



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

of Middlesex County

Philanthropy • Leadership • Legacy

Report to the Community 2021/2022



# *A Better Today and a Brighter Tomorrow*



*Through* support for local nonprofits who make our towns a little better every day ...

*Through* partnerships with businesses who want to make a difference ...

*Through* volunteers who reach out and give a hand up ...

*Through* community members who put their hearts and dollars to work to improve the quality of life for all, now and forever.

*You* help our local communities thrive through

*Your* community foundation.

Thank You.

# Com • mu • ni • ty

Noun: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

“The Middlesex County” community

Particular characteristics:  
caring, kindness, generosity

Synonym:

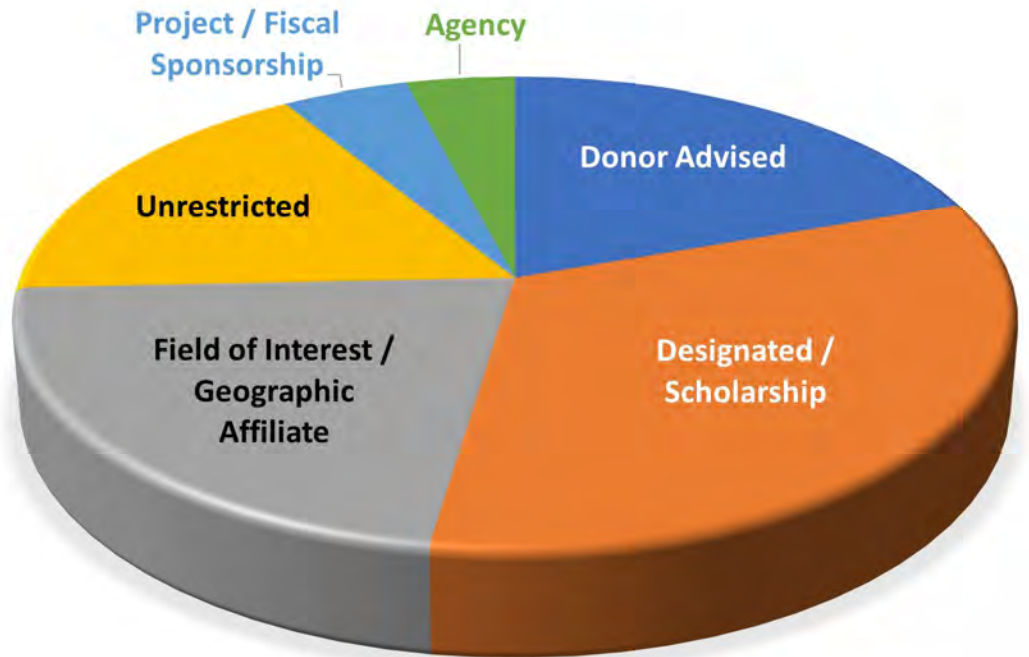
Good People Doing Great Things

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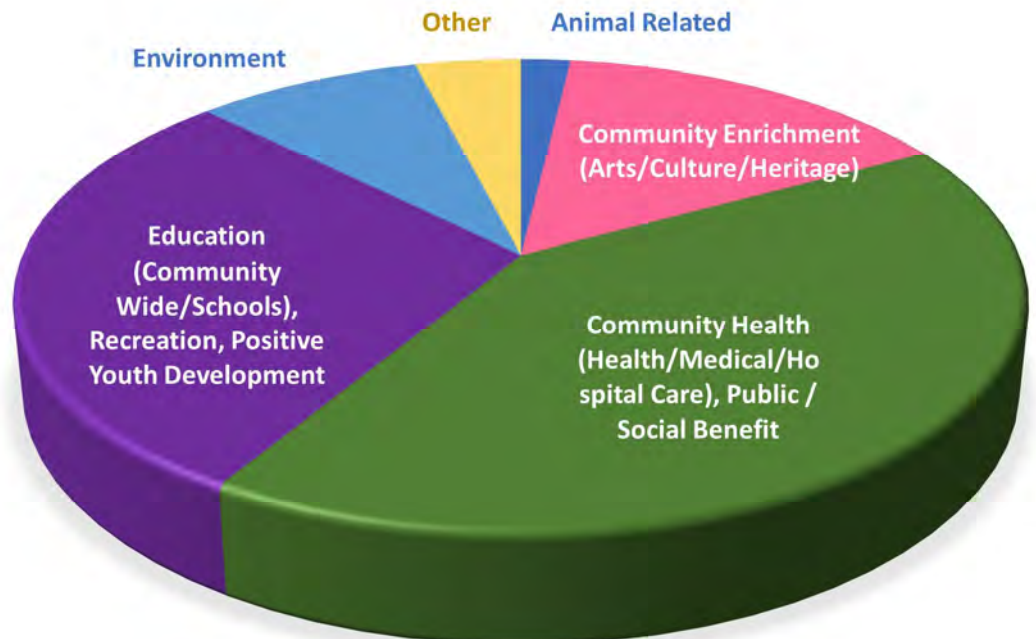
Middlesex County

## 308 Funds

established and supported through the generosity of caring people like YOU



have awarded 3,903 grants totaling \$9,965,698, 1997 through October 31, 2022



# The Gift That Can't Be Wrapped The Gift of Community

Dear Friends,

Twenty-five (25) years ago, a group of visionaries planted seeds for the future by taking a leap of faith and by investing in COMMUNITY.

Our founders believed in the future because you - donors, volunteers, friends, and neighbors - encouraged them in that dream. You helped nurture and carefully tend to that vision ... one gift at a time.

## The DREAM: A Better Today and A Brighter Tomorrow for All:

- ◆ Through support for local nonprofits that make our towns a little bit better every day;
- ◆ Through partnerships with small businesses that want to make a difference;
- ◆ Through community members putting their hearts and dollars to work to improve the quality of life for all, now and forever.

## A Brief Look Back ... A Giant Leap Forward.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is truly a grass roots, neighbors helping neighbors, organization.

CFMC did not start with a huge bequest. The Community Foundation quite simply IS because of YOU - our donors - who worked together, pooled resources, and shared the dream of supporting each other by investing in the very organization that strives to make a difference in our community each and every day.

## Your Gift of Community and The Return on Investment in the Community.

Together We've Grown (as of October 31, 2022):

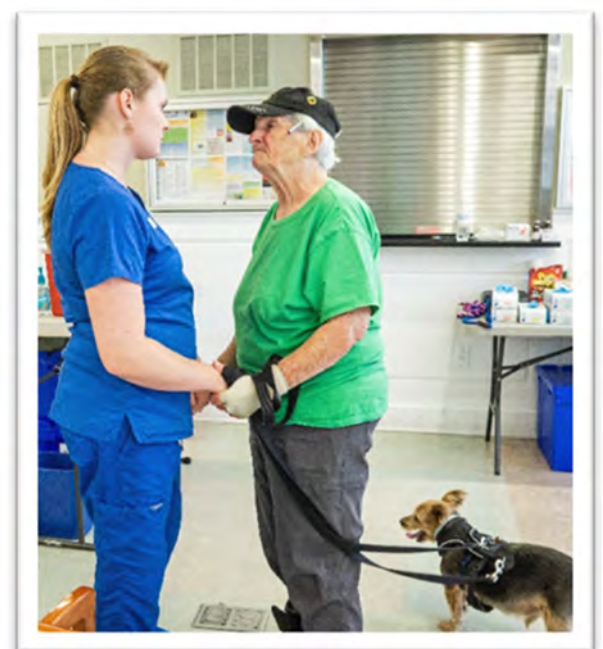
- ◆ Pooled Assets of \$32 million;
- ◆ Planned Gifts of \$21 million;
- ◆ Invested in Middlesex County
  - Total Grants Approved 3,903;
  - Total Funds Awarded \$9,965,698;
- ◆ Invested Donors Care - 308 Funds established to give back now and forever;
- ◆ Doing More Each Year - 2021 Grants Approved \$1,077,999.

## What does your return on investment in the community look like?

Together - as investors in our community - we have:

- ◆ Taught young - and old - to read;
- ◆ Helped children of all ages explore the wonder of the arts;
- ◆ Preserved local history for generations to come;

Thank you to the [Community Foundation of Middlesex County](#) for supporting MARC's Adult Recreation & Leisure Program. You are helping people with I/DD to live their lives to the fullest and to make their dreams come true!



- ◆ Fed the hungry;
- ◆ Built homes and sheltered families;
- ◆ Preserved land for all to enjoy - now and forever.

**THANK YOU** ... it's a simple phrase that says so much.

Thanks to you, we at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County are able to make even the smallest gift have big impact - through charitable funds.

