. Hawes says the smaller event in 2021 — with six acts down from 73 shows in 2019 — made the festival more digestible for attendees. “When we organized our event in 2023, we expanded it to seven days with events every night leading up the big weekend festival,” Hawes says.

With financial support from The Community Foundation, the organization also marketed the event under a rebranded name — GreenStage Guilford Live Arts — and began to plan events in addition to the biennial festival. “Symbolically, the GreenStage [branding] speaks to the historic green where we put our main stage; to the new (“green”) work that we commission from Connecticut performers; and to our aspiration to put on events that are as environmentally sound as possible,” Hawes says.

The Community Foundation’s grant funding supported promotion, including posters, flyers, direct-mail pieces, social media



posts, and local newspaper ads to extend the arts to underrepresented groups and more broadly raise awareness of the festival. “In collaboration with Guilford Public Schools, we conducted a dance residency for their unified sports program,” Hawes says, “and also held four open mic nights at a local market to build community and attract a new group of people to our festival.”

The Community Foundation support was part of a larger marketing spend aimed at broadening the festival’s appeal to a wider demographic and bigger geography. “Traditionally, most attendees have come from Guilford, Branford and Madison,” Hawes says. “But one-third of guests in 2023 came from outside those towns, including New Haven and New London.” The 2023 festival also skewed younger and more racially diverse — an outcome that, Hawes says, the arts have a unique ability to create.

“We want [festival] performers and audiences to represent as broad a swath of humanity as we can,” Hawes says. “The arts reach hearts, minds and bodies; sparking joy, breaking down social barriers, fostering empathy, creating a shared sense of belonging, and providing a gateway for people to pursue their own creative journeys.”



Grants and Distributions continued

Maria Fareri		Mimbres Valley Health Action League	\$250
Children’s Hospital Foundation	\$500	Minorities in Medicine	\$36
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens	\$2,500	Monitor My Health Inc.	\$31
Mark T. Sheehan High School	\$15,105	Monk Youth Jazz and	
Marrakech Inc.	\$4,352	STEAM Collective	\$20,474
Mary Wade Home	\$33,187	Montessori School	
Marymount High School	\$55,000	on Edgewood Inc.	\$147
Masonic Charity Foundation	\$19,466	The Morgan School	\$2,009
Massachusetts Immigrant And		Mount Holyoke College	\$500
Refugee Advocacy Coalition Inc.	\$1,000	Mount Saint Michael Academy	\$4,000
Massachusetts Institute		Movement Theatre Company	\$250
of Technology	\$64,000	Moving with HOPE	\$5,004
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	\$6,000	Mozaic Senior Life	
Massaro Community Farm Inc.	\$24,564	(The Jewish Home for the	
Master’s Manna Inc.	\$21,710	Elderly of Fairfield County)	\$2,000
Master’s Table Community Meals Inc.	\$120	Multiple Myeloma	
Mauro-Sheridan Interdistrict		Research Foundation	\$500
Magnet School PTO	\$14	Murphy’s Paw Rescue Inc.	\$10,000
McCallum Theatre	\$1,000	Muscular Dystrophy Association	\$3,392
Mediators Beyond Borders		Museum of Arts and Design NY	\$500
International	\$110,000	Music Haven Inc.	\$64,470
Mental Harmony Foundation	\$3,075	Music Theatre of Connecticut	\$15,000
Menunkatuck Audubon Society	\$1,000	Musical Masterworks Inc.	\$7,500
Mercy Corps	\$250	Mutual Housing Association	
Meriden Public Schools	\$300	of South Central Connecticut	\$10,000
Metropolitan Opera	\$25,000	Mystic Seaport	\$250
Middle East Children’s Alliance		The Greater New Haven Branch	
(MECA for Peace)	\$600	of the NAACP	\$1,540
Middle East Cultural and		NAACP Legal Defense and	
Charitable Society	\$500	Educational Fund	\$10,000
Middlesex Community College	\$8,000	NAACP, National Headquarters	\$400
MidState Arc Inc.	\$4	Nate’s Honor Animal Rescue	\$1,000
Milestones Behavioral Services	\$13	National Alliance for the	
Milford Academy	\$1,998	Mentally Ill (NAMI)	\$300
Milford Arts Council	\$4,601	National Art Museum of Sport	\$1,378
Milford Education Foundation	\$71	National Audubon Society	\$500
Milford Public Library	\$6,306	National Coalition of	
Milford Robotics	\$855	100 Black Women Inc.	\$2,062
Mill River Watershed Association		National Council of Negro Women Inc.,	
of South Central Connecticut Inc.	\$6,250	Greater New Haven Section	\$2,553
		National Humane Education Society	\$6,108

