TOGETHER WE THRIVE
YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

Resiliency.
Our nonprofits and partners came together to meet the county’s needs during a crisis.
Thank you for another year of amazing support.

Our mission is to promote philanthropy as a means to create change in Fairfield County, focusing on innovative and collaborative solutions to critical issues impacting the community.

Bethel  Easton  New Fairfield  Shelton  Weston
Bridgeport  Fairfield  Newtown  Sherman  Westport
Brookfield  Greenwich  Norwalk  Stamford  Wilton
Danbury  Monroe  Redding  Stratford  
Darien  New Canaan  Ridgefield  Trumbull

OUR IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR

$21,158,207 IN GRANTS
489 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING $1,363,389
$11,019,025 INVESTED IN 435 LOCAL NONPROFITS

WE ARE DELIVERING ON OUR VALUES

EQUITY
We are committed to fairness, justice, and providing opportunity without bias.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
We embrace and integrate diverse perspectives, bringing together individuals and organizations that reflect our communities.

COLLABORATION
We partner to identify critical issues and empower innovative and informed solutions.

INTEGRITY
We are honest, respectful, and transparent in our commitments and hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards.

About the cover: For more information about the nonprofits and partners pictured on the cover, see page 31.
As we transition from our emergency response to the pandemic to support the county and our nonprofit sector’s long-term recovery, the year’s events, protests, and conversations have brought greater focus on our efforts and the ever-present need to close the opportunity gap.

Equity and justice have been embedded in our community impact work for many years. It is intricately woven into the very nature of the work we do, which is work you have supported for more than 25 years. However, it is clear that as a community foundation, to deliver on both our vision and our mission, we need to be more intentional with our words and sharper in our focus.

As we go forward into a new year, we are assessing what work to accelerate, where to advocate better and harder, and what to do differently. We strive to ensure that our most vulnerable residents gain equitable access to basic human rights: food, housing, healthcare, education, employment, and economic opportunity.
DEAR FRIENDS,

It is not an overstatement to sum up this past year as one of extremes and unprecedented times – for all of us. At the Community Foundation we started off celebrating milestones, launching expanded programming, and collaborating on results of newly commissioned research. And then, along with not only the county but the country, we were thrust into crisis recovery mode and had to pivot to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgent needs that surfaced across our region.

As we faced this crisis together, your extraordinary generosity enabled us to be responsive and focused. You helped us raise and deploy more than $11 million in less than four months through a combination of the Fairfield County COVID-19 Resiliency Fund and COVID-related grants from Donor Advised Funds at the Community Foundation. We reached over 150 nonprofits in all 23 towns and cities in our county, and, in turn, helped more than a quarter of the region’s diverse population.

Our staff, too, was extraordinary as well as tireless and compassionate. They refocused offerings, listened to pandemic-specific needs, and provided training and services for situations none of us had ever before faced. I cannot thank them enough.

It also would not be an overstatement to say that the pandemic was in one way a great equalizer as none of us was immune from it and, in another, a great magnifier as it highlighted the chasm of socioeconomic inequality that exists across Fairfield County.

While we have been privileged to share in the county’s successes, our mission is to address its shortcomings and strengthen it for all who call Fairfield County home. As we digest the learnings revealed by the pandemic and social disruption, we remain steadfast to closing the opportunity gap and heightening our efforts to do so. We believe it is the only way we can begin to reimagine a future that is better for all.

One way we have begun to reaffirm this belief and deepen our work to champion equity and social justice has been through our podcast series. I hope you will find the time to listen to them and then share our conversations with these inspiring, instructive, and provocative thought leaders who have much to teach us.

These are challenging times, with much work to do as we look ahead. We cannot do it without you. In the pages that follow you will read more about the year and where we are headed.

On behalf of all whose lives you have already touched, thank you. With your continued dedication and support you will continue to help us reach many, many more.

Juanita T. James
President & CEO
A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING AND INCOMING BOARD CHAIRS

As one of us concludes our service as Board Chair, it brings a new beginning for the other. For the Community Foundation it is a chance to carry forward key learnings and successes and to create new ones as we prepare for a reimagined, brighter, and more equitable future for all who call Fairfield County home.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity during the past fiscal year. As you’ll read in the following pages, 2019-2020 was a year of growth and response to rapidly changing health and economic conditions. As we navigate these uncharted waters, we are unwavering in our commitment to achieve the Community Foundation’s overarching goal: to close the opportunity gap in Fairfield County by eliminating disparities in income, education, employment, housing, and health.

We are proud of the progress we have made to advance our current Strategic Plan, now in its third year. However, we believe it is important at this moment in history to acknowledge that our work and strategy to create an equitable future for all will also take persistence; a willingness to listen, learn and adapt; and the drive to remain steadfast to our long-term vision.

Our Board understands that to do this, we must play a key role in supporting the Community Foundation’s work, visibility, and commitment to address the root causes of the injustices that contribute to disparities facing marginalized populations, particularly in our region. We also recognize our unique position to lead, set an example, and reinforce how the Community Foundation will increase not only its voice and presence, but also that of those it serves – and do so with greater intent.

In addition, the Board will focus on fortifying the future of Fairfield County’s Community Foundation as a vital resource for our region. Key priorities in the years ahead will be to review and evolve our business model, and to enhance our role and strengthen our voice as a local, statewide, and national thought leader in philanthropy and community impact.

We believe that striving to always be a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization will augment our effectiveness, amplify our impact, and advance our vision. Living and working in a vital and inclusive county, where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, benefits us all.

Thank you for helping us to shape the future of Fairfield County.

Martha Olson
Board Chair
2018–2020

Briggs Tobin
Incoming Board Chair
2020–2022
Accelerating impact through partnerships

The challenges to closing the opportunity gap in our region are many. No one organization, whether public, private, or nonprofit, can accomplish this alone. By engaging with partners in all sectors of community, business, and government, we are accomplishing so much more together.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
CREATING CRADLE-TO-CAREER PATHWAYS.

The Collective Impact Opportunity Fund, a partnership comprised of five foundations – BeFoundation, Dalio Philanthropies, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, the Per and Astrid Heidenreich Family Foundation, and the Ritter Family Foundation – is focused on making grants to close gaps in education and employment. By encouraging collective action among residents, nonprofits, business and government leaders, the CIOF aims to strengthen cradle-to-career pathways for Connecticut’s children and families, starting in Norwalk. Over the summer new Norwalk Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Alexandra Estrella, announced that her district will work with Temple University’s Dr. Edward Fergus to launch a comprehensive study and action plan to address educational equity, funded by the CIOF. With Norwalk ACTS as a central partner in leading this collective impact work, the CIOF is committed to significantly improving the percentage of low-income students on track to college and career readiness.

STEM EDUCATION. NURTURING CURIOSITY.