We **THANK YOU**, our friends and neighbors, for your generosity of time, talent, and resources to support a passion or area of interest that improves the quality of life for all.

Thank You for helping us "Help Good People Do Great Things."

Thank You for twenty-five (25) years of helping Middlesex County thrive. Thank You for the opportunity to connect you to the community in which you live, work, and play, and to those who make a difference. We are grateful to work in partnership with you for a better today and a brighter tomorrow. You truly inspire us all!



YMCA Camp Ingersoll

August 18 · 🌐

Thank you to the [Community Foundation of Middlesex County](#) for the grant we were able to use for a new Slip and Slide at Camp! It was needed more than ever to cool down on all the hot summer days we enjoyed this year! Thank you for keeping our campers (and counselors) cool while having fun and making memories.

Best Regards,

John L. Boccalatte  
Chair, Board of Directors

Cynthia H. Clegg  
President & CEO



P.S. One Last Thank You:

At the Community Foundation we consider ourselves very fortunate not only for your continued support, but also to have dynamic, thoughtful leaders who carry on our founders' vision. We are humbled by the commitment of time and expertise these individuals give to the Community Foundation and to Middlesex County. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Marc L. Levin who completed his term in December 2021. We also extend a sincere thank you to John L. Boccalatte, Gregory P. Rainey, and Frantz Williams, Jr. who will complete their terms in December 2022.

We also welcome new Board members Ruth Rossi and Andy Tanaka, and beginning terms in January 2023, Pamela Steele and Maureen Westbrook.

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*(above) MARC Community Resources, Connecticut Humane Society, YMCA Camp Ingersoll, Literacy Volunteers Central Connecticut*

# Making Great Things Possible

## CFMC Leadership Circle

Community foundations take time to build. The Foundation is well on its way with its endowed funds and known planned gifts. However, it needs operating support until such time as its capital base can fully support its modest administrative costs.

The Leadership Circle is a committed group of Community Foundation supporters supporting our work in the community. **President's Society** donors contribute \$1,000 or more annually to Operations. A second Leadership level, the **Chairman's Circle** are donors who make annual gifts of \$2,500 or more to Operations. Recently, in recognition of several long-time CFMC supporters, a third level was established, the **Community Benefactor**. These generous donors make contributions of \$5,000 or more annually to support our work in the community. This support has allowed the Community Foundation to increase its much needed financial and other (Beyond the Grant) support to local nonprofits.



### 2021-2022 Members:

#### A&A OFFICE

BRIAN AND CHALEEN ABELY

ANONYMOUS (1)

JOHN BIDDISCOMBE AND GAIL GORTON

JOHN BOCCALATTE AND MICHELE

SALONIA

SALLIE AND ROBERT BOODY

STEPHEN AND ALISON BRINKMANN

BROWN & WIMLER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

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RICHARD AND BARBARA GIBBONS

DAVID AND TERESA GILBERT

STEPHEN AND PATRICIA GORSS

HEATHER AND MICHAEL GREENAWAY

SHARON AND WILLIAM GRIFFIN

GUILFORD SAVINGS BANK

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JANE AND GREG HARRIS

JOAN HEDRICK

FRANK AND MARYLOU HUISKING

INTERFAITH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

JOHN AND JUDITH IVIMEY

MARY JONES

WALLACE AND JENNIFER JONES

MARCIA AND DAVID KALAYJIAN

JOYCE AND ROBERT L. KIRKPATRICK, JR.

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KULPIK

EDWARD AND PAMELA LANG

MARC AND JUDE LEVIN

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AIDAN MARTINEZ

JOANNE AND MICHAEL MASIN

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KATHERINE MCRAE

MIDDLESEX HEALTH

DAVID MINER AND STEPHANIE ROBINER

DEBORAH AND ROY MOORE

ANDREW AND GAIL MORRIS

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HUBBARD

MARIA AND DAVID OTFINOSKI

PEACH PIT FOUNDATION

SCOTT D. PHILLIPS

POUGH INTERIORS

PRATT & WHITNEY

BARBARA AND DAVID PRESTON

GREGORY AND KELLY RAINEY

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JEAN M. RICHARDS\*

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MAURICIO AND TRACEY SALGAR

GARY AND BETH SALVA

BRIAN AND SUSAN SAWCHUK

ANDY SCHATZ AND BARBARA WOLF

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JEAN AND BIFF SHAW

THERESA AND DAVID SISTARE

ANDREW TANAKA AND REBECCA READER

RICHARD AND JOAN TOMC

PATTI ANNE VASSIA

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JACQUELINE WARD

BILL WASCH\* AND CHRISTINA WASCH

CATHY AND SETH WEISS

MEGHAN WHELEN

WHELEN ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

FRANTZ WILLIAMS, JR. AND ANNE MARIE

JOHNSON

RACHEL M. WILTSIE

KATE AND JEF WOLTER

*\*deceased*

# GREAT PEOPLE ... GREAT ORGANIZATIONS ... GREAT PARTNERSHIPS

Mix those together, and you have a recipe for fun, joy, and a great community: Middlesex County.

Our friends, Sharon and Bill Griffin and Jessica and Andrew Scheff of the Peach Pit Foundation did it ... again! They not only came up with a way to partner with CFMC and do great things in Middlesex County, but they found a way to truly surprise our Board, staff, and our libraries at a virtual get together!

Last year's partnership to celebrate the CFMC Leadership Circle and support our libraries was a terrific success *and* a lot of fun! Sharon and Jessica knew they wanted to do it again. So we planned a virtual get together in December with our Leadership Circle members, Board of Directors, and our libraries.

When Sharon and Jessica made the announcement about the partnership and grants ... they shared that Peach Pit Foundation, through CFMC, would give a grant of \$2,500 to each of the libraries in celebration of the Community Foundation's 25th anniversary!

The grants were unrestricted – the only requirement was to share some kindness with the communities the libraries serve and do something fun with the award.

Thanks to our libraries, we've seen lots of fun and kindness. From beautiful pathways leading to a meditation garden, to a surprise "pop up free little library", to hot chocolate walks and story tellers, Middlesex County abounds in great ideas and activities to spread kindness and caring.

You can see the fun (and the surprise!) of Sharon's and Jessica's announcement at

**[MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/KINDNESS-ABOUNDS-MIDDLESEX-COUNTY/](http://MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/KINDNESS-ABOUNDS-MIDDLESEX-COUNTY/)**.

You can see more great photos of the libraries' projects at

**[MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/2022/08/PEACH-PIT-FOUNDATION-LIBRARIES/](http://MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/2022/08/PEACH-PIT-FOUNDATION-LIBRARIES/)**



- Acton Public Library, Old Saybrook
- Belden Public Library, Cromwell
- Brainerd Memorial Library, Haddam
- Chester Public Library
- Deep River Public Library
- Durham Public Library
- East Haddam Free Public Library, Moodus
- East Hampton Public Library



- Essex Library Association
- Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton
- Ivoryton Library Association
- Killingworth Library Association
- Levi E. Coe Library Association, Middlefield
- Portland Public Library
- Rathbun Free Memorial Library, East Haddam
- Russell Library, Middletown
- Westbrook Public Library

# CELEBRATE ... RAINBOWS!

## A Family Birthday Celebration Becomes a Gift to the Community ... Forever!

We are sure many of you (most of you) know Amy Hollis, the tireless and kind Executive Director of the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries. Those who know her admire her joy, dedication, and her love of community. You may not have met her husband, though. It is no surprise when we say ... the same can be said about Scott. Together their kindness and goodwill truly know no bounds.

Scott and Amy, with their daughters Katie and Sarah, began brainstorming meaningful ways to celebrate their 50th birthdays while navigating serious health challenges and a global pandemic. As a family, they knew they wanted to do something more than a party and balloons. That "something" became the **Hollis Rainbows of Hope Fund** to help support basic needs today and into the future. They wanted to celebrate their birthdays with an opportunity to have a lasting impact on our community.

We'll let Amy and Scott tell their story about the **Hollis Rainbows of Hope Fund** in their own words.

(We just couldn't compete with their eloquent statements.)

Amy explained, "I am always on the lookout for rainbows; rainbows of hope, rainbows of connection, rainbows of blessing.

A rainbow contains seven colors and every color in-between, reflecting the beauty in the combination of all our efforts and all creation."

Amy and Scott went on to say, "Our hope is that this unrestricted endowed fund will be able to adapt as needed to best serve the needs of the future. We are grateful for the leadership and vision at the Community Foundation that will continue to be a source of critical support in our region for years to come.