National Humanities Center	\$1,000	The New Haven Inner City	
National Park Foundation	\$5,000	Enrichment Center (NICE)	\$7
National Parks		New Haven Kiwanis Club	\$949
Conservation Association	\$1,000	The New Haven Lawn Club	
National Parks Conservation		Preservation Trust	\$250
Association (Northeast)	\$500	New Haven Legal Assistance	
National Veterans Council for		Association Inc.	\$82,121
Legal Redress	\$49	New Haven Museum and	
National Wildlife Federation	\$12,215	Historical Society	\$1,532,999
Native American Rights Fund	\$1,000	New Haven Oratorio Choir	\$341
Natural Resources Defense Council	\$20,000	New Haven Paint & Clay Club	\$6,040
The Nature Conservancy	\$750	New Haven Pearls of	
The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut	\$25,215	Excellence Foundation	\$49
Neighborhood Housing Services		New Haven People's Center	\$134
of New Haven	\$38,074	New Haven Preservation Trust	\$26,610
Neighborhood Music School Inc.	\$405,766	New Haven Pride Center	\$26,075
Neighbors for Refugees	\$2,000	New Haven Promise	\$237,444
New Georgia Project	\$600	New Haven Reads	\$39,345
New Haven Academy	\$1,131	New Haven Scholarship Fund Inc.	\$196,020
New Haven Adult and		New Haven Science Fair —	
Continuing Education	\$20,000	Greater New Haven	
New Haven Ballet	\$5,329	Chamber of Commerce	\$1,286
New Haven Bird Club	\$3,174	New Haven Sister Cities	\$85
New Haven Board of		New Haven Symphony Orchestra	\$1,208,649
Park Commissioners	\$15,184	New Haven Symphony Orchestra	
New Haven Chamber Orchestra	\$92	Foundation Inc.	\$62,364
New Haven Chinese		New Haven Urban Debate League	\$5,223
Cultural Cooperative	\$2,173	New Haven Urban Design League	\$2,000
New Haven Chorale	\$45,611	New Haven Youth Soccer Association	\$107
The New Haven Club of NANBPWC Inc.	\$1,136	New Haven Youth Tennis Education	\$10,375
New Haven Coalition for		New Haven/León Sister City Project	\$11,812
Active Transportation (NHCAT)	\$27	New Israel Fund	\$5,500
New Haven Counts	\$7,089	New Lifestyles Transitional Housing	\$174
New Haven Festivals Inc.	\$4,500	New Reach	\$87,097
New Haven Free Public Library	\$200,023	New York City Ballet	\$500
New Haven Free Public Library		New York Medical College	\$5,000
Foundation	\$22,878	New York Theatre Workshop	\$1,000
New Haven Health Dept.	\$1,283	New York University	
New Haven Hebrew Day School	\$500	Grossman School of Medicine	\$249
New Haven HomeOwnership Center	\$10,000	NewAlliance Foundation	\$7,358,925
New Haven Independent	\$16,151		

Grants and Distributions continued

Newhallville Community Services Development Corporation	\$4,817	Operation Fuel Inc.	\$51,031
Newhallville Fresh Starts Inc.	\$8,000	Opportunity House Inc.	\$58
Newhallville Neighborhood Corporation	\$3,000	Opus 30 Justice	\$250
Next Level Empowerment Program Inc.	\$8,250	Orange Congregational Church	\$95,000
NHdocs (The New Haven Documentary Film Festival)	\$9	Orange CT Land Trust	\$81,153
Nonprofit Leadership Cohort	\$41,810	Orange Historical Society	\$98
North Branford High School	\$1,500	Orange Volunteer Fire Department	\$8,250
North Branford Land Conservation Trust ...	\$160	Orchard House	\$326
North Haven High School	\$12,507	Orchestra New England	\$3,942
North Haven Land Trust	\$2,000	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church	\$216
North Haven Pride Inc.	\$500	Outside Perspectives	\$3,500
Northeastern University	\$3,000	Oxfam America	\$43,250
Northwest Catholic High School	\$1,000	Oxford High School Booster Club Inc.	\$58
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	\$5,000	Oxford Historical Society Inc.	\$27
Northwestern University	\$1,000	Oxford Land Trust Inc.	\$62
Notre Dame Academy	\$500	Oxford Main Street Project	\$13
Notre Dame High School	\$14,329	PACE ECA	\$201
NTM Info & Research	\$3,600	Palestine Children’s Relief Fund	\$10,000
Nu Haven Kapelye	\$276	Pantochino Productions	\$715
Nutrition Security Solutions Inc.	\$25,116	The Parents’ Foundation for Transitional Living	\$107
NXTHVN	\$29,263	Partnerships Center for Adult Day Care Inc.	\$49
Oberlin College	\$2,000	Partnerships in Learning and Creative Exploration Inc. (PLACE)	\$6,616
Oberlin Cooperative Education Fund Inc.	\$1,000	Pathways	\$250
Oceana	\$3,000	Peabody Museum of Natural History	\$15,513
Of A Sound Mind	\$500	Peace, Love, and ACCESSability	\$3,000
Ohio University	\$10,000	Penn Champions Club, University of Pennsylvania	\$500
Old Dominion University	\$5,500	Pequeñas Ligas Hispanas de New Haven	\$19,538
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. — Epsilon Iota Iota Chapter	\$1,529	Peter’s Rock Association	\$93
One Plympton Preservation Foundation Inc.	\$1,000	Phenomenal I Am	\$9,579
Online Journalism Project Inc.	\$52,000	John B. Pierce Foundation	\$2,950,000
Open Communities Alliance	\$21,250	Pilgrim Fellowship, First Cong. Church of Guilford	\$2,500
Opera Theater of Connecticut	\$43	Pivot Ministries Inc.	\$500
		The PK Foundation	\$169