When the Henkel Corporation sought to deepen community engagement for its North American Consumer Goods headquarters in Stamford, it reached out to the Community Foundation to be its philanthropic advisor on ways to connect with the community. The company was specifically interested in identifying where it could have an impact on science education. Together we have developed a plan to adapt Henkel’s Researchers’ World for North America, an education initiative already in nine international markets, starting in the Greater Stamford area. Researchers’ World encourages children to explore the world of science, inspires curiosity, and makes research fun. A pilot program will launch in Stamford starting in fall 2020, working with the Bartlett Arboretum, Girl Scouts of Connecticut, and the Mill River Park Collaborative. Providing a hybrid and flexible curriculum with onsite and virtual resources, Researchers’ World also offers an opportunity for employees to engage with students and mentor a workforce of the future.

HIGH-IMPACT PROJECTS. MOBILIZING PHILANTHROPY.

The Connecticut COVID-19 Charity Connection, known as 4-CT, was created in early April 2020 in response to the pandemic. 4-CT hit the ground running. It raised $10 million at its start and had grown to more than $18 million by summer’s end. Its mission is to coordinate philanthropy throughout the state to deliver funds quickly to those who need them most. 4-CT partners with nonprofits, philanthropists, corporations, donors and community foundations like FCCF. Its staff and volunteers are collecting, developing, and adapting solutions, and prioritizing and funding high-impact projects. FCCF was pleased to be among the founding partners and to play a significant role in coordinating efforts to address our state’s pressing needs, as well as to magnify the impact of our local efforts.
To achieve our mission and reach our goal of closing the opportunity gap, the Community Foundation is going beyond grantmaking to having a voice in influencing the policies that impact the people we serve.

To do this effectively, we must develop more informed and engaged residents to advocate for their interests as well. Over the past year we have begun to ramp up our advocacy and civic engagement activities, deploying a number of strategies.

On the advocacy front, we are increasing our involvement with regional and state-level policy task forces and coalitions that range from infrastructure, to paid family and medical leave, to workforce development. We also are providing public testimony to governments and commissions, recommending policies for consideration for greater impact. From convening legislative forums, to signing on to joint letters to policymakers, to op-ed pieces in regional media, we are advancing our agenda for a vital and thriving region on as many fronts as possible.

LEARN MORE ON HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT – AND PARTICIPATE – IN OUR ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES AT FCCFOUNDATION.ORG/CIVICENGAGEMENT.
With the additional devastation and opportunity-gap-widening that has resulted from the pandemic, this is an especially important time for us to bolster government responsibility.

As representation in government plays a key role in advocacy work, we have been actively engaged in supporting the 2020 Census. Working with partners, our Complete Count Committee has focused its efforts in Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford, where much of the county’s hardest-to-count people live. As many nonprofits have had to adjust their census outreach due to COVID-19, we have provided a range of resources to help facilitate their work to ensure the counting continues.

On the civic engagement front, we are working to aggregate and amplify community knowledge and voice. Our Get Out the Vote Grants Program is one example of how we supported nonprofits committed to civic engagement. We recognize the necessity to support efforts to actively engage individuals whose voices are underrepresented in the political process. The Get Out the Vote Grants Program allowed residents across the county to learn about civic duty, individuals running for elected office, and ways to remain engaged in the political process. We are proud of the program’s success in engaging new voters, many of whom were young people who learned about the power they hold and how to effectively exercise it.

Launched last summer, our Civic Education Grants Program supported organizations engaged in efforts to improve civic knowledge in historically disengaged communities like Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, Stamford, and Stratford.

“We used our Civic Education grant award from FCCF to organize three weekends of Census training and canvassing to get the word out about how safe and important the Census is to the city of Bridgeport. Our trained canvassers knocked on over 800 doors in hard-to-count areas, informed almost 750 people, and got 406 confirmations from folks that they would complete the Census. We also engaged with residents on issues they care about and how these tie directly back to a complete count on the Census.”

— BRIDGEPORT GENERATION NOW 2020 CENSUS TEAM
Rapidly deploying resources where most needed

On March 16, 2020, less than a week after Governor Lamont declared a state of emergency in Connecticut, the Community Foundation announced the Fairfield County COVID-19 Resiliency Fund and began awarding our first grants. Created to help alleviate the social and economic consequences of this global pandemic, the Resiliency Fund has rapidly deployed resources to frontline community organizations meeting basic needs of residents in all of Fairfield County’s 23 towns and cities.

In partnership with over 250 generous donors, businesses, and foundations, we have raised $2.5 million. Nearly $2 million of these funds have already been granted to more than 150 local nonprofit organizations. In addition, during the same period, the donor advised funds we manage deployed $9.3 million in additional grant funding to local nonprofits dealing with the pandemic, bringing the total to approximately $11.8 million.

Through this collective effort, we have been able to support more than 260,000 people who are among our county’s most vulnerable and marginalized residents, to reach over 25% of the region’s population thanks to your generosity.

With the onset of the pandemic and based on our community impact expertise, many of our fundholders, as well as outside donors and foundations, have reached out for philanthropic advisory services on how best to support our communities and the nonprofits that serve them. We have been honored to be this trusted resource and to help direct much-needed dollars where they will have the most impact.

When COVID-19 moved across our region with alarming speed, we quickly learned that none of us was immune to its presence. We saw with a heightened intensity the economic, societal, and racial disparities and injustices that have long existed. As the county with the largest income divide in the country, the pandemic has reinforced the importance of the Community Foundation’s work to close the opportunity gap. Our chance as a region to move forward in a more intentional and collective manner toward meaningful, systemic change is right in front of us.

As our COVID-19 response transitions from emergency, rapid-response funding to recovery and planning, we are evolving the focus of subsequent funding to meet our community’s medium- to long-term needs. Within each of our impact areas, we are in close consultation with our nonprofit partners and other community leaders as we adapt together to reimagine the future of Fairfield County. As challenging as the future might look, we hope that the Community Foundation and our COVID-19 Resiliency Fund will be a beacon to guide Fairfield County toward becoming the vital, thriving community that we envision.
With FCCF’s COVID Fund’s generous and swift donation to the county’s homeless we were able to move quickly – relocating approximately 350 homeless individuals from streets and congested shelters into hotels while simultaneously managing the closure of all three homeless shelters in Danbury. Your incredible support is saving lives.

— DAVID BARRETT RICH
Executive Director, Supportive Housing Works

THANK YOU, FOUNDING FUND PARTNERS

The Community Foundation thanks a cross section of generous fundholders, individuals, corporations, and private foundations that have each contributed a minimum of $25,000 to our Fairfield County COVID-19 Resiliency Fund.

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YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

MORE THAN $2.5 MILLION RAISED FOR THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COVID-19 RESILIENCY FUND

$1.9 MILLION GRANTED TO 154 NONPROFITS REACHING 260,233 INDIVIDUALS

ALL 23 TOWNS AND CITIES SERVED
Preparing our youth for meaningful careers

Your generosity for our vulnerable youth helps us help them achieve success. By aligning youth with educational tools and job opportunities, our ambitious Thrive by 25 initiative aims to empower every young adult to achieve self-sufficiency by age 25, thereby strengthening the future of our whole community.