While we are closely involved with alleviating food insecurity and hunger, basic needs can be so much more than that, and in our region, there can be many barriers to adequate housing, social support, and more. Also, we know that the "basic need" of today may be different in the future.

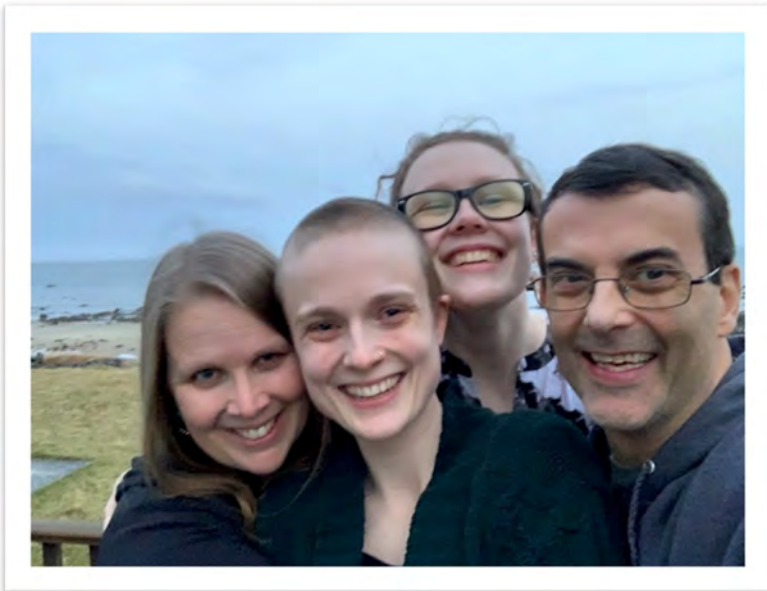
The Community Foundation has the reputation of identifying the best ways to support basic needs in our community, so this unrestricted gift with a primary focus was the best way to let the right people do the work of effectively using our gift. Creating an endowed fund at CFMC was a win-win method of making a difference; we know the Foundation will apply their great skill to utilize our gift in the most effective ways possible in the community, while CFMC realizes the benefit of being able to

support new organizations as needs change in the decades to come."

Scott continued, "For Amy and me, sharing our resources in service to the community is a key element of our faith practice. We will continue to give time, energy, and money to serve the needs of others in the years ahead, but to mark our 50th birthday we wanted to ensure a lasting impact in this region."

Amy closed by stating, "Our efforts are small, but they are filled with deep hope and gratitude."

We at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County beg to differ, Amy and Scott. Your efforts are amazing and long lasting. Scott and Amy and their daughters, Katie and Sarah, are truly "Good People" Doing Great Things" – forever. We are humbled by your dedication to community and commitment to future generations.



*P.S. Sadly, Scott recently passed away. We know you join us in extending our condolences to his family and many friends and colleagues. He will be missed.*



# "NEXT LEVEL" PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Guilford Savings Bank (GSB) and its employees are well-known for their community involvement. As we like to say at the Community Foundation, "they get it." They know that everything that happens in our community – the successes, the hardships, the good and the difficult – affect each and every one of us in our daily lives.

One of the core tenets of GSB is to give back to the communities they serve. They have a long history of doing just that. Their employees' commitment to volunteering thousands of community service hours in support of local organizations and events are legendary.

For several years, GSB has been partnering with the Community Foundation to support our local nonprofits by sponsoring half day workshops for area nonprofit organizations, and then in 2015 by establishing a Field of Interest Fund at CFMC to support Old Saybrook and the surrounding communities.

In 2021, GSB chose to take their partnership with CFMC and three other community foundations one step further. Recognizing that they are in the community banking business and that CFMC's mission is to provide grants to address issues and support communities, they chose to rely on CFMC's grant making process to distribute their annual charitable contributions to the Middlesex County community.

CFMC launched a pilot application process specifically for GSB in the spring of 2021. With the launch of the 2021-2022 CFMC competitive application process, GSB joined other grant making partners and CFMC Funds to provide support to a broad range of nonprofit organizations supporting our community.

GSB cares deeply about their customers, their employees, their entire community, and this next step in their charitable support of our community and, in partnership with CFMC, is one more way that *together* we ensure our community thrives.

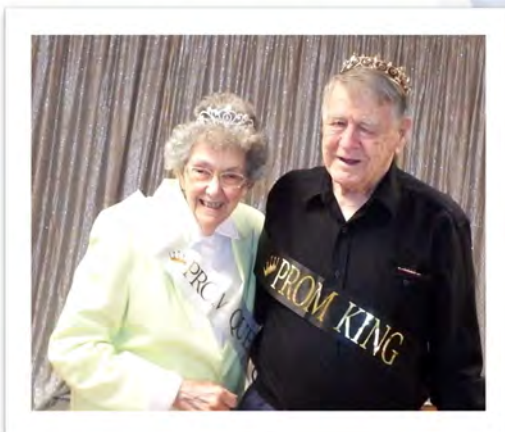


## Spring 2021 Partnership Pilot

- ◆ Bare Necessities, Inc.
- ◆ Community Music School
- ◆ Con Brio Choral Society
- ◆ Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock
- ◆ Essex Historical Society
- ◆ Essex Library Association Inc.
- ◆ Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
- ◆ Florence Griswold Museum
- ◆ Lyme Art Association, Inc.
- ◆ Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT
- ◆ Middlesex Health Valentine H. Zahn Community Gallery
- ◆ Old Saybrook Parks & Recreation
- ◆ Old Saybrook Rotary Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ Shoreline Arts Alliance Inc
- ◆ Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.



*Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT*



*Estuary Council of Seniors*

## 2022 Sponsorship Invitation Pilot

- ◆ Columbus House, Inc. 2022 Chocolate to the Rescue
- ◆ Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock 2022 Mistletoe & Martinis
- ◆ Essex Lions Charities Inc. 2022 Annual Lobster Bake
- ◆ Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. 2022 "Senior" Prom
- ◆ Lyme Art Association, Inc. 2022 Four Acts Exhibition
- ◆ Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT 2022 Holiday Village at ReStore
- ◆ Middlesex Health Valentine H. Zahn Community Gallery
- ◆ Old Saybrook Rotary Foundation, Inc. 2022 Celebration & Silent Auction
- ◆ Shoreline Arts Alliance Inc. 2022 Arts Renaissance Donor Appreciation Event
- ◆ Valley Shore YMCA 2022 Spin-a-thon to benefit Specialty Health Programs

# IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY

## Philanthropy is in their DNA

Anyone who knows Alison and Stephen Brinkmann will agree on a few things: Philanthropy is in their DNA and both share their remarkable and considerable talents, energies, and passion for where they live, work, and play in ways too numerous to list.

"Volunteers Extraordinaire" should be their middle names.

Their thoughtful and generous ways touch every aspect of what makes a community a community. Every day they work quietly behind the scenes with no fanfare, just a straight forward commitment to making our community even better than it already is.

We asked Stephen and Alison why they chose to establish a Donor Advised Fund to support their philanthropy:

"A CFMC Donor Advised Fund is the perfect vehicle to help manage some of our philanthropic giving. The upfront tax-advantage and simplified single source donation, combined with the ability to direct funds over time perfectly meets our needs. CFMC also helped us identify organizations in our community, of which we were unaware, that could truly benefit from a little help. Working with the team at CFMC has been an absolute delight!"

We are honored that our longtime supporters, Leadership Circle members, and "Volunteers Extraordinaires" chose to establish the **Alison and Stephen Brinkmann Family Fund** to put their philanthropic passions to work in partnership with the Community Foundation.

### But Wait ... There's More!

"In my family, we always say: 'There's always a way to do more!'," Alison told us. "When I told my mom, Marilyn Fall, about the Community Foundation, she felt that CFMC would be just the right way to continue the family tradition of giving back in her new home town, Essex."

Marilyn also established a Donor Advised Fund — the **Marilyn Fall Fund** — and looks forward to investing in the wonderful nonprofits for the benefit of her adopted residence.

"This time I'm following in my daughter's footsteps. Thanks to Alison, I met CFMC and it is a wonderful way for me to learn more about the community I've fallen in love with. My new home."



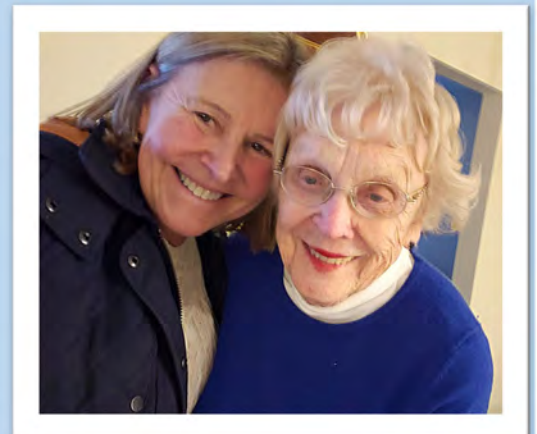
## DEEP ROOTS AND A GENEROUS HEART

Lorraine Lieberman is known as one of the best of the best in helping others.

