

# NEWS RELEASE

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## River Valley Fund for Families Awards Grant to Local Nonprofits

### “Helping Our Local Families and Communities Thrive”

The River Valley Fund for Families (RVFF), a new Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, is pleased to announce two “surprise” grants to local nonprofits, Essex Garden Club (EGC) and Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP). The grants were awarded on March 28th and received by Coral Rawn a member of the Essex Garden Club and Alison Marcinek a long-time supporter of SSKP.

Coral Rawn stated, *“I am honored to accept this grant on behalf of the Essex Garden Club and want to thank the River Valley Fund for Families for this generous gift that will support the EGC’s Campership Program for children.”* Alison Marcinek stated, *“My family and I have been longtime supporters of the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, an organization that serves our community well. I want to thank the River Valley Fund for Families for this wonderful gift that will support feeding those in need in our communities.”*

The “Pop-Up Grant” awards were included in the program at RVFF’s Friendraiser event held at the Essex Yacht Club on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The gathering brought together current and prospective volunteers for RVFF and provided attendees the opportunity to learn more about the mission of RVFF which is to support children and families in need through grants to local nonprofits.

The RVFF Leadership Committee, pictured in the photo along with the grantee representatives, wish to extend a sincere “thank you” to all in the Connecticut River Valley and Shoreline areas who have donated funds to RVFF or supported its “Festival of Trees” holiday fundraiser. These funds have made it possible for RVFF kick off its first grant making initiatives in 2023.

### About RVFF

RVFF facilitates opportunities for donors to support their local community through grants for nonprofits that serve children and families in need. Distributions from the Fund are made through the CRMC’s grants funding process. Those interested in learning more about RVFF are encouraged to visit [RiverValleyFF.com](https://RiverValleyFF.com) or RiverValleyFF on either [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

### About CFMC

**The Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Inc. (CFMC)** is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization founded in 1997 by a group of local individuals and businesses dedicated to building community through philanthropy, leadership, and partnership. Support is provided to nonprofit programs and services including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, the environment, education, history, economic security, civic improvements, and recreation. More information can be found online at [MiddlesexCountyCF.org](https://MiddlesexCountyCF.org) or by calling 860-347-0025.

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