Planned Parenthood Federation of America	\$9,900	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	\$2,500
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England	\$50,982	Rainbow Recycling	\$49
Planned Parenthood of Southwest & Central Florida	\$1,000	Rancho Mirage Writers Festival	\$4,000
Playhouse Theatre Group	\$10,700	Rape Crisis Center of Milford Inc.	\$12,350
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association	\$500	Read to Grow	\$27,940
Police Activity League of New Haven Inc.	\$142	READY Inc.	\$2,500
Population Connection	\$1,000	Reality Ministries	\$2,800
Port Orange Presbyterian Church	\$3,000	Recreation Camp Inc.	\$31
Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich	\$53,000	Reformed Church of Highland Park	\$870
President and Fellows of Middlebury College	\$5,000	Reformed Church of Highland Park — Affordable Housing Corporation	\$4,000
Priceless Decisions	\$187	Reformed Offenders Creating Change	\$9
Pro Bono Partnership	\$13,000	Rescue Fire Company #5	\$5,892
Progressives Against Medical Assisted Suicide	\$2,500	Resurrection House Inc.	\$2,000
Project Access — New Haven	\$58,320	Rethinking Schools	\$750
Project HOPE	\$250	Rhizome DC	\$20,000
Promising Scholars Fund Inc.	\$102,500	Rich Arts Collective	\$18
Proprietors of Common and Undivided Lands	\$175,000	Rising Hope Ministries International	\$1,000
The Prosperity Foundation	\$2,001,620	River Advocates of South Central CT	\$17,000
Prosperity House Inc.	\$20,576	Road To Refuge Animal Sanctuary	\$39
PROUD Academy Inc.	\$120	Rochester Institute of Technology	\$3,000
Province of St. Augustine	\$10,193	Rock Creek Conservancy	\$5,000
Psychophysiologic Disorders Association	\$2,500	Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts	\$3,653
PT Partners	\$500	Room 17 Math Inc.	\$18,360
Public Allies Connecticut	\$53	The Rotary Club of Orange Foundation	\$22,500
Puerto Ricans United Inc.	\$4,500	Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine	\$7,000
Purdue University	\$2,000	Royal Conservatory of Music	\$130,611
Quinnipiac River Watershed Association	\$1,200	Ruth's House	\$704
Quinnipiac University	\$44,500	Ruth's Kids Closet Inc.	\$1,500
4r kids Inc.	\$33,321	Sabina Dolan & Gladys Saulsbury Foundation Inc.	\$1,709
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University	\$500	Sacred Heart Academy	\$4,522
		Sacred Heart Church	\$13,419
		Sacred Heart University	\$6,000
		The Sage School	\$5,154
		Saint Thomas's Day School	\$1,000

Building Community

MakeHaven Driving Creativity, Community

When MakeHaven, a makerspace on Chapel Street in New Haven, first opened its doors in 2012, it attracted a few dozen members. But as demand for creative spaces for hobbyists, inventors, and entrepreneurs skyrocketed in recent years — particularly post-pandemic — membership reached nearly 800 last year, says J.R. Logan, the organization's executive director.

Logan's vision is for MakeHaven to serve as a catalyst for creativity and entrepreneurship for the region for both members and the general public. The 12,000-square-foot facility features numerous tools for creative types, including 3D printers, laser cutters, textiles, printing presses, pottery wheels, cast and mold making machines, welding and blacksmithing tools, and even a media center for podcasters. The facility, which is supported by 40 volunteers, is accessible to members every day of the year. But it's not just the physical access that Logan values; it's also financial accessibility.

"We want a low [cost] barrier to entry," Logan says. While standard memberships cost \$60 a month, MakeHaven offers a sliding scale as low as \$10 a month for income-eligible members. Logan estimates that nearly one-quarter of members qualify for reduced rates. With help from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven — which invested a total of \$30,000 in MakeHaven over two years — the organization has expanded its educational offerings to include 120 different micro

credential badges which reflect a basic ability to use the facility's various tools.

"Earning a badge is a requirement to demonstrate basic safety in using a tool," Logan says, noting that last year MakeHaven awarded more than 3,000 micro credential badges. "While [our mission] is not specifically for job training, those [micro credential] skills are often helpful for in-demand jobs," Logan says, "so our services allow people to explore and build those skills."