Early in the year we relaunched the Thrive by 25 Advisory Council, which provides strategic guidance and support for our initiatives. The Council, composed of nine diverse leaders from across Fairfield County and the state, contributes expertise in the areas of education, workforce development, social and criminal justice, youth voice, and grantmaking. We are excited to expand and build on their engagement in the upcoming year.

We also completed an in-depth portfolio analysis that provided greater insight into our grantmaking. Melding the results with data from the 2019 Fairfield County Community Wellbeing Index, we have begun to demonstrate greater intentionality in our support of young adults in their journey toward workforce participation. Additionally, we are honing our focus to deliver greater impact, particularly in our region’s four cities – Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford.

As a member of the Thrive by 25 Advisory Council, or should I say ‘life-changing council,’ Thrive is about just that: opening up more opportunities and injecting positivity into our communities. I’ve seen programs like this come and go, but since I began my association with Thrive as one of its youth ambassadors five years ago, I know it’s here to stay. Thrive is dedicated to supporting Fairfield County’s young adults for the long term. I’m thankful to serve on a council that continues to effectively make a difference in so many young lives — mine included.

— RUTH ANN PHILLIPS
Former Thrive by 25 Youth Ambassador, Current Advisory Council Member, and 5th grade Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW OUR YOUTH IS OVERCOMING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AT FCCFOUNDATION.ORG/THRIVE.
Then along came the pandemic. We had to cancel our workforce development forums, which were built in partnership with the Norwalk Community College Foundation and Bank of America to bring together youth, employers, and community colleges to explore gaps in skills. Despite the postponements, we continued to provide much-needed workforce development supports by partnering with programs like the Mayor’s Youth Employment Program for the City of Stamford, the Professional Studies Institute at Housatonic Community College, and Danbury Youth Services.

We know that our work with youth and young adults is even more critical during this time of crisis and instability. Our young adults have been disproportionately impacted not only by current job loss, but also by potential loss of future employment. As we move toward economic recovery, the Community Foundation will work hard to ensure they are not left behind.

To further enable us to achieve this goal, Thrive by 25’s work is going beyond exposing youth to educational and employment opportunity. We are focusing on elevating youth voice to help youth drive the change they want to see for themselves and their families. By launching new projects to amplify youth voice, we are paving the way for them to become an integral part of moving Fairfield County forward.

By funding programs like ours, FCCF is providing paid work experience for at-risk youth. These experiences provide much more than a paycheck. Our students are expanding networks, applying essential skills required to be successful, and receiving real-time feedback on what they do well and what they need to improve.

One of my interns said it best: ‘Thank you for giving me the incredible experience of being depended on in the workplace and being able to showcase my abilities. Having programs like this for young people provides space for us to understand our worth and build on our work ethic and values.’

Your support has always been important, but this year it was more so with the uncertainty brought on by COVID-19. Your commitment provided hope and stability for local students who needed it most.

— MICHELLE LAPPAS
Program Coordinator
The Mayor’s Youth Employment Program,
The City of Stamford
Expanding reach and focusing on changing needs

This past fall we celebrated the Center for Nonprofit Excellence’s 10th anniversary. Over 300 people gathered at the Westport Library to toast our inaugural inductees into the CNE Hall of Fame. Through your support of this milestone, we nearly doubled the funds raised from the prior year, enabling us to expand the Center's services.

The CNE Hall of Fame, which will be housed in the Training Room at FCCF, will offer a permanent home for us to honor the achievements of organizations, leaders, and benefactors who have made important contributions to Fairfield County’s vibrant and vital nonprofit sector. Be on the lookout for news on our next class of honorees.

With an emphasis on new and innovative collaborations, CNE kicked off the year with a two-part series with Jamal Jimerson of the Minority Inclusion Project. The series educated teams of nonprofit board chairs and leaders on diversity and race equity to help their organizations and boards become more inclusive. In partnership with Sacred Heart’s Center for Nonprofits, we also delivered a workshop with Vu Le, a national thought leader whose innovative ideas, no-nonsense approach, and humor led to engaging conversation between local funders and nonprofits on how to foster collaboration and effective partnerships.
Over the 45 years Susan Ross and I were married, our philanthropic work centered on investing in nonprofit results and organizational strengthening. It’s why Susan established the Center for Nonprofit Excellence when she was President & CEO of FCCF, and why FCCF established The Fund for Great Leadership at her retirement. At the CNE’s 10th anniversary celebration, I was so pleased to announce a 2-for-1 challenge grant to increase the fund by $375,000. I am thrilled we’re nearly halfway there.

– CHARLIE MACCORMACK
President Emeritus, Save the Children, and FCCF Board Member

Additionally, we grew our Nonprofit Consultants Network to 40 local consultants, providing them with a peer network. These consultants have practices focusing on fundraising, board governance, executive transition and search, information technology, marketing and communications, and strategy.

To become even more accessible to the region’s nonprofits, CNE had already begun providing more online learning opportunities. With the onset of COVID-19 in March, we were able to quickly pivot to all virtual offerings. We have been addressing the demand for information and support on a weekly basis with a responsive curriculum directly relevant to what nonprofits need. We are partnering with other nonprofits, subject matter experts, and civic leaders in our offerings. Programs have ranged from how to plan crisis communications and deal with canceled fundraising events, to advice on human resource challenges, to education on federal and state supports.

February 27th was a particularly meaningful Giving Day this year. With the cancellation of spring fundraisers due to COVID-19, dollars raised on Giving Day are playing an increased role in sustaining the nonprofit sector.

As nonprofits learn how to work during a pandemic, the tools and resources we have provided over the years have inspired many nonprofits to raise funds virtually.

A new tool introduced this year was Peer-to-Peer Fundraising. Through social media, P2P fundraisers rally around a cause they are passionate about, use their network to expand their reach, and bring in new donors. 2020 saw 388 individuals bring 3,633 donors who gave over $212,000 through P2P Fundraising.

We thank our donors, partners, and sponsors for a successful Giving Day, especially our Champion Sponsor, Bank of America, for supporting us for all seven years at this annual event.

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

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WE ARE WORKING HARD TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY. LEARN MORE ABOUT GIVING DAY AND GET UPDATES AT FCCFOUNDATION.ORG/GIVING.
Responding to critical needs through innovation and collaboration

Your tireless support for Fairfield County’s women and girls was amazing in a year where the Fund ran a gamut of highs and lows – from forging new partnerships, to laying the groundwork for a signature initiative, to postponing our annual spring luncheon due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our sustainable solutions for women and girls are guided by commissioned research, which has been a priority of the Fund since 1998. Last September we shared two new bodies of research at Forward Fairfield County: A Day of Data-Driven Conversation. These reports are helping us better understand unmet and under-met needs and barriers women and girls face in accessing critical services in our increasingly diverse county. Based on the research, we also developed and shared a recommendations guide for closing the opportunity gap for women and girls in our region.
Because of our research, we are proud to be a fund that never stands still. It enables us to help forge a new future for women and girls in Fairfield County with innovative and collaborative solutions. As we learned from our Family Economic Security Program, transformative change requires interwoven solutions that address the whole person.