Her roots are in Middlesex County where she learned the value of the great work of our nonprofit organizations and the services they provide. She came to know the Community Foundation of Middlesex County through her daughter, Deborah Moore, a long-time CFMC Board member, volunteer, and supporter.

Lorraine came to appreciate CFMC's knowledge of the community and decided to establish the **Lorraine Lincoln Lieberman Fund** with the goal of supporting promising programs, projects, and nonprofits in Middlesex County, particularly in Middletown, which offer opportunities for people of all ages to thrive and prosper. With special consideration given to the educational and quality of life needs of the region's residents, Lorraine's love of community and commitment to life-long learning will make a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors.

We're honored to work with Lorraine as she supports the community she calls home.



# GRANT MAKING IS A TEAM EFFORT

Grant making occurs all year long. *Your* generosity and *your* passion impact the community with every gift you make and every grant you recommend. **In FY2021, thanks to you, grants totaling \$1,077,998.90** were approved by the CFMC Board of Directors to support our community. You, your neighbors, colleagues, and the committed grants committees continued to respond to needs across our local communities through donor advised funds, designated funds, during the competitive grants cycle.

The Community Foundation offers a competitive grant application cycle to organizations serving our community. Nonprofit organizations may apply in one of several focus areas including:

- ◆ Community Enrichment (Arts/Culture/History)
- ◆ Community Health (Health/Medical/Hospital Care)
- ◆ Economic Security/Economic Opportunity
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Education (Community Wide/Schools)
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Public / Social Benefit (Civic Improvement/ Social Service)
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Programs addressing animal welfare and services and animal/human services
- ◆ Programs serving women and girls
- ◆ Programs serving at-risk boys and young men



*Essex Historical Society*

Grant applications are reviewed by eight (8) committees made up of diverse volunteers who care about our community. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide programs and projects to help individuals build better lives; foster cooperative approaches to community issues; serve as a catalyst for attracting other resources; and build and strengthen the infrastructure within an organization to help it better meet its mission.

Together we are addressing issues important to our community, creating opportunities to bring young and old together, and discovering new ways to make our region the best place to live, work, and play. In the following pages, you will see how **you** – our donors and fundholders – made a tremendous impact in Middlesex County.

## GRANTS ADDRESS ISSUES – SEED PROGRAMS – SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

**2021 Competitive Grant Awards**

**\$361,964.00 of \$1,077,998.90 approved in 2021**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A Little Compassion, Inc.</li> <li>◆ A Place Called Hope, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Ahern Whalen Baseball</li> <li>◆ American Red Cross-CT Chapter</li> <li>◆ Animal Alliance Welfare League, Inc.</li> <li>◆ ARTFARM, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Artists For World Peace, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Arts for Learning Connecticut, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Bare Necessities, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Bushy Hill Nature Center</li> <li>◆ Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County, Inc.</li> <li>◆ The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts Center, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Camp Hazen YMCA Inc.</li> <li>◆ Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Central Connecticut Rowing, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Chester Social and Human Services Department</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Child &amp; Family Agency Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Children In Placement Connecticut, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Clinton Art Society</li> <li>◆ Clinton Arts Council, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Coalition on Housing &amp; Homelessness</li> <li>◆ Columbus House, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Community Health Center Inc. - New Horizons</li> <li>◆ Community Music School, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Community Solutions, Inc.—Youth Excellence Project</li> <li>◆ The Connection, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Covenant To Care, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Cross Street Training &amp; Academic Center, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Connecticut Association for Human Services, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Connecticut Forest &amp; Park Association, Inc.</li> <li>◆ Connecticut Humane Society, Inc.</li> </ul> |
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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

## (A Silver Lining during COVID-19)

Chester is known for many things - its charm, beauty, and especially for its creative and caring residents. This is the Town that came together to make certain every resident was taken care of during the pandemic ... and then some.

The Chester Community Partnership (CCP) is a group of dedicated volunteers who partner with Town officials to identify the challenges and needs facing their community neighbors because of COVID-19. Their goal: to find viable solutions that would be immediate, long-term, and sustainable.

The CCP outlined two (2) first steps: (a) expand technology access to assist residents and track services and (b) continue supporting the local town food pantry. A Community Foundation of Middlesex County grant in 2021 helped the CCP and the Town of Chester purchase licenses to enhance the social services database and meet the increased need at the Chester food pantry.



The CCP's key champions include Kimberley Megrath (Volunteer Extraordinaire), Allison Abramson (Tri-Town Youth and Family Service Bureau), Dawn Parker (Director, Unite CT), Rev. Alan Froggart Jr. (United Church of Chester), Melissa Hays (Middlesex Health), and Rosie Binger (Chester Social Services Director). They find silver linings everywhere. Their motto is "let's look BC (Beyond COVID!)" and identify multiple ways to coordinate efforts with others to fill any gaps in services and resources for those in need. They added the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to their list of partners and established the **Chester Community Partnership Fund**, an unendowed field of interest fund, to provide resources for programs in the Town that support basic needs including, food, shelter, utilities, access to technology, health and overall well-being (including mental health), transportation, and enrichment programs.

### (2021 Competitive Grant Awards continued)

- ◆ Connecticut River Conservancy, Inc.
- ◆ Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock, Inc.
- ◆ Connecticut Storytelling Center, Inc.
- ◆ Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC)
- ◆ Dignity Grows, Inc.
- ◆ Durham Public Library
- ◆ Town of Durham
- ◆ East Haddam Park & Recreation Department
- ◆ Epoch Arts
- ◆ Essex Fire Engine Co. #1
- ◆ Essex Historical Society
- ◆ Essex Land Trust
- ◆ Essex Library Association, Inc.
- ◆ Essex Parents and Teachers, Inc.
- ◆ Essex Winter Series, Inc.
- ◆ Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
- ◆ Everyone Outside
- ◆ FISH for C.D. & E., Inc.
- ◆ Florence Griswold Museum, Inc.
- ◆ Futures, Inc.
- ◆ Gilead Community Services, Inc.
- ◆ Girl Scouts Of Connecticut, Inc.
- ◆ Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ Greater Middletown Chorale, Inc.
- ◆ Haddam Historical Society
- ◆ High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
- ◆ HK Backpack Program
- ◆ Hope Alliance for Animals, Inc.
- ◆ Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ Junior Achievement of SW New England
- ◆ Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Inc.
- ◆ Keep the Promise Coalition
- ◆ Literacy Volunteers Of Central Connecticut, Inc.
- ◆ Literacy Volunteers-Valley Shore Ct, Inc.
- ◆ MARC Community Resources Ltd.
- ◆ Middletown Public Schools
- ◆ Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation
- ◆ Middlesex County Historical Society
- ◆ Middlesex County NAACP
- ◆ New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
- ◆ Nutmeg Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Inc.
- ◆ Oddfellows Playhouse
- ◆ Old Saybrook Historical Society
- ◆ Town of Old Saybrook



**Chester Community Partnership**

# YOU PROVIDE HOPE AND HOME

Your contributions to the Middlesex Enhancement Fund and other Funds at CFMC ensure our grants committees are able to recommend support to a broad array of programs and services. We appreciate our nonprofits sharing stories to show just how important YOU are to them.

The following story is shared by Bob and Kate, who stayed 32 consecutive nights plus additional stays when their boys, Sam and Charlie, were having procedures or needed testing, and were in the NICU for a total of 36 and 76 days.

“When we arrived at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), we were greeted by welcoming staff, a calm and comforting environment, and a sense that we were in the right place.

RMH was instrumental in helping to make our NICU experience less stressful by allowing us to spend more time with our boys and less time in the car. If it weren't for the Ronald McDonald House we would not have been able to be together as a new family. When Bob's paternity leave ended, he was able to work from the RMH while I spent time at the NICU, something I would not have been able to do otherwise as I was recovering from my c-section and could not make the hour-long drive by myself.

RMH gave us the gift of being able to be a brand-new family. Because of the House, we could be actively involved in the early care of our boys. The NICU experience is stressful, so having the opportunity to be close by our babies and communicate openly with their care team is one of the greatest gifts a family could receive. Thanks to RMH, a less than ideal situation was made so much more manageable.