Last year, MakeHaven also hired an education coordinator to better serve members and the public through one- or two-day workshops focused on more technical skills such as using milling or CNC machines. Additionally, MakeHaven has expanded its program to include semester-like courses, including "Pathways to Trades," which provides a deep dive into metalworking and woodworking. "It provides exposure to help people decide if they want to pursue a trade-oriented career."

Increasingly, Logan is seeing more members using MakeHaven to advance entrepreneurial ventures, a trend he would like to continue. "From member surveys, about 10% of members — roughly 80 people — are trying to build a business using our makerspace," Logan says, "with half wanting to build an invention and half starting a craft business." Logan says scaling such business ventures can be challenging, but MakeHaven converted a couple of store fronts

in New Haven to enable members to sell their goods — and with modest results. "About 25% of our entrepreneurial members have seen an increase in income as a result of their [membership-related products]," Logan says.

With a modest \$600,000 annual budget, Logan says membership has grown steadily through word-of-mouth recommendations and building partnership connections with schools and veterans groups. The most rewarding part for Logan has been the creative community that MakeHaven has brought to life. "It's great to have a center of creativity where individuals make things with their hands, and enrich their lives and the community."



Grants and Distributions continued

Salt Marsh Opera	\$250	Shepherds Inc.	\$18
Salvation Army	\$750	Shine Your Light CT	\$272
Salvation Army, ARC	\$5,181	Shoreline Arts Alliance	\$2,087
Salvation Army, Eastern Territorial Headquarters	\$10,193	Shoreline Greenway Trail Inc.	\$5,000
Salvation Army, Quincy Corp.	\$250	Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries Inc.	\$2,000
Salve Regina University	\$4,500	Short Beach Union Church	\$6,000
Sam & Deborah Foundation for Trans Youth Inc.	\$250	Shriners Hospitals for Children	\$18,966
Samaritan's Purse	\$500	Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Southern Connecticut	\$2,013
San Diego State University	\$2,000	Sierra Club Foundation	\$6,203
Sandy Hook Promise	\$250	The Siloe Project	\$5,246
Sandy Point Neighborhood Association	\$36	SimplifyCT	\$1,500
Sankofa Learning Center	\$3,600	Sisters' Journey Inc.	\$10,632
SARAH Foundation	\$504	The Sisters' Project	\$1,160
Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation Inc.	\$1,000	Site Projects Inc.	\$163
The Sarasota Ballet	\$1,000	SJT Cosmetology School LLC	\$15,000
Sarasota Opera	\$2,000	Sleeping Giant Park Association	\$11,357
Sarasota Orchestra	\$2,500	Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven Hospital	\$19,433
Save Our Sons Inc.	\$500	Smith College	\$13,422
Save the Children Federation	\$1,000	Social Impact Partners	\$30,047
Save the Sound	\$141,801	Solar Youth	\$44,972
The School for Ethical Education	\$332	Soul Friends	\$14,070
Seeing Sounds	\$500	Sound Life Connections Inc.	\$8,009
Seven Loaves	\$250	SoundWaters	\$250
Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN)	\$13	South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority	\$4,000
Seymour Ambulance Association	\$9	Southern Connecticut State University	\$39,161
Seymour Food 2 Kids	\$1,987	Southern Connecticut State University Foundation	\$55,385
Seymour High School	\$8,154	Southern Poverty Law Center	\$3,851
Seymour Historical Society	\$24,239	Southington High School	\$792
Seymour Oxford Food Bank	\$120	Southwest Conservation District	\$14,344
Seymour Pink Inc.	\$223	Spanish Community of Wallingford	\$14,239
Seymour Public Library	\$48,463	SPCA of Connecticut Inc.	\$1,000
She Leads Justice	\$24,483	Special Hope Network	\$7,200
The Shelton Clean-Up Project Inc.	\$27	Sphere Inc.	\$1,000
Shelton High School Robotics Team	\$792		
Shelton Historical Society	\$156		
Shelton Land Conservation Trust	\$53		