In October, we announced a new signature initiative designed to improve the overall health of women and girls ages 12 to 49. This initiative – EMME: Empowerment. Mindfulness. Motivation. Education. – will be a replicable, one-stop wellness resource hub to enable underserved women and girls of Bridgeport to achieve and maintain healthy, self-actualized lives. Partnering with OPTIMUS Health Care, EMME will offer a range of holistic services – both virtual and physical – when it launches in 2021.

As part of our response to the pandemic and protests for racial equity and justice, we offered webinars and online learning sessions for our nonprofit partners. Topics ranged from check-ins on how they were coping to how to deal with increased demand for services.

FESP, now in its sixth year at Housatonic Community College, adapted its budget to reallocate funds to meet students’ growing demand for basic needs and mental health supports.

In August, also as a response to the pandemic, we partnered with the Community Mindfulness Project to launch two mindfulness and wellness tracks. These tracks support our entire portfolio of nonprofit partners, many of whom have frontline staff experiencing traumatic stress and increased fatigue. We are committed to providing this restorative and necessary support through December 2020.

Since I was little, I dreamed of becoming a professional when I grew up. Your generosity is enabling me to move closer to reaching my dream by earning my bachelor’s degree in accounting. Teaching my children the importance of an education is a priority for me too, especially as they are getting ready to start their college education.

– MARIA RIVERA
Family Economic Security Program Student
Empowering immigrants and their families for success

Closing the opportunity gap in Fairfield County requires addressing disparities for all our vulnerable and marginalized populations. The Community Foundation’s mission to accomplish this includes embracing our immigrants and their families. They enrich our communities by bringing a wealth of cultural and economic value to the region.

One of the ways we are empowering immigrants is through two new field of interest funds: the Immigrant Success Fund, which focuses on grantmaking and capacity building to meet critical needs, and the Immigrant Justice Fund, which supports legal representation.

Additionally, starting last fall, we began a listening tour across the county to learn firsthand and in-depth more about critical issues facing nonprofits serving immigrants and their families. To date we have met with more than 50 organizations and spoken with over 200 people.
TWO NEW FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS ANNOUNCED

THE IMMIGRANT SUCCESS FUND WILL:

• Focus on high-priority issues such as healthcare, education, and employment
• Support immigrants currently and formerly separated from their families
• Increase community and stakeholder knowledge about immigrant issues and solutions

THE IMMIGRANT JUSTICE FUND WILL:

• Create a legal initiative for immigrants living in Connecticut and will include legal representation

We also are focused on gathering data to better understand the nature and magnitude of the challenges and opportunities in immigrant communities. Working off of a needs assessment completed this year in Stamford by Building One Community, the region’s largest immigrant-serving nonprofit, we are replicating the assessment in Bridgeport, Danbury, and Norwalk with other leading nonprofit partners. As a data-driven organization, we will use the information from these assessments to inform future programming.

Our first immigrant community convening was held in August 2020 as a virtual event. The keynote was Theresa Cardinal Brown, the nationally renowned director of immigration and cross-border policy for the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C. In addition, Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist John Moore shared his work and experience documenting immigration in America. Over 100 attendees participated in interactive sessions on innovations and successes in immigrant support, and on Fairfield County’s cities and their COVID-19 recovery.

Thanks to FCCF’s immigrant support grant, the services I received at CIRI are changing lives like mine. My attorney, Alicia, helped us through a long process, and now my husband and I are protected and safe here in the United States after being scared and suffering for so long. But the best part is that now I will be able to see and hug my son. After 20 years apart he will be arriving here from Mexico soon and our family will be together again.

— MARIA C.

Pictured with her husband after her citizenship ceremony, made possible through the support and services of the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants

YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR WORK WITH IMMIGRANTS RECOGNIZES THEIR VALUE IN MAKING FAIRFIELD COUNTY A VIBRANT, DIVERSE REGION. LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NEW FUNDS AT FCCFOUNDATION.ORG/IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED FUNDS.
Addressing the urgent need for affordable housing

People who live in affordable, safe, and stable homes have a better chance for success in life than those who do not. The lack of such housing in Fairfield County – where more than 75% of households are cost burdened or severely cost burdened* – is startling and a serious impediment to closing the opportunity gap.

Regionwide nonprofit and for-profit collaboration is crucial to address this issue. Building on past initiatives, the Community Foundation – with the Partnership for Strong Communities, Regional Plan Association, and Supportive Housing Works – became a founding partner of Fairfield County’s Center for Housing Opportunity in 2019. The Center is a regional initiative, working to ensure the county collaborates to strategically and equitably align our housing resources to best meet the needs of all who live and work here.

I recently spoke with a client, a single mother of three children residing in Bridgeport in public housing, who completed the Stable Families Program. While in the program, she found gainful employment and stabilized her housing. Post-discharge, she continues to make progress toward personal goals while maintaining housing stability. Although COVID has had an impact on her employment, she continues to budget, pay down debts, take steps to increase her credit score, and start the process of expunging her record. As we finished our conversation she said – with a little lilt in her voice: ‘I feel proud and ready for success. Thank you.’

— Allison Feeley
Stable Families Program Manager, Fairfield County Services, New Reach, Inc.

*Source: Fairfield County 2019 Community Wellbeing Index. In Fairfield County, 39% of households are cost burdened and 38% are severely cost burdened.

YOUR SUPPORT TO PROVIDE SAFE, STABLE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL LEAD TO THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS. LEARN MORE ON HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AT FCCFOUNDATION.ORG/COMMUNITY-IMPACT/HOUSING.
Equitable, inclusive communities need sustainable and affordable housing. Our support for the Community Foundation and Fairfield County’s Center for Housing Opportunity is about more than being a good corporate citizen: It is a business imperative. We hope more people in the county will recognize this. By joining to help build thriving neighborhoods in our towns and cities, we are growing our economy, which is critical to ensure Fairfield County’s long-term success.

— MATT MCSPEDON
JPMorgan Chase Connecticut Market Leader

Last fall we received a $450,000 two-year grant from JPMorgan Chase to fund the Center. This enabled us to launch the collaborative’s first initiative – the Fairfield County Housing Alliance – with over 70 nonprofit and for-profit entities. By bringing together expertise in housing policy, regional initiative organization, legislative advocacy, urban planning, public policy research, and community convening, we are creating infrastructure to address systemic challenges to affordable housing. As the COVID-19 crisis heightens the need to reduce disparities, JPMorgan Chase’s partnership and investment are accelerating solutions for our region.

Ensuring that affordable housing is close to transportation, childcare, and living-wage jobs is key to our region’s and state’s economic success. Under the auspices of the Melville Charitable Trust, the largest foundation in the United States exclusively dedicated to ending homelessness, we are partners in Secure Jobs 2.0 for southwestern Connecticut. With New Canaan Community Foundation and United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, we are helping families transitioning from homelessness to housing stability to connect to education, training, and supports needed to secure and maintain employment.