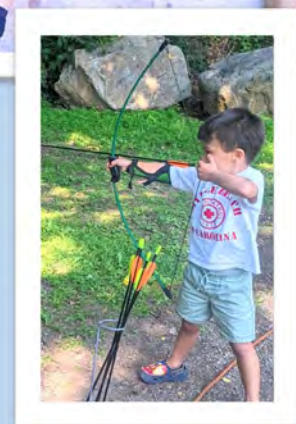
On the surface, RMH is a home away from home for families who have a child undergoing medical care. In reality, it is so much more than that. The House is comfort, offering families peace of mind knowing they are just a short distance from their child. The House is the family you never necessarily wanted but are so glad you have, sharing laughs, warmth, and empathy throughout a difficult time. The House is strength, providing the opportunity to recharge and the resources to keep families focused on recovery.”

## (2021 Competitive Grant Awards continued)

- ◆ Operation Fuel, Inc.
- ◆ Parmelee Farm
- ◆ Portland Public Library
- ◆ Reach Out and Read, Inc.
- ◆ Read to Grow, Inc.
- ◆ Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA
- ◆ Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner
- ◆ SARA, Inc.
- ◆ Shoreline Arts Alliance, Inc.
- ◆ Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.
- ◆ Sister Cities Essex Haiti, Inc.
- ◆ St. Vincent dePaul Place
- ◆ Sustainable CT, Inc.
- ◆ Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau, Inc.
- ◆ United Cerebral Palsy Association of Eastern Connecticut, Inc.
- ◆ UR Community Cares, Inc.
- ◆ Valley Shore YMCA
- ◆ Vista Life Innovations, Inc.
- ◆ Youth & Family Services Of Haddam- Killingworth, Inc.
- ◆ YMCA of Northern Middlesex County, Inc.



Valley Shore YMCA



## FOR THE LOVE OF THEIR TOWN

Portland has a lot to offer – historic sites, scenic vistas, and a true “home town feel.” These are three reasons George and Babs Scheer love their town so much. Both are very active in their community and know that what they do today can truly help make a better tomorrow for Portland.

George and Babs were familiar with the work of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and know quite a few people who have gotten more deeply involved in our community through CFMC. When George was considering what to do with a life insurance policy, he recalled how others had set up funds for the future benefit of our 15 towns.

George and Babs contacted the Community Foundation and, pairing their generosity with their passion for Portland’s outdoor spaces, established the Babs and George Scheer Jr. Endowed Donor Advised Fund. The Fund provides support for

- ◆ the physical stewardship of Portland’s outdoor open spaces;
- ◆ enhancements that promote active use and enjoyment of these spaces;
- ◆ community-wide cultural activities;
- ◆ Portland’s rich history.

“The Community Foundation is a worthy idea – people on the Board really care about the community and it’s a very trustworthy organization,” said George. “I’ve thought about how to get involved, and I like the concept of a fund that gives long after Babs and I are gone. I realized I had a small life insurance policy that I really didn’t need. That led to a phone call to CFMC and the rest was easy.”

George and Babs’ caring ways and commitment to their town and environment will benefit the community far into the future. Thank you, George and Babs, for choosing to partner with CFMC to carry out your philanthropic passions.

Our thanks to Former Board Member Jim Cama for his guidance and expertise.



## ZERO IS THE NUMBER THAT REALLY MATTERS

You know at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County we always say “We Only Know Good People Who Do Great Things.” It’s True!

Case in point: The dedicated volunteers, led by their fearless leader, Kim Price, who worked diligently and then “sum” to prove that “Zero” matters.

Enter Kim and his intrepid Chester Fair Volunteers to champion “Zero Waste” at the ever-popular Chester Fair.

The Goal: To significantly reduce waste during the Fair and to achieve “Zero Waste” by 2025.

Kim approached CFMC with his vision and, quite honestly, his passion and together we established the Chester Zero Waste Project Fund.

A bit of background: CFMC has the flexibility to establish “Project Funds” which enable energetic and compassionate individuals to begin and end a specific endeavor. CFMC provides the backroom expertise. Volunteers fuel the enthusiasm and project completion.

Kim's vision and concern for the environment of the Chester Fair, coupled with an alliance with Sustainable Connecticut, allowed for the development of a strong partnership with CFMC.

We are honored to work with Kim who states: “This is the right thing to do. With a little effort, it is amazing how we could change the world.”



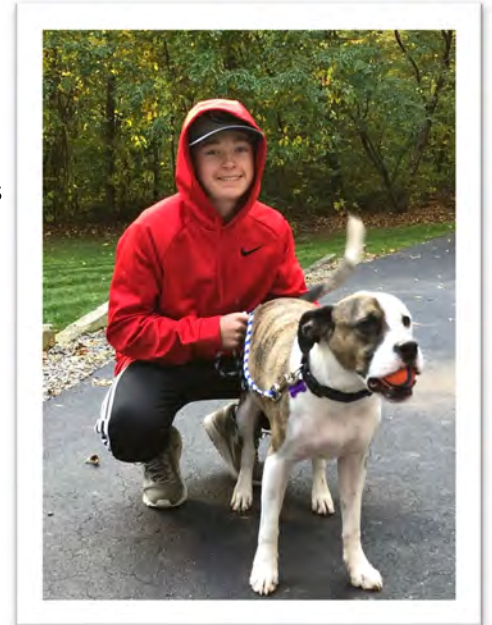
# HONORING A "CAN-DO" ATTITUDE

Connor Meaney Young was a visionary. He was also an entrepreneur. At 14 years old, Connor channeled his passion for landscaping and his vision of entrepreneurship into his own business. A native of East Haddam, Connor and a fellow classmate started C&M Lawn and Landscaping. Their goal was to offer the best landscaping experience possible to their community and to look to their clients and community to help them grow as business leaders and community members. Connor had an eye and a love for landscaping, and it showed in every job he did. He would say that he found peace behind the lawn mower and deep satisfaction in creating perfect lines for his customers.

Connor was a true caretaker at heart - of his business and of his community. His eagerness to learn from those around him, to care for his neighbors, and to share his good will with the community was evident in the C&M Lawn and Landscaping's mission, "... we have learned the value of our customers, and we take pride in keeping our homegrown business local to improve the many lives in our community." He showed his love through many acts of kindness too numerous to enumerate.

Connor tragically lost his life in November 2021, but his "caretaking" approach to his community continues. His family established the **Connor Meaney Young Memorial Fund** at the Community Foundation to help young people (and those young at heart). Through this Fund, his family will continue Connor's legacy of helping others and of supporting people just like him - those with big hearts, big goals, and a local community approach. The Connor Meaney Young Memorial Fund will provide grants that underscore and exemplify Connor's mission: "to improve the many lives in our community." The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is honored and humbled to work with Connor's family, Ian Young, Chris Ann Meaney, and his sister Evelynne.

Together we will share Connor's can - do - spirit with Middlesex County and work to bring his dreams to reality.



## YOUR SUPPORT BRINGS OUR STARS OUT



*A Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women & Girls grant ensures that girls in Middlesex County can take advantage of all that **Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSCT)** has to offer, from participating in summer camps to achieving top awards at the annual*

*conference. Our Friends at GSCT shared two amazing stories with us about recent Gold Award recipients ... right here in our own back yard!*

**Cheyenne of Middletown** learned that less than 10% of commercial pilots are female.

She teamed up with her local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter to help put together an educational event to teach young girls about aviation and aerospace, where they learned that just because they are a girl does not mean they cannot work in a male-dominated field. EAA Chapter 166 will continue to hold this event on July 17th each year, which they named National Youth Aerospace Education Day.



Influenced by her passions for disability advocacy and the arts, **Libby of Haddam** founded Perceptions to combat the lack of understanding surrounding the concept of "disability." Perceptions is an international community amplifying the voices of young artists, writers, and musicians with disabilities. Through contests, social media posts, online events, and podcast episodes, Libby and the Perceptions team aim to share the diverse stories of the disability community. With over 1,000 sessions on its website, Perceptions strives to have a wide-reaching, permanent influence on its viewers and community members.

# A LEGACY NURTURED AND SHARED WITH OUR COMMUNITY

## ***Pilot project to increase awareness and access to 1,122-acre Burnham Brook Preserve***

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) and The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut (TNC in CT) announced a new pilot project to expand access to Burnham Brook Preserve as well as conservation initiatives and experiences in the Preserve region. The 1,122-acre oasis for birds, wildlife and people stretches from East Haddam to Old Lyme and protects the watersheds of Burnham Brook, Strong Brook, and the Eightmile River. It is one of the most important conservation areas of the region and is under the stewardship of TNC in CT with grant support provided by CFMC. Over the next three years, CFMC grant awards will help TNC in CT manage the Preserve to ensure it supports terrestrial resilience to climate change; conduct outreach especially through a volunteer program; and create greater awareness and access throughout Middlesex County and the towns of the lower Connecticut River. The historic TNC Burnham Brook office space will also open its doors to educational partners and new outreach initiatives will make the Preserve more accessible and its conservation initiatives more equitable.