Grants and Distributions continued

Spotlight Stage Company	\$70	Stony Creek Cemetery Association Inc.	\$5,892
Spring Glen Church	\$1,334	The Storehouse Project Inc.	\$32,500
Springs Learning Center	\$4,612	Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps Inc.	\$31
Square Foot Theatre Company	\$154	Stowe Land Trust	\$10,000
Squash Haven Inc.	\$31,928	Street2Straight	\$151
Squeaky Wheel Productions	\$98	Student Loan Fund	\$7,553
St. Agnes School	\$2,500	Students for Educational Justice	\$9
St. Anselm College	\$1,000	Suffield Academy	\$1,000
St. Francis College	\$5,000	Sunrise Cafe	\$21,875
St. George Church	\$21,050	Supporting Organizing Work CT	\$50,000
St. John’s Episcopal Parish New Haven ...	\$3,248	Sustainable CT	\$10,000
St. Lawrence School (West Haven)	\$10,418	Sweets & Sounds Entertainment LLC	\$480
St. Luke’s Steel Band	\$3,500	Syracuse University Press	\$15,000
St. Martin de Porres Academy	\$58,687	SYREN Modern Dance	\$3,000
St. Mary — St. Michael School Home-School Association	\$191	Tail To Paw Animal Support	\$195
St. Matthew’s UFWB Church	\$2,929	Teach Kids Music Inc.	\$22
St. Patrick’s Church and Parish	\$13,419	TEAM Inc.	\$276
St. Rita School	\$36	Technical Assistance to Nonprofits	\$160,384
St. Thomas’s Day School	\$2,000	Temple Beth Tikvah	\$2,533
St. Vincent de Paul Middletown	\$1,000	Temple Sinai Nursery School	\$11,000
St. Vincent de Paul of the Valley	\$10,160	Tennis for All	\$111
St. Vincent De Paul Mission of Waterbury	\$5,000	Tha Bridge Corp.	\$45
Stable Grounds Therapeutic Farm Sanctuary	\$111	Theater New Haven Inc.	\$5,000
Stages Repertory Theatre	\$250	TheaterWorks	\$61,000
Stand Up and Speak Out	\$3,000	Theatre Communications Group	\$250
Stanford University	\$5,000	This Child Here	\$1,000
Starkloff Disability Institute	\$1,000	Thompson Child & Family Focus	\$250
Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut Inc.	\$13,000	Three Rivers Community College	\$6,000
Stepping Forward Holding Fund (The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven)	\$1,689,494	Thrown Stone Theatre Company	\$5,000
Stepping Forward Holding Fund (Valley Community Foundation)	\$78,206	The Tides Foundation	\$5,000
Stepping into Prosperity Inc.	\$5,000	The Tiny Miracles Foundation	\$7,254
Stonehill College	\$2,000	Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer	\$13,254
Stony Brook University	\$4,000	Total Joy Are You (TJAY) Autism Foundation Inc.	\$678
		Totoket Historical Society	\$102
		The Towers Foundation	\$4,807
		Town of Hamden	\$45,000

Town of Orange	\$88,058	University of Maine, Orono	\$4,000
Trauma Recovery EMDR		University of Nebraska	\$15,000
Humanitarian Assistance Programs	\$599,015	University of New Hampshire	\$6,000
Traveler on a Mission	\$10,067	University of New Haven	\$12,749
Traveling Toys Inc.	\$6,000	University of New Haven,	
Tree of Life Educational Fund	\$250	Department of Biology	\$34,000
TriCircle Inc.	\$5,642	The University of North Carolina	
Trinity Church by the Cove	\$1,310	Press Inc.	\$5,000
Trinity Church on the Green	\$38,421	University of Pennsylvania	\$12,500
Trinity Episcopal Church	\$40	University of Pittsburgh	\$2,500
Trinity Lutheran Church	\$106,981	University of Rhode Island	\$14,000
Trinity School	\$2,771	University of Saint Joseph	\$10,500
Augusta Lewis Troup School	\$455	University of South Carolina	\$4,000
The Trust for Public Land	\$500	University of Southern California	\$9,000
Turnout Activism Inc.	\$5,000	University of Wisconsin Press	\$5,000
U.S. Naval Academy Foundation	\$300	University Press of Mississippi	\$13,750
UCLA Foundation	\$500	Upon This Rock Ministries	\$10,000
UConn Foundation	\$4,000	Upstate Medical University,	
Ulysses S. Grant Foundation	\$20,454	Norton College of Medicine	\$1,000
Unidad Latina en Acción	\$1,000	UpTogether	\$260,000
UnidosNow	\$1,000	UR Community Cares	\$15,000
Union College	\$6,518	Urban Community Alliance	\$39,144
Unitarian Society of New Haven	\$15,500	Urban Concepts Inc.	\$2,500
United by One Inc.	\$2,500	Urban Grants 4 US Inc.	\$31
United Negro College Fund	\$6,500	Urban Improvement Corps	\$4,359
United Way of Connecticut	\$25,000	Urban League of	
United Way of Greater New Haven	\$341,011	Southern Connecticut	\$728
United Way of Milford	\$4	Urban Resources Initiative	\$46,584
Unity in the Community	\$500	USA for UNFPA	\$250
Universal Health Care Foundation		USA for UNHCR	
of Connecticut	\$1,656,648	(The UN Refugee Agency)	\$1,500
University of Bridgeport	\$5,500	Valley Arts Council	\$27
University of California		Valley Community Foundation	\$102,804
Press Foundation	\$55,000	The Valley Independent Sentinel	\$601
University of Connecticut	\$30,000	Valley Shakespeare Festival	\$409
University of Connecticut		Valley United Way	\$5,889
Foundation Inc.	\$696	Vanderbilt University, Peabody College ..	\$5,000
University of CT/Storrs Bursar's Office	\$1,000	Village Improvement Association	\$839
University of Hartford	\$17,000	The Villages	\$1,000