For more than a decade we have funded the Stable Families Program. Run by New Reach, Inc., this program provides intensive case management to increase housing stability for families in Bridgeport public housing at risk of eviction and homelessness. With the addition of Connecticut Legal Services as a grantee, we also can now support residents with housing-related legal issues, most recently with the Marina Village relocation project.

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- 98% OF FAMILIES ENROLLED IN THE STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM SINCE 2009 WERE HELPED TO AVOID EVICTION AT DISCHARGE
- 87% OF STABLE FAMILIES’ CLIENTS ASSESSED FOR FINANCIAL AND ENTITLEMENT NEEDS SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED BENEFITS
- 43.7% OF EXITS FROM SHELTERS IN THE COUNTY WERE TO PERMANENT HOUSING DESTINATIONS
- BASED ON THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM’S “RETURN TO SHELTER” DATA, 85% OF SECURE JOBS FAMILIES MAINTAINED HOUSING FOR 2 YEARS
Like so many businesses across the country, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation was not immune to the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing volatility in financial markets and consumer uncertainty. For us, our fiscal year 2020 financial performance experienced a decrease in investment income from $4.9 million to $1.6 million year-over-year.

To offset the reduction in income, we took steps to reduce operating expenses. However, we also had a significant increase in grantmaking during the fourth quarter in response to the unprecedented needs of our nonprofit partners also caused by the pandemic. As a result, this unexpected surge in grantmaking impacted total expenses.

Our long-term investment portfolio is a globally diversified portfolio across stocks, bonds, and alternative investments such as hedge funds, private equity, and private real assets. Over the long-term, this approach should meet the Community Foundation’s return objectives, while minimizing volatility. And as the investment horizon for the majority of funds in our long-term investment portfolio is perpetuity, we remain focused on long-term performance.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Fairfield County’s Community Foundation offers a variety of investment options designed to meet your philanthropic goals and objectives.

• **Long-Term Growth:** The investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. The portfolio is actively managed and invested in a diversified portfolio of Global Equity, Fixed Income, and Alternative Investment Strategies. The largest asset allocation is 53% Equity, 32% Alternative Investments, and 15% Fixed Income.

• **Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares (VBIAX):** The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of passive Index Funds with a target asset allocation of 60% Equity and 40% Fixed Income. The Fund provides access to a range of sector funds, offering broad diversification across multiple asset classes. The Balanced Fund is designed for investors seeking a balance between income and capital growth.

• **Money Market:** This investment option provides donors with liquidity and principal protection. The Fund invests in Money Market securities and FDIC Insured CDARs CDs.

CUSTOM OPTIONS

• **Your Investment Advisor:** For charitable funds of $250,000 or more, the Community Foundation can work with your own trusted financial advisor to manage your fund. If this option is right for you, simply put us in touch with your financial advisor and our team will take care of the rest.

• **Social Impact Portfolio:** For larger charitable funds, the Community Foundation can help you set up a social impact portfolio that aligns your values and charitable goals.
JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

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GRANTS BY FUND TYPE

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**TOTAL: $21,158,207***

*Includes agency grants

Let us help you make your charitable giving even more meaningful and effective. Contact us at (203) 750-3200.
New Funds

Your charitable giving can be magnified for generations when you establish a fund with the Community Foundation. We gratefully acknowledge the following charitable funds established over the past year.

Gifts noted were made from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC ART FUND
Creating a new public art trail to pilot in the downtown core and move to additional Bridgeport neighborhoods. The Fund’s initial focus will be the Broad Street corridor, from the Painted Steps to the University of Bridgeport and Seaside Park in the South End.

DIANE CAGGIANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Providing a yearly scholarship to a graduating Ridgefield High School senior pursuing study in the fine arts, performing arts, art education, or a related field. The Fund honors the legacy of Diane Caggiano, a beloved teacher, artist, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COVID-19 RESILIENCY FUND
Rapidly deploying resources to trusted frontline community organizations that meet the basic needs of local residents. Established by FCCF with the support of generous seed funding from donors, the Fund is helping to alleviate the social and economic consequences of the pandemic.

IMMIGRANT SUCCESS FUND
Supporting nonprofits that promote the wellbeing of immigrant families in Fairfield County. Through our Community Impact team’s competitive grantmaking, this new field of interest fund at FCCF will focus on high-priority issues such as healthcare, education, jobs and more.
Join us in FCCF’s efforts to engage your next generation in family philanthropy! We can connect your children to nonprofit volunteer opportunities and Fairfield County’s Giving Day peer-to-peer fundraising projects, and even establish Donor Advised Funds for your children and grandchildren. Engaging your children and grandchildren in local philanthropy can be transformative. To get started, contact us at (203) 750-3200.

THE IRIS FUND
Providing catalytic funding for research on what triggers preterm labor and how preterm birth can be prevented. Named for Iris Crystal Aleman, who died due to complications of preterm birth, the Fund deepens her legacy by helping to ensure better outcomes for all families.

JOHN D. KELLY MEMORIAL FUND
Providing scholarships to young women and economically disadvantaged individuals pursuing careers as pilots or aircraft maintenance technicians. The Fund honors the legacy of Shoreline Aviation founder John D. Kelly, who wished to bring more diversity to the field.

DANIEL E. OFFUTT, III CHARITABLE DESIGNATED FUND - WESTPORT
Supporting The Artists Collective of Westport annually for general purposes and support. This donor advised fund helps fund creative individuals and active artists in developing dynamic experiences and a strong, diverse arts community in Fairfield County.

RICHARD E. SMITH FUND FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY
Supporting the rehabilitation and personal growth of at-risk and disadvantaged youth. The Fund honors the legacy of Stamford resident Richard E. Smith, who bequested the residue of his estate to FCCF to continue his longtime mission of supporting young people.

Since moving to FCCF, we’ve found the support of the organization – from staff, to online tools, to shared fundraising initiatives – to be unparalleled. We believe deeply that science can do better for all mothers and vulnerable babies, and we’ve found a real partner with FCCF.

– BRITTNEY CRYSTAL AND JOSE ALEMAN
The Iris Fund
Thank you for choosing us as your philanthropic partner. As financial stewards dedicated to helping you make the most of your giving, we are honored to work with nearly 600 individuals, families, and companies who have established funds at Fairfield County’s Community Foundation.