The initial act of conservation started in 1960 when the late Dr. Richard Goodwin, co-founder of The Nature Conservancy and renowned professor and land preservationist, and his spouse Esther donated 46 acres of forest, fields, and streams in East Haddam to TNC in CT. In 2005, a few years before the couple's passing, they established the Fund for Preservation & Stewardship of Natural Areas at CFMC. The Fund provides ongoing support to TNC in CT for the preservation and ecological management of the property and for the development of educational opportunities. CFMC and TNC are honored to support the Goodwins' legacy to make the wonders of Burnham Brook more accessible to everyone without disrupting the natural habitat.

*"From the preserve's earliest days, Dr. Goodwin envisioned that, 'when the time is right,' Burnham Brook's biodiversity and beauty would not only be protected but also showcased through engagement and education to attract new generations of conservationists," said Dr. Frogard Ryan, state director at TNC in CT. "CFMC and TNC in CT have worked together for over a decade to figure out how to best make that vision a reality and extend the reach of this extraordinary place beyond its current borders."*

Connecting TNC in CT with other community partners that provide educational programming is one of CFMC's primary goals and a template that can be used in other areas. Both organizations hope to make Burnham Brook a conservation change agent in the greater community by creating more opportunities for anyone seeking to enjoy and protect Connecticut's natural landscape.



*"As we celebrate 25 years of the Community Foundation helping good people do great things, we recognize and applaud the Goodwins' passion, vision, and commitment to our natural world," stated Cynthia Clegg, President and CEO of CFMC. "They truly understood the value of working together and leveraging resources to improve the quality of life for all now and forever. We look forward to continuing their stewardship in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and other like-minded community organizations."*

### **CFMC Legacy Society**

Your planned gift to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County will have meaning and impact for years to come. Those who remember the Community Foundation through a will, trust, designation, or other planned gifts are respected members of CFMC's Legacy Society. These future gifts may be unrestricted, restricted to a specific geographic area (your home town or area), field of interest (The Arts, Environment, etc.) or to a designated organization. We are deeply grateful to the individuals who have informed us of their intention to include CFMC in their estate planning. Known planned gifts total more than \$21 million from 90 individuals (as of October 31, 2022).

We welcome you to join them!

#### **CFMC Legacy Society**

Anonymous (18)  
Jeannette Archer-Simons and  
Robert E. Simons  
Ronald S. Ashworth  
Bonnie Bennet  
Siegmar and Sylvia Blamberg  
Sallie and Robert Boody  
Marcia W. Bromberg  
Eileen and Gerald Burke  
Harry Eben Burr  
Jill Butler  
Tim Cahill  
Jean H. and Richard Caron

Bill and Helen Chatman  
Sherry and Herb Clark  
Margaret Coe  
Clio and Philip Coles  
John S. D'Aquila \*  
Sally D'Aquila  
Barbara S. Delaney \*  
Ellen G. D'Oench \*  
Russell G. D'Oench, Jr. \*  
Engelbright Estate  
Santo Fragilio \*  
Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg  
Ralph and Gail Gometz  
Gary and Patricia Gomola



# GO SPREAD SOME JOY!

The M. Jones Fund at CFMC returned to spread even more fun and kindness this summer!

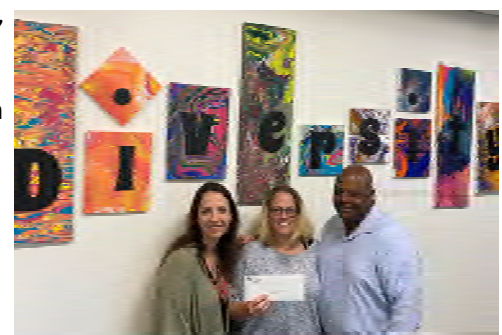
Our friends at the M. Jones Fund at CFMC made a big splash last summer with our camps and park and rec departments when they provided surprise grants with only one restriction - have some fun!

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, the M. Jones Fund is back again with even more smiles to spread around Middlesex County!

In addition to supporting camps and local park and rec programs, surprise grants were also given to youth and family service bureaus. Recipients include Bushy Hill Nature Center, Camp Hazen YMCA, Community Music School, Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Oddfellows Playhouse, Valley Shore YMCA, and YMCA of Northern Middlesex County, as well as the park and recreation departments and youth service bureaus in Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.

The impact of the M. Jones Fund's generosity is far reaching. Funds support areas such as additional scholarships, allowing more children to participate in summer programs. Grant awards are also used for new activities and experiences that encourage social connections, such as a petting zoo, ice cream social, community get-togethers, and so much more. All recipients are cooking up creative ideas and fun projects to help our young people have some fun and engage in their community.

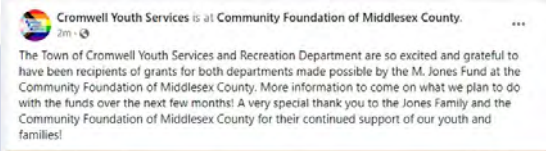
Our friends have been keeping us updated and sharing their gratitude through cards, photos and videos of the summer fun they've enjoyed... all thanks to the M. Jones Fund!



**East Hampton Youth Services Bureau**



**Tri-town Youth Services Bureau**



**Portland Youth Services Bureau**



**Community Music School**



## CFMC Legacy Society continued

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Esther and Richard Goodwin * | Phyllis Bonekemper LeMaire   | Jean M. Richards *                    | Elizabeth Swaim *            |
| Verena Harfst                | Lisa and Lamar LeMonte       | Liz Petry Riley                       | Jessie Trotta *              |
| George Hart *                | Sonya and Jeff Madoff        | Marjorie Rosenbaum *                  | Patti Anne Vassia            |
| Beatrice Casey Holt          | Edward L. McMillan           | Sari * and Howard Rosenbaum           | Susan and William Wasch      |
| Loretta K. Ingersoll *       | Jane Stokes McMillan         | Dave and Eunice Royston               | Kevin Wilhelm                |
| Mary Janvrin *               | David Miner and Stephanie J. | Gary and Beth Salva                   | Charles * and Rachel Wiltsie |
| Robin Jones                  | ("Penny") Robiner            | Jean and Biff Shaw                    | Jan Youngblood               |
| Marcia and David Kalayjian   | Deborah L. Moore             | Irene E. Silberstein                  | Joan S. Youngs               |
| George and Phyllis Kinser    | Ellen Patterson *            | Jane Sodergren *                      |                              |
| Robert L. Kirkpatrick, Jr.   | Barbara and David Preston    | Loretta Spencer                       |                              |
| Gayle Kranz                  | Heidi Ramcke                 | Thomas H. Stickney and David Westfall |                              |

\* Bequest received/announced

# GIVING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Wiltsie Family is truly part of the Community Foundation Family. The late Chuck Wiltsie, a founder of CFMC, served on the Board of Directors in our organization's early years. Chuck and his wife, Rachel, believed in giving back and had a desire to share their good fortune with those in need. They put their hearts and passions into action by starting the Chuck and Rachel Wiltsie Unrestricted Fund in 2001 which supports our annual competitive grant making process.

Several years later, Rachel discovered that the next two generations of the Wiltsie Family were interested in continuing the legacy of giving that she and Chuck started. While she has long been an advocate for those who are less fortunate in Middlesex County, she understands that each person has a passion, something deep within that moves them to make great things happen in our community. She worked with the Community Foundation to establish the Wiltsie Family Fund, an unendowed donor advised fund, which will include her family in the giving decision making.

Fast forward to 2022 and yet again another generation of the Wiltsie Family steps in to help others and extend the Wiltsie Family philanthropic tradition of serving Middlesex County.

Charlie Wiltsie and Katherine Eisenstein established the Wiltsie Eisenstein Fund to serve the community by empowering women, specifically in the trades, by offering educational opportunities and advancement in fields where women are often underrepresented.

Their generous and caring ways are boundless. The Wiltsie Eisenstein Fund also seeks to improve the lives of animals by partnering with groups that work to advocate for and rescue animals in need.

Charlie and Katherine simply state: "Our purpose is to leave a legacy of hope and kindness".