Grants and Distributions continued

Vineyard Project for Black Futures in New Haven	\$250	West Haven Historical Society	\$839
Vision To Learn	\$10,000	West Haven Public Library	\$63
Vivan Las Autonomas	\$6,500	West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center	\$36
The Voice of Immigrants	\$3,000	Western New England University	\$3,000
Volume Two: A Never Ending Books Collection	\$5,994	Western New England Psychoanalytic Institute	\$105,721
Volunteer Services Center Inc.	\$41,242	Westport Country Playhouse	\$25,000
The W. E. B. Du Bois Center for Freedom and Democracy	\$1,000	Westville Community Nursery School Inc.	\$645
Walk Of Faith Church	\$10,040	Westville Village Renaissance Alliance	\$1,085
Wallingford Chorus	\$31	WFUV Radio	\$500
Wallingford Community Dinners	\$58	WHEAT Inc.	\$43,726
Wallingford Family YMCA	\$61,070	Wheaton College	\$7,000
Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust	\$53	Where The Love Is Inc.	\$870
Wallingford Public Access Association Inc.	\$10,198	White Memorial Conservation Center Inc.	\$250
Wallingford Public Library	\$2,053	Whitney Center	\$11,500
Wallingford Public Schools	\$17,355	The Whitney Players Theater Company Inc.	\$22,686
Wallingford Symphony Orchestra Society Inc.	\$152	Whitneyville Cultural Commons	\$7,978
Walnut Hill School	\$500	Wilbur Cross High School	\$1,366
Walter Pop Smith Little League — New Haven	\$3,719	Wine Down CT	\$7,500
Ward-Heitmann House Museum	\$6,531	Winnett Food Forest Inc.	\$156
Washington University School of Medicine Medical Alumni/ Development Programs	\$500	Winning Ways	\$45,129
Watch Hill Chapel Society	\$500	Witness Stones Project	\$259
Waterside School	\$500	Witnesses to Hunger — New Haven Chapter	\$595
Watkinson School	\$1,000	WMNR Fine Arts Radio	\$536
We Are One Inc.	\$4,120	WNPR-FM	\$99
We Are The Village	\$18	Women and Family Life Center	\$31,297
WEDU PBS	\$1,000	Women and Infants Hospital Foundation	\$5,000
Wesleyan University Men’s Soccer	\$25,000	Women of the Village	\$6,532
West Haven Black Coalition Inc.	\$1,050	Women’s Business Development Council	\$19,500
West Haven Child Development Center	\$26,568	Women’s Health Research at Yale	\$11,303
West Haven Community House	\$43,838	Woodbridge Town Library	\$4,911
West Haven High School	\$28,850	The Woodhall School	\$3,000

Protecting the Environment and Building Community

Quinnipiac River Fund Researcher Uses Grant to Lead Cleanups



As it travels south from Meriden's Hanover Pond to New Haven, the Quinnipiac River flows through one of the most industrialized areas of our region. Quinnipiac University Professor Courtney McGinnis has been testing the water quality along this section for more than a decade, supported by grants from the Quinnipiac River Fund. In 2024, she received additional funding to lead community cleanups of bulk trash illegally dumped near one of her 14 monitoring sites. "We know the impact that tires and plastics can have on our environment, and they are sitting adjacent to the river," McGinnis said. Partnerships with Quinnipiac University, Hopkins School and the town of North Haven resulted in three cleanups that removed several dumpsters worth of trash. "What's more community building than picking up trash in a beautiful forested area?" she added.

To date, the fund has granted more than \$3.2 million to local researchers and organizations working to keep the river clean, identify pollutants, and make it more accessible for residents to enjoy.

Everyone associated with the Quinnipiac River Fund is saddened by the passing of Nancy Alderman, longtime advisory board volunteer and environmental activist.



Grants and Distributions continued

Woodstock Area Council on Aging —		Yale University	\$42,700
The Thompson Senior Center	\$1,000	Yale University Athletics	\$500
Woodstock Ski Runners	\$1,000	Yale University Art Gallery	\$23,522
Wooster Square Conservancy Inc.	\$500	Yale University Collection	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	\$13,000	of Musical Instruments	\$17,415
The Word	\$10,038	Yale University Library	\$10,561
Working Lands Alliance	\$250	Yale University,	
World Central Kitchen	\$2,500	Office of New Haven Affairs	\$7,277
World Wildlife Fund	\$8,608	Yale University	
WPKN-FM 89.5	\$7,857	Women’s Organization	\$20,364
WSHU Public Radio	\$2,998	YMCA-Friends of Boys	\$12,669
Xavier High School	\$2,740	Yoga In Our City	\$5,000
Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance	\$1,200	Yoga 4 Change	\$49
Yale Cancer Center	\$190,197	Young Life Greenwich	\$250
Yale Child Study Center	\$870	Young Men’s Institute Library	\$18,670
Yale-China Association	\$11,162	Youth Continuum Inc.	\$70,748
Yale Club of New Haven	\$3,695	Youth Entrepreneurs	\$10,065
Yale New Haven Hospital	\$83,063	Zack’s Place	\$1,000
Yale New Haven Hospital,		The ZOLA Experience Inc.	\$6,500
Saint Raphael Campus	\$30,130		
Yale Philanthropy Conference	\$1,000		
Yale Prison Education Initiative			
at Dwight Hall	\$62		
Yale Repertory Theatre	\$25,466		
Yale School of Medicine	\$8,827		
Yale School of Medicine,			
Obstetrics, Gynecology &			
Reproductive Sciences	\$500		
Yale School of Medicine,			
Orthopedics & Rehabilitation	\$50,000		
Yale School of Medicine, Pediatrics	\$392		
Yale School of Medicine,			
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	\$10,000		
Yale School of Music	\$377		
Yale Undergraduate Jazz Collective	\$2,000		