Your charitable giving continues to make a powerful impact – in Fairfield County and beyond – to build up communities where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

### DONOR, FAMILY & CORPORATE ADVISED FUNDS

- The Acorn Fund
- Across the Globe Children’s Foundation Fund
- The Charlie and Georgia Adams Family Fund
- The Armah Family Fund
- Delbert L. Auray, Sr. Fund
- Back to You Fund
- Lucy and David Ball Family Fund
- Band Central Fund
- Bannow-Noren Fund
- James R. and Kaye E. Barker Fund
- John P. and Nancy J. Bassett Fund
- Louise Baum, Eastern Bag & Paper Co., Inc. Fund
- Theodore H. and Margaret S. Beard
- Excellence in Teaching Award
- Berkowitz & Hanna Charitable Fund
- Jane M. and Edwin A. Bescherer Fund
- James P. and Elinor Upton Biggs Fund
- Judith L. Biggs Fund
- Winston J. Bish Memorial Fund
- Bisset Family Fund
- Block Family Fund
- Bluefish Foundation Fund
- Bluenose Fund
- Richard P. & Barbara A. Bodine Fund
- The Bono Family Fund
- Bordman-Beardsley Fund
- BRAD Fund
- Jessica Lee Brett Memorial Fund
- The Bridgeport Public Art Fund
- Bridgeport Public Housing Resident Support Fund
- Colleen Doyle Britt Education Fund
- Brooklawn Country Club Golf Association Fund
- Buckeye Fund
- James and Margot Butler Family Fund
- Captain Morgan First Mate Fund
- Octavio & Marianela Choy Fund
- Thomas C. Clark Fund
- Clarkson Family Fund
- Community Response Fund
- Como & Nicholson Fund
- Connecticut Alliance for Racial Equity (CARE)
- Hugh and Eleanor Curran Memorial Fund
- Daffodil Fund
- Banyan Tree Fund of the Leo & Ida Davidoff Family
- Barbara Benton Davis Fund
- Delany Family Fund
- Diageo Community Fund
- The Diageo Salute the Troops Fund
- Bern Dibner Gift
- Doherty Family Fund
- Donald J. Donahue Family Advisory Fund
- Benjamin and Frances Doto Family Fund
- The Downer Family Fund
- George and Mary Dunbar Family Fund
- Henry B. duPont, III Advise and Consult Fund
- Eye Care for the Underprivileged Fund
- Fath Family Charitable Fund
- The Elizabeth Ferguson Fund
- G. Neil Ferguson Fund
- Douglas and Olivia Floren Fund
- Food Bank of Fairfield County, Inc. Fund
- Forester Community Education Fund
- Milton H. and Isabelle V. Friedberg Fund
- Irwin E. and Micheline Friedman Fund
- Sean Manuel Gage Memorial Fund
- Garavel Auto Group Fund
- Geller-Conarck Memorial Fund
- Amalia and Nicola Giuliani Fund
- Giving Forward Fund
- Goloff-Spector Memorial Fund
- Good Schools Bridgeport Fund
- Goodspeed Fund
- Graham Overbrook Fund
- Colin and Eileen Green Fund
- Joshua Greenberg Memorial Fund
- Guinness Gives Back Fund
- Peter Hanson Fund
- Mike and Sally Harris Fund
- Percy, Edna, and Edward E. Harrison Fund
- Winlow and Marian Heard Family Fund
- Heidenreich Family Fund
- Heidmar Fund
- Hellogood Fund
- Higher Ground Fund
- Hope Fund
- Horton Family Fund
- Dr. Ellen Hosiosky Fund
- Houck Family Charitable Gift Fund
- Pat and Shirley Howe Fund
- The Iris Fund
- Johnnie Walker Keep Walking Fund

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For over a decade, Band Central has been partnering with nonprofits and uniting communities around music. Founder Rob Fried and singers Susan Didrichsen and Carole Sylvan are pictured here at a Band Central benefit for the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport.
Louis Joseloff Fund
Brenda H. Kaplan Music Fund
Keeper of the Hearth Fund
John D. Kelly Memorial Fund
Kendall Family Fund
Knobloch Fund
Kish Charitable Trust Fund
Kleeman Family Fund
John A. Klein Leadership Fund
Knobloch Fund
Mathew Kosbob Memorial Fund
The Koskoff Fund
Ruth I. Krauss Fund Early Childhood Development
Ladysmith Fund for Women’s Health
Indiana B. Langston Fund
Anne S. Leonhardt Fund
Barbara A. Leonhardt Fund
Melissa Anne Leonhardt Fund
John A. Leslie Fund
Dan Levinson Fund
Sol and Rebeka Lieberman Fund
Light Fund
Philip E. and Donna M. Lint Fund
Mickey Lione Sr. Memorial Fund
Tom Liu Memorial Fund
Lockhart Jennings Family Fund
Longstreth-Pullman Family Fund
Meghan K. Lowney Fund
The MacGuire Family Fund
Mandel Family Fund
Stephen F. and Ann S. Mandel Fund
Bonnie and Gene Markowski Family Fund
Mary’s Fund
Massad Family Fund
McCullough - Wilkinson Families Fund
McDonald-Wright Family Fund
Grace McDonnell Art Fund
McGrath Family Fund
Mellis Family Fund
Christopher T. Miller Fund
Edward S. Moore Family Fund
Moran Family Fund
Gilbert C. & Rosemary F. Mott Fund
The Fairfield County Neafsey Family Fund
Gregory and Sue Neumann Fund
Nevas Family Fund
Charles F. & Anne Meckes Niemeth Foundation Fund
Phyllis E. Nobile Memorial Fund
Norrgren/Mahon Family Fund
Edward Vernon and Grace M. Nunes Fund
O’Connell Family Fund
John and Barbara O’Connor Education Fund
Olga Fund
Ostuw/Leather Family Fund
The Outreach Fund
OWL Giving Fund
Norman K. Parsells Rotary Memorial Fund
Piper Fund
Planet Fuel Charitable Fund
Pollak Family Fund
Rebold Family Fund
Frank J. Riccio, M.D. Fund
Ridgefield Community Foundation Fund for Youth
David E. & Leah D. Robinson Fund
Rockledge Fund
Gil & Anne Rose Family Fund
Lil and Julie Rosenberg Foundation Inc. Fund
Sandra Rosenberg Fund
Anthony J. and Martha F. Ruscito Fund
Safe Harbor Fund
Salad King Fund
Stephen J. and Madelyn M. Santa Environmental Fund
The Santa Family Fund
Dorothy and Frank L. Savage Family Fund
Rosamond Stephenson Shannon Fund
Shumway Family Fund
Richard Silver Charitable Fund
The Herbert & Neil Singer Foundation Fund
Skaarup Trust Fund
Smirnoff For America Fund
Eleanor Harrison Smith and Donald Ralph Smith Charitable Fund
Samuel and Esther Rachel Sobel Fund
SpreadMusicNow Fund
St. John Family Fund
The Barbara F. St. John Fund
Stemheim-Gardner Family Fund
Stiassni Family Fund
Suhler Family Fund
Sullivan Family Fund
Taunton Press Newtown Children and Families Fund
Hilda Tooher-Corcoran Charitable Fund
Truglia Thumbelina Fund
Turtle Insurance Policy
Upton Family Child Care Fund
Vacheron Family Fund
Venman & Co. LLC Fund
The Eric and Sasha Vincent Family Fund
Wagging Tail Fund
Clarence C. Walker Fund
Julia Wasserman Animal Welfare Fund
Fred & Joan Weisman Fund
Wellborn Family Fund
Westport Sunrise Rotary Young Voices Fund
Wiehl Fund
Deanne H. and Herbert S. Winokur, Jr. Fund
Wood Family Fund
Joanne Woodward Fund
Yankee Doodle Fund For Music
The Zac and Amanda Zeitlin Family Fund
Marie and John Zimmermann Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