"This year was one of reflection, taking stock, and reinvestment in A Little Compassion (ALC). With the support of CFMC, the Board participated in an online retreat and strategic planning process. Administrative support and organizational strategic planning has helped ALC to its "next phase", entering into a contract for additional space in the abutting building to allow proper offices, a conference room, and increased space for growing programs to support neuro-diverse young adults.

As always, we're grateful for CFMC's continued dedication to the ALC mission. " A Little Compassion

## 2021 Grants from Agency Funds, Designated Funds, Field of Interest Funds, and Project Funds

**Total Awarded: \$599,173.90**

- ◆ A Little Compassion Inc. / *Nonprofit Resource Center Fund*
- ◆ A Place Called Hope / *Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature; Animals Respect and Friendship Fund; President's Discretionary Fund*
- ◆ Acton Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Albany State University / *John and Irene Bolden, Sr. Award Fund*
- ◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut, Inc. / *Arthur and Edythe Director Family Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund*
- ◆ Brainerd Memorial Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Brian House, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Camp Hazen YMCA / *Camp Hazen YMCA Fund*
- ◆ Cat Tales, Inc. / *Animals Respect and Friendship Fund*
- ◆ Chester Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Community Health Center-New Horizons / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Community Music School / *Carolyn Greenleaf Memorial Fund for the Community Music School; Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Community Renewal Team / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ Con Brio Choral Society / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Connecticut Chapter Of Noble / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock / *Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund*
- ◆ Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA / *Arthur and Edythe Director Family CT Rivers Council, BSA Fund*
- ◆ Connecticut Science Center, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Cromwell Belden Public Library / *Cromwell Belden Public Library Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Cromwell High School / *Arthur and Edythe Director Family Award Fund*
- ◆ Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund; Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Deep River Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Durham Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ East Haddam Free Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ East Haddam Youth & Family Services / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ East Hampton Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Essex Library Association Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Fairfield University / *Ivoryton Congregational Church Scholarship Fund*
- ◆ First Tee – Connecticut / *First Tee - Connecticut Fund*
- ◆ Florence Griswold Museum / *Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund*
- ◆ Forgotten Felines / *Animals Respect and Friendship Fund*
- ◆ Friends of Long Hill Estate, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Gilead Community Services / *Daniel G. Howe Memorial Fund for Gilead Community Services; Gilead Community Services Endowment Fund*
- ◆ Haddam Killingworth High School / *Melissa J. Schlag Good Citizenship Award Fund*
- ◆ Henry Carter Hull Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ HOPE Partnership, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Ivoryton Library Association / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation Inc. / *Jacqui Hubbard & Norman Needleman Honorary Fund for the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation; Live Local Give Local Fund; President's Discretionary Fund*



**Florence Griswold Museum**



**Rev. Robyn Anderson, Cross Street Training & Academic Center's Wellness Kits for Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities**



**Bushy Hill Nature Center and Day Camp**

- ◆ Killingworth Library Association / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Levi E. Coe Library Association / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Long Island Community Foundation / *Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature*
- ◆ Lynde Point Land Trust / *Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund*
- ◆ Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ MARC Community Resources / *Arlene R. Mazzotta Fund for MARC*
- ◆ Mercy High School / *Jessie A. Trotta Bequest and Education Award Fund; William and Mary Tomc Memorial Fund*
- ◆ MHS Blue Dragon Booster Club, Inc. / *Colter Abely Endowed Achievement Fund*
- ◆ Middlesex Community College Foundation / *Hugh L. and Judith R. Cox Fund*
- ◆ Middlesex County Historical Society / *Elizabeth Swaim Middlesex County Historical Society Fund*
- ◆ Middlesex Health / *Live Local Give Local Fund; Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women & Girls*
- ◆ Middlesex United Way / *Middlesex United Way Agency Fund; Middlesex United Way Endowment Fund*
- ◆ Middletown High School / *Elizabeth Mary Pernel Award Fund; Colter Abely Achievement Fund*
- ◆ Middletown Public Schools / *Elizabeth Swaim Arts Enrichment Fund*
- ◆ Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council / *Santo Fragilio Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council Fund*
- ◆ Middletown Rotary Club / *Arthur and Edythe Director Family Middletown Rotary Fund; President's Discretionary Fund*
- ◆ Morgan High School / *Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund; Joshua T. Winslow Memorial Award Fund*
- ◆ Nathan Hale-Ray High School / *Ashworth Family Award Fund in memory of Ronald & Heather Lind Ashworth*
- ◆ Old Saybrook High School / *Joshua T. Winslow Memorial Award Fund; Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund; Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund*
- ◆ Old Saybrook Historical Society / *Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund*
- ◆ Overcomer Training Center, Inc. / *Colter Abely Achievement Fund*
- ◆ Pandemonium Rainforest Project Inc. / *Animals Respect and Friendship Fund*
- ◆ Portland High School / *Deborah L. Lombardo Education Fund*
- ◆ Portland Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Portland Youth and Social Services / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Rathbun Free Memorial Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Rochester Institute of Technology / *Ivoryton Congregational Church Scholarship Fund*
- ◆ Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner / *Arthur and Edythe Director Family Rushford Fund*
- ◆ Russell Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Russell Library / *Louis V. and Aurora R. Trotta Fund for Russell Library*
- ◆ SARAH Foundation, Inc. / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc. / *Chester Leadership Fund*
- ◆ Spelman College / *Mary C. Rawlins Award Fund*
- ◆ St. John Paul II Regional School / *Jessie A. Trotta Bequest and Education Award Fund*
- ◆ St. John Roman Catholic Church / *Jessie A. Trotta Bequest and Education Award Fund*
- ◆ Syracuse University / *Ullrich-HK Educational Award Fund*
- ◆ The Nature Conservancy / *Fund for Preservation and Stewardship of Natural Areas*
- ◆ Town of Cromwell Human Services Department Food Bank / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ Town of East Hampton Social and Senior Services / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ Town of Haddam Emergency Food Bank/ *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ Town of Middlefield Social and Senior Services food program / *Interfaith Community Circle Fund*
- ◆ Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau Inc. / *Chester Leadership Fund*
- ◆ Troop 18 Killingworth BSA / *Killingworth Community Fund*
- ◆ University of Connecticut / *Joan Matz Music Award Fund*
- ◆ Valley Regional High School / *Ivoryton Congregational Church Scholarship Fund; Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund*
- ◆ Valley Shore Animal Welfare League / *Animals Respect and Friendship Fund*
- ◆ Valley Shore YMCA / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Westbrook High School / *Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund*
- ◆ Westbrook Public Library / *Live Local Give Local Fund*
- ◆ Xavier High School / *Jessie A. Trotta Bequest and Education Award Fund; Colter Abely Achievement Fund*



**MARC Community Resources**



# CARING FOR COMMUNITY

## CARING VOLUNTEERS PUT THEIR HEARTS AND ENERGY TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF OTHERS

A local group of volunteers with caring hearts and an abundance of goodwill has established the **River Valley Fund for Families (RVFF)** to support nonprofit organizations that provide services for families in the Connecticut River Valley facing challenges impacting their daily lives and future.

RVFF volunteers are well known for their generous ways. This group has always had one vision: *to build a better today and a brighter tomorrow – for all*. The volunteers have always worked hard on behalf of our friends and neighbors. In fact, many of their past initiatives have resulted in donations to multiple nonprofit organizations serving families in the Connecticut River Valley/ Shoreline areas, primarily in the areas of health and social services.

The Community Foundation is pleased to work with RVFF's energetic volunteers. The generous spirit of the group has, and will continue to have, positive ripple effects throughout our region.



## PARTNERING FOR POP UPS!

The CFMC Pop Up Grant Initiative started as our way to say Thank You to local nonprofits and celebrate their remarkable work. We believe that every gift, no matter the size, makes an impact in our community. It wasn't long before this idea began to grow and gather more fans, friends, supporters ... and partners!

We have been honored to have local businesses join us to support the Pop Up Grant Initiative. Our friends at The Homestead Bed & Breakfast of Madison share the adage that gifts of all sizes make a great impact, and they wanted to help share some fun — and support — through the CFMC Pop Up Grant Initiative. They encouraged everyone in the community to nominate their favorite nonprofit for a monthly drawing ... and the result? Their generosity through CFMC spread great joy and surprises to nonprofits including Portland Senior Center and East Haddam Library Services.



Great Ideas have a way of spreading throughout our community. It wasn't long before we received another call about the Pop Up Grant Initiative — this time with a twist! Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. decided to take Pop Up Grants one step further. They teamed up with CFMC to offer a Pop Up Grant nomination opportunity for both their division sites — Chester, CT, and Charlestown, NH. Their employees submit the names of their favorite nonprofits in their respective communities and once a month a nomination is selected at each site. Whelen Engineering provides the grant support through CFMC and together we are sharing fun and surprises in Connecticut AND New Hampshire!