NHE3 Grants

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, the City of New Haven and The Community Foundation Mission Investments Company.

NHE3 Grants*



- A Nice Touch Auto Detailing

Ainara Designs LLC

All Seasons Contractor LLC

Ambar 50 LLC

Antz Avant LLC

Arepas CT

AristoKatz LLC

Aropa Consulting, LLC

At One LLC

Aubrey Christien LLC

Autumn City Sounds LLC

Aztec LLC

Belle Belle Esthetic

BigHire

Black Business Alliance, Inc.

Black Rock Paving

Bond Street Ventures LLC

Bridal Trousseau LLC

Brown Financial Solutions LLC

Calling in Love LLC
- Cbug's Records LLC

Centerpiece Behavioral Health Services

Ceramics by Kiara Matos

Certified Elite Construction LLC

Clapp & Tuttle, Inc.

Club SciKidz

Collab

The Collective Space

Concentric Care & Wellness LLC

The Cook Well Coalition

Cool Amps Corp

Coppermill Kitchen LLC

Cosmic Black Cat LLC

Dale Chandler Trucking LLC

DCC 360 Photobooth & Rental

Diablerie Apparel LLC

DriverReady

Dual Language Connections LLC

East Rock Breads

ERM Holdings LLC

Events & Sweet Treats by Nikki D	Holistic Behavioral Health LLC
Express and Create	Hope Lodge Venue
Faith Art Studio	Hound and Home LLC
Fallen Inc	IRL Innovations LLC
Fanfare Enterprises LLC	J&L Precision Cleaning
Favorites Bistro Bar	Jazzy's Cabaret
The Flour Girl Bakery/Café	Jenn B Skin
FMT Equipment Corporation	JMD Coaching LLC
Food Concept Inc.	K.B. Trucking LLC
GFTD Creative Agency LLC	KAP-Design LLC
Gisselle FeQuiere	Katalina's Cupcakes
Glady's Crossing, LLC	Katrina Goins Consulting
GP Home Renovations LLC	KBG Vision
Grand Beauty Supply LLC	Kinney Lane Foods
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce	KNOWN
The Green Deli & Juice Bar	KraneWorks Inc.
The Greener Gift LLC	La Isla
Happy People Games LLC	Lashes by Laura LLC
Herbal Deva LLC	Le Bosseur DBA TrueMaid Cleaning
Heritage Capital	Lille Shoppe
Higher Ground Core	Little Lion Collective
Higher Power Coaching and Consulting of Connecticut	Local Business Protection

NHE3 New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
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Lotta Studio
Love Live Life
Luka Enterprise LLC
M Z Landscaping Maintenance LLC
Magrisso Forte, LLC
Manjares
Manley’s Flooring
Maven Marketing LLC
Melanin MicroChips LLC
Miks Kreations LLC
Minority Construction Council
MLC Marketing LLC
Monarch Law LLC
Morelos Enterprises
Muddy Paws Barkery LLC
Multiple Streams LLC
NeoLumin
New Haven Direct Connect
Noir Vintage and Co. LLC

Nova Raft Business Advisors
OCOsink LLC
Oinos Media Group
Only 1 Touch Beauty Experts
Pawsome Pet Products LLC
Peace of Royalty
Peas LLC
Perfect Poundcakes
Petal Pusher Florist
Phoenix Professional Services
Pink Paws Grooming LLC
Poem Renovation LLC
Princess Russell-Blidgen LLC
Purposeful Cleaning LLC
Puure
Q The Beats Enterprise LLC
R3connect At The Workplace
Realist Ventures
Refine by Farrell
ReRent LLC
Rizzo LLC
Robinson Custom Services LLC
Rose Sisters Brands Inc.
Royal Roots Solutions LLC
Sabor Ecuatoriano LLC
Sadie’s Professional Cleaning Services LLC
Salsa’s Authentic Mexican Restaurant
Sann Enterprises
Saoca Churrasqueria & Bar
Sarefo LLC
Sayit, Inc.
Sharper Edge
Single Mother’s Discount Card LLC
SoBol
Soebrown Clinical Services
Soft Petalz Organic Cosmetics
Somos Handcrafted Arepas