ARTS & CULTURE
Bridgeport Arts, Entertainment and Recreation Fund
William and Philip Carlson Fund
Charles Ettl Fund
Sarah Wheeler Frassinelli Arts Fund
Fund for Arts and Culture

CONSERVATION
Fairfield County Fund for the Environment

EDUCATION
Bridgeport Energy Campership Fund
Collective Impact Opportunity Fund

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Advancement of Norwalk Fund
Alvord Award Fund
Auxiliary of Park City Hospital Endowment Fund
Baldwin Fund
Bridgeport Energy South End Fund
William and Philip Carlson Fund
The Fairfield County COVID-19 Resiliency Fund
Fairfield County Fund for Health and Wellness
Fairfield County Fund for Women & Girls
Fairfield County Fund for the Needy
Fairfield County Woman - BF Goodrich Childcare Scholarship Fund
Fund for Health and Wellness with a focus on Mental Health
Fund for Social Justice
Sam M. and Pauline Golden Fund
The Anne Leonhardt Fund for the Needy
Peter & Rose Levinsky Memorial Fund
Fairfield County Fund for New Americans
The Ferguson Fund
Fund for Academic Excellence
Jane Gade Hallwell Fund
Mia S. Holthouse Fund
Edward Mck Holly Fund
Peter & Barbara McSpadden Education Fund
Rabbi Harry Nelson Memorial Fund
Norwalk Fund for Excellence in Public Education
Jean Gregory Richmond Fund
Ridgefield Youth Leadership Fund
Theodore and Mariadina Steiber Memorial Fund
Treasure Chest Fund

FCCFoundation.org
John E. Donaldson and Denis J. Perkins Fund
Ridgefield Community Foundation Fund
Sight Handicapped Fund
Richard E. Smith Fund for Youth and Family
Stamcag Fund
Louis and Ruth Stembach Fund
For People with Disabilities
Barbara J. Stockman Memorial Fund
The Susan Supple and Justin Scott Brown Fund
Timothy Fund
Trumbull Community Trust Fund

PUBLIC BENEFIT
Immigrant Justice Fund
Immigrant Success Fund

STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS
Financial Management Assistance Fund
The Susan M. Ross Fund for Great Leadership
Social Venture Partners Connecticut Fund
Herbert B. West Award Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
The Nada & William Albritton Scholarship Endowment Fund
Maurice W. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charlotte Aquino Nursing Scholarship Fund
Asplom-Graham Nursing Scholarship Fund
Ernest J. Badillo Scholarship Fund
Baldwin Fund
Elizabeth Bigelow Ballard Fund
Nancy E. Barrelle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Arthur C. Bass Memorial Fund/Les Treize IV
John P. Bassett Scholarship Fund
Florence Batchelder Scholarship Fund of Class of CHS ’31
Jane C. Bausman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Edward R. Bernstein Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard P. Bodine, Sr. Scholarship
Walter Breslav, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Brooklawn Country Club Caddie Scholarship Fund
Justin Scott Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert W. Brown Scholarship Fund
Wilson R. Burns Scholarship Fund
Diane Caggiano Memorial Scholarship Fund
William and Philip Carlson Fund
Thomas E. Carroll Fund
Susannah Chase Memorial Fund
Chiota Family Scholarship Fund
David Christy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Christopher Chute Memorial Sportman’s Award Fund
Raymond E. Clafin Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tod Clonan Scholarship Fund
Megan Cobb & Jason Kern Fund
Edward J. Crotty Scholarship Fund
Leona Bedient Crouchley and Charles D. Crouchley, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Mario D’Addario Scholarship Fund
Charles A. and Eleanor Naylor Dana Scholarship Fund
DeBlasio/Christopher Fund
Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship Fund
Pastor Shearon Dudley Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Nicholas & Anne Nagy Fabian Scholarship Fund
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Peter Fedorko Scholarship Fund
Victor M. Ferrante, Sr. Memorial Fund
The Marion and Joseph Fullin Scholarship Fund
Thomas J. Gardella Memorial Scholarship Fund
Phyllis S. Garrison Scholarship Fund
GBAF Scholarship Fund
GE Capital Scholarship Fund
Sam M. and Pauline Golden Fund
Greater Bridgeport Bar Association Scholarship Fund
Michael Jon Greenberg Memorial Fund
Peter Hanson Memorial Award for Humanity
Peter Hanson Social Justice Scholarship Fund
Anastasia P. and Peter S. Hardy Fund
Edward C. Hawley Scholarship Fund
Health Related Studies Scholarship
Dr. & Mrs. William Hennigar Scholarship Fund
Hoptown Scholarship Fund
Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport Scholarship Fund I
Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport Scholarship Fund II
Olga and Dimitri Jankowich Fund
Charles W. Jensen III, D.M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eugene and Betty Jones Engineering Scholarship for Minorities
Charlie Karp Memorial Fund
Edward R. Kasparek Memorial Fund
Agnes W. & Ernest W. Kaulbach Fund
Jeff Keith Scholarship Fund
Irving Loeb Kornblut Award, Fairfield University
Rose Kornblut Gay Endowed Scholarship Fund for Connecticut Teachers Colleges
Dorothy Weitnzer Kornblut Scholarship Fund for Optometric Students
LA DANZA Scholarship Fund
L’Ambiance Scholarship Fund
Andrew E. Lange Memorial Science Scholarship Fund
Les Treize Scholarship Fund I
Les Treize Scholarship Fund II
Les Treize Scholarship Fund III
Mickey Lione Jr. Scholarship Fund
Bruce G. Lockhart Scholarship Fund
Arthur Lunin Learn A Trade Fund
Maccalla Family Trust
Les Treize Fund
Bertram and Sally MacMannis Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth Matthews Memorial Scholarship Fund
John C. Mayer Scholarship Fund
Richard Mayer Scholarship Fund
Margret McDonald and Lucy Blood Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ralph McIntosh, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Frank J. McKee Scholarship Fund
Meadow Ridge Scholarship Fund
Amanda Martin Meloy Career Choices Scholarship Fund
Charles J. Merritt, Jr. & Virginia B. Merritt Fund
Ann & Nancy Michaud Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brett M. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Peg and Paul Mortell Scholarship Fund
Theodor Muller Scholarship Fund
Wataru John Narita Memorial Fund
Jack and Roselyn Goloff Nowitz Musical Scholarship Fund
Frederick W. Nowlan Fund
Helen F. Nowlan Trust Fund
Eliza Oliver Memorial Scholarship Fund
Aurora Owens Scholarship Fund for The Creative Arts
Pasculano Transfer Scholarship Fund
Patterson Scholarship Fund
P.C.H. Medical Staff Scholarship Fund
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Julia Peyton Phillips Scholarship Fund
Edward Pickerstein Memorial Scholarship Fund
Caesar Pina Fund
Sheyla M. Ramos Scholarship Fund
Helen Redding Scholarship Fund
Marcy Sallick Scholarship Fund
Kay and Louis Samotus Scholarship Fund
Marion Sanford Scholarship Fund
Senator ALJ Scanzillo Scholarship Fund
Richard K. Schmidt Aquarion Science Scholarship Fund
Schofield-Blauvelt Scholarship Fund
Sumner Simpson Scholarship Fund
William E. Smith Scholarship Fund
Sonneborn Scholarship Fund
Spanish Merchants Association Scholarship Fund
Marilyn Spence Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ralph B. and Charlotte G. Sperry Fund
Stamford High School Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund
Stratford Jaycees Community Fund
William E. Stratford Memorial Fund, Boys’ Club & Girls’ Club of Bridgeport, Inc.
Margaret F. Taylor Scholarship Fund
Karen Telickey Scholarship Fund
James E. Tisdale Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jettie Tisdale Scholarship Fund
John T. and Violet Totilas Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ernest and Joan Trefz Scholarship Fund
Helen Varaljai Memorial Scholarship Fund
Leroy Vaughn Scholarship Fund
Lt. Robert W. Vogel, USN Memorial Scholarship Fund
Magnus Wahlstrom Leadership Award Fund
Matthew Yee Scholarship Fund
Michelle Yee Memorial Scholarship Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS
3030 Park Grants-in-Aid Fund
R & E Aiello Fund
Marian Anderson Vocal Award Fund
Ann’s Fund
Aaron S. Avery Fund
Barquin-Bullard-Thompson ABCD Scholarship Fund
Nancy J. Bassett Oncology Scholarship Fund
Bethany Congregational Church Education Fund
Edward F. Bodine Fund
Bridgeport Learn Not To Burn Bridgeport Public Education Endowment Fund
Bridgeport Rotary Club Endowment Fund
Cecelia K. Burdett/V.N.S. of CT, Inc. Scholarship Fund
William and Philip Carlson Fund
Charlton Trust Fund
Jane Norgren CLC Fund for Children
Paul Corwel Fund
Sally Dickson Fund
Richard O. Dietrich Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Fee, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
F.H.S. Class of ’41 Fund
Fund for the Center for Global Studies
Gellatly Family Fund
A Gift for Bridgeport Children
Girl Scout Campership Endowment
Christian L. & Hilma A. Gravesen Memorial Fund
Anastasia P. and Peter S. Hardy Fund
Percy C.K. & Edna Morgan Harrison Fund
William L. Hawkins Scholarship Fund
Hawley Memorial Trumbull Library Fund
Charles M. Herbert & Barbara W. Herbert Barnum Festival Fund
High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield
Seymour I. Hollander Fund
Invest in Fairfield County Fund
Lester Johnson Memorial Fund
Sanford D. Katz Fund
Julia Keefe Scholarship Fund
Kimball Cancer Fund
Robert G. & Jean D. Lee Fund
Byron S. Lindley Memorial Fund
Mickey Lione Jr. Scholarship at Trinity Catholic High School Fund
Ralph L. Lockhart Scholarship Fund
Lord Fund
Arthur and Gladys Lunin Fund
Arthur and Gladys Lunin Funds to benefit:
Ahlbin Center
American Cancer Society
American Health Assistance Foundation
American Joint Jewish Distribution Committee
American ORT
Anti-Defamation League of B’Nai Brith
Arthritis Association
Heritage Institution of Ellis Island
HIAS
Jerusalem Foundation
Jewish Community Center
Jewish Federation of Greater Bridgeport
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
Kennedy Center, Inc.
Kids in Crisis
Arthur and Gladys Lunin Youth Funds to benefit:
Congregation B’Nai Israel
Jewish Community Center
Stephen Lyman/Greenwich Workshop Wilderness Fund
Marjorie and Mabel Fund
Philip R. Marsilius Fund
Rocio Garces Martinez Fund
Robert and Sophia Mitchell Memorial Fund
William H. Moffitt, IV Cultural Arts Fund
Edward J. Morgan Fund
June & Rachel Muhs Fund
Leo Nevas Memorial Fund estb by Newman’s Own Foundation
Norwalk Senior Center Community Lunch Fund
Norwalk Symphony Endowment Fund
Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Designated Fund-Weston
Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Designated Fund-Westport
Norman King & Laura Eales Parsells Fund
Elizabeth M. Pfriem Fund
Phillips/Lansdale Fund
Dr. Charles E. Reed Fund
Amy Louise Rich Memorial Fund
Betsy and Jack Rich Legacy Fund
Richter Family Scholarship Fund
Kay and Ed See Fund
Arthur R. Sekerak Memorial Fund
Theodore B. Smart Fund
St. Gabriel School Scholarship/Financial Aid Fund
J. Richard Tiano Memorial Scholarship Fund
Weston Lacrosse Club-Paul Scheufele Endowment Fund
WHHS Class of 1948 Award Fund
Thomas Berry Willson Memorial Fund
WIN-WIN Fund
Ginny Yurch Memorial Fund

Nicole Lynk (left) and Alexandra Lage received the 2020 Theodore and Margaret Beard Excellence in Teaching award, a partnership with the Bridgeport Public Education Fund.
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A VISIONARY PHILANTHROPIST CRAFTS A GIFT TO SERVE FUTURE GENERATIONS

Though he had no children of his own, Richard Smith spent much of his life caring for Stamford’s young people. As a donor and board member of DOMUS, a longstanding nonprofit partner of Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, he worked tirelessly to create opportunity for disadvantaged youth.

And as a member of FCCF’s Future Society, Richard’s spirit of giving will continue to shape brighter futures for generations to come. Upon his passing in April 2019, the Richard E. Smith Fund for Youth and Family at FCCF was established through his estate to support at-risk, disadvantaged youth for generations to come.

Richard’s attorney, Lois Anderson, worked with him to recommend a vehicle for giving that designates a preference for a limited charitable purpose, rather than a specific organization. By opting to establish a field of interest fund, Richard could express his wish to support beloved local nonprofits – and gain peace of mind from the knowledge that FCCF will serve as a neutral party to guide and adapt the fund’s grantmaking over time to ensure his charitable intentions continue to be carried out, even if unexpected changes occur to organizations or community needs.

“These youths are truly the hope of the future,” wrote Richard. “I observed firsthand how powerful this transformation can be for some teenager who never dreamed it possible. If the small amount I leave for advancing this purpose saves lives that would otherwise be lost, then that shall be my legacy.”

As visionary philanthropists, your generous planned gifts make an impact for future generations. Thank you! Learn more at FCCFoundation.org/Future

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By creating a field of interest fund through his estate, FCCF Future Society member Richard Smith’s gift will transform the lives of disadvantaged youth for generations to come.

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— BRANDON CARDWELL
Agency Development Partner, Indeed.com, and FCCF Board Member and Thrive by 25 Advisory Council Member

There simply aren’t words to express how meaningful your COVID emergency funding has been. And not just because fundraising now is so challenging, and not just because we had to pivot to become a food distribution center for the homebound and for the neediest in our community. You listened, understood our needs in these fraught and frantic times, and sent support within days.

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