Sound Coffee LLC
Southern Spirits
Suga & Spice Me
T&C Enterprise Janitorial Services
Tacos Santa Ines
Thriving Moms Life Coordinator LLC
Tinaliah Designs
Truly Amazing Scents
Twisted Vine Restaurant
Under The Cut
Urban League of Southern Connecticut
Venezia Pizza Corporation
WealthMeUp LLC
Whipped Shea Nature's Moisturizer
Wildwood Granola
Wilson Enterprises
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Zora: The Coming of the Sun



Investments and Financials

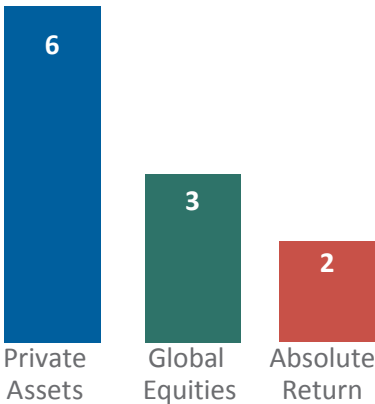
The Community Foundation’s combined charitable assets were \$666,996,298 as of December 31, 2024.

The Community Foundation Corporation, which manages more than \$500 million of The Foundation’s charitable endowment and the assets of more than 160 unaffiliated nonprofit organization fund partners, produced a return of 10.8% net of all costs of investment management, lagging slightly its market benchmark. For the year ended, the long-term strategy outperformed versus the benchmark in global equities, absolute return, and fixed income asset classes. However, the private assets’ exposure continued their sluggish returns and weighed down overall results. Our continued attention to long-term investment goals has historically mitigated brief periods of underperformance while remaining focused on producing long-term value-added results.*



Long-Term Asset Allocation Model

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



Diverse Managers** by Asset Class

24% of The Foundation’s advisors are diverse.

*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.

Finances as of December 31, 2024*

Combined Statements of Financial Position

	2024	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 28,382,135	\$ 37,375,104
Investments at Market Value – Component Funds	456,327,529	422,165,870
Investments at Market Value – Organization Funds	165,686,445	159,826,966
Investments at Market Value – Mission Investment Funds	—	77,819,052
Investment in Real Estate	2,722,076	2,752,962
Total Investments	653,118,185	699,939,954
Mission-Related Investments	8,621,834	45,405,881
Contributions Receivable	1,900,106	1,420,605
Grants Receivable	952,278	218,214
Split-Interest Agreements	1,963,460	1,068,422
Operating Lease	150,910	166,927
Other Assets	25,405	130,211
Furniture and Equipment, Net	264,120	33,177
Total Assets	\$ 666,966,298	\$ 748,383,391
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 1,711,271	\$ 1,038,520
Mission-Related Investments — Line of Credit	—	39,616,446
Line of Credit	5,287,272	7,405,789
Organization Funds	165,686,445	159,826,966
Mission Investment Funds	—	77,819,052
Liabilities Under Split-Interest Agreements	356,090	333,508
Grants Payable	628,244	689,423
Operating Lease Liability	152,410	166,927
Total Liabilities	\$ 666,996,298	\$ 286,896,631
Without Donor Restrictions	\$488,455,103	\$ 460,070,281
With Donor Restrictions	1,855,274	1,416,479
Total Net Assets	490,310,377	461,486,760
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$666,996,298	\$ 748,383,391

Combined Statements of Activities

	2024	2023
Revenue, Gains and Other Support		
Contributions	\$ 29,528,918	\$ 38,758,813
Less Contributions to Organization Funds	(11,365,174)	(14,883,379)
Net Contributions	18,163,744	23,875,434
Investment Gain, Net	46,107,882	50,437,858
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements, Net	221,414	253,711
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support	\$ 68,294,346	\$ 77,699,226
Grants and Distributions, Approved Net	\$127,264,326	\$ 70,433,552**
Grants for Program Management and Direct Grant Activities	4,309,861	3,264,882
Total Grants Expense	131,574,187	73,698,434**
Less Distributions from Organization Funds	(97,939,739)**	(41,689,945)**
Net Grant Expense	33,634,448	32,008,489
Development, Donor Services and Fund Stewardship	1,529,617	1,491,216
Management, Leadership and Operations	3,011,143	3,435,595
Total Administration Expense	4,540,760	4,926,811
Interest Expense for Line of Credit Agreements	1,295,521	3,088,833
Total Expenses	\$ 39,470,729	\$ 40,024,133
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	28,823,617	37,675,093
Net Assets — Beginning of Year	461,486,760	423,811,677
Net Assets — End of Year	\$490,310,377	\$461,486,760

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**The Community Foundation completed a successful seven-year partnership with a private foundation for stimulating mission investments in the region. In 2024, The Community Foundation returned \$77 million (originally valued at \$42 million) to the independent foundation and sold the resulting \$40 million of mission investments back to the locally controlled entities, and eliminated the related liabilities.

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