CFMC Pop-Up Grants are as easy as 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... and everyone gets to be a philanthropist - proving that gifts of all sizes do make a difference and a positive impact. We have had great fun surprising some very worthy nonprofit organizations. Congratulations to our Pop Up Grant Recipients and thank you to all their fans who nominated them!

Curious about Pop Up Grants and how you, too, can get in on the fun? We're happy to discuss this fun initiative; call us at 860.347.0025.

**Watch all the great Pop Up Grant calls and conversations on our Videos Page at [MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/](http://MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/).**

# THE STARS WERE ALIGNED

It was a Starry Starry Night (up above the clouds and inside The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station) as we celebrated 25 Years of Good People Doing Great Things.

We celebrated COMMUNITY and all those who work TOGETHER for a better today and a brighter tomorrow. We witness this outpouring of kindness every day through the generosity of our donors, the energy of our volunteers and board members, and our incredibly caring nonprofit organizations.

In honor of the 25th Anniversary Celebration and everyone in the community, CFMC debuted a new video "A Look Back, A Leap Forward." We invite you to take a few minutes and celebrate 25 years of Philanthropy, Leadership, Legacy, and everyone working TOGETHER.



View the video on our website at [middlesexcountycf.org/videos/a-look-back-a-leap-forward/](http://middlesexcountycf.org/videos/a-look-back-a-leap-forward/)

We deeply appreciate and are humbled by the generosity of our sponsors who supported our 25th Anniversary Celebration:



Brian and Chaleen Abely, Aeton Law Partners, LLP, John Boccalatte and Michele Salonia, Stephen and Alison Brinkmann, Randall and Cynthia Clegg, Clio and Philip Coles, Marcia and David Kalayjian, Jeffrey Mehler and Mary Russell, Beebe and Len Miller, Deborah and Roy Moore, Norman Needleman and Jacqueline Hubbard, Clint Reid and Meredith Ryan-Reid, Mauricio and Tracey Salgar, Gary and Beth Salva, Judy and Renny Schoonmaker, Meghan Whelen, and The Hartman Foundation through as granted by Cummings & Lockwood, LLC

**STAY TUNED ... THERE'S MORE FUN AND SURPRISES TO COME**  
**AS WE SHARE 25 YEARS OF**  
**GOOD PEOPLE DOING GREAT THINGS!**

BE SURE TO WATCH FOR OUR E-NEWS LETTER

(DON'T RECEIVE OUR E-NEWS? YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE [MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/CONTACT/#NEWSLETTER](http://MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/CONTACT/#NEWSLETTER))

# TOGETHER WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY

To all who cared and helped, Дякуємо (Thank you)!

Our community asked. You delivered! Thanks to businesses, organizations, and so many individuals in Middletown and the surrounding region, **more than 7 tons** in firefighting equipment and medical supplies were donated on April 9 and April 10, 2022, at the South Fire District. Volunteers worked tirelessly during and after the donation drive to sort and package the equipment and supplies for shipping to Lviv, Ukraine.

**And it arrived!** Lviv volunteers excitedly unpacked the equipment and supplies to put them to work to support their community.

Four Middletown agencies co-sponsored a “Tactical Medical Supplies for Ukraine Firefighters” donation drive – Middletown South Fire District, Wesleyan University, Community Health Center, and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. The lead agencies also established the Ukrainian Firefighters Equipment Fund at CFMC to provide funding for additional equipment and other items needed by our “global” neighbors in the Ukraine.

“We have all witnessed the tragic events happening in communities across Ukraine, where relentless bombings of non-military targets have caused thousands of injuries and deaths,” explained South Fire District Chief James Trzaski. “Emergency responders have risked their own lives to save others by being on the front lines of providing critical assistance to those in need. We want to provide the highest level of support to these brave men and women.”

A highlight of the equipment drive was Dr. Marika Kuzma singing the Ukrainian National Anthem.

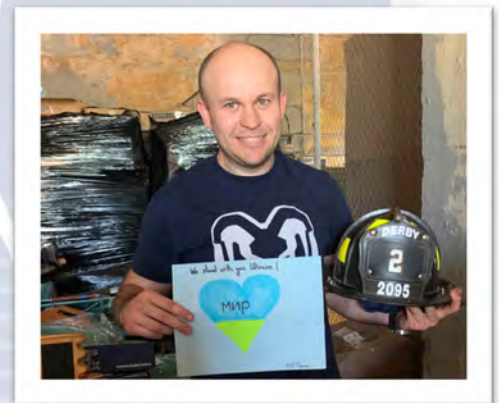
You can see the photos of the items arriving in Lviv and the incredible donors and volunteers working to accept and pack equipment and supplies for firefighters in Ukraine at [middlesexcountycf.org/2022/06/from-middletown-to-ukraine/](https://middlesexcountycf.org/2022/06/from-middletown-to-ukraine/)

*(we even captured Dr. Kuzma singing the Ukrainian National Anthem—be sure to watch the photo montage of the donation event!)*

We extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the many people, businesses, and organizations who donated items, to the incredible partners and sponsors who helped make it happen—from signs, banners, and boxes to packing the shipping container, transporting it to New Jersey and then over the ocean to get to Ukraine. Amazing!



**To all who cared and helped,**



## PUTTING PASSION INTO ACTION – DONORS STAY INVOLVED THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, OR BUSINESSES PUT THEIR PASSIONS, HEARTS, AND DOLLARS TO WORK THROUGH THEIR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS. DONORS MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO GRANT; ALL GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

### 2021 GRANTS FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**TOTAL AWARDED: \$161,311.00**

*FROM THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: 365 UNENDOWED FUND; ALISON AND STEPHEN BRINKMANN FAMILY FUND; BIDDISCOMBE/GORTON FUND; ELLES AND JONES FAMILY FUND; J. GUY LOMBARDO DONOR ADVISED FUND; JACARUSO FAMILY FUND; JOAN AND RICHARD TOMC FUND; JONES FAMILY FUND; KIRKPATRICK FAMILY FUND II DONOR ADVISED FUND; LENNY AND JOANN GOLDBERG KINDNESS FUND; MOUNTAIN LAUREL FUND; NANCY FISCHBACH AND MARTIN WOLMAN FUND; RYAN'S CIRCLE OF GIVING FUND; SALLY ANN MCGEE D'AQUILA & SALVATORE D'AQUILA, JR. FUND; SHAMROCK FUND; CATHY WEISS SUNRISE FUND; WILLIAMS-ROSEN MEMORIAL FUND FOR VETERANS.*

7 Lakes Alliance	Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC)	Hartford Catholic Worker
A Place Called Hope	Connection, Inc.	HIAS, Inc.
Alliance For Water Efficiency Nfp	Cromwell Recreation Department	High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Inc
Alzheimers Disease And Related Disorders	Cromwell Youth Service Bureau	HK Backpack Program
Association Inc	Crosby Fund for Haitian Education	HK Recreation Authority
American Heart Association	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Hole in the Wall Gang Fund, Inc.
American Parkinson's Disease Association, CT	Deep River Fire Department	Hometown Foundation Inc.
Chapter	Deep River Historical Society, Inc.	HOPE Partnership, Inc.
AmeriCares	Deep River Parks & Recreation	Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services Inc
AOPA Foundation, Inc. (Aircraft Owners and	Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti, Inc.	Ivoryton Library Association
Pilots Association)	Durham Middlefield Youth & Family	Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation Inc
Appalachian Mountain Club	Services	Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven
Arbor Garden Club of Clinton	Durham Recreation Department	Jonah Center for Earth and Art
Backus Hospital	East Coast Greenway Alliance	Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation
Bare Necessities, Inc.	East Haddam Park & Recreation Dept.	Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center Inc
Belgrade Historical Society	East Haddam Youth & Family Services	Kidcity, Inc.
Belgrade Lakes Association	East Hampton Park & Recreation Dept.	Kingswood-Oxford School
Belgrade Regional Health Center, Inc.	East Hampton Youth & Family Services	La Salle University
Bikes for Kids, Inc.	Elmira College	Levi E. Coe Library Association
BRAYCE	Essex Ambulance Association, Inc.	Maine Public Broadcasting Network
Bushy Hill Nature Center	Essex Elementary School Foundation	Marist College
Camp Care, Inc.	Essex Fire Engine Co. #1	Mercy High School
Camp Hazen YMCA	Essex Foundation, Inc.	Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation
Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization	Essex Historical Society	Middlefield Federated Church
Chester Parks & Recreation	Essex Land Trust	Middlefield Park and Recreation Department
Clinton Education Foundation Inc	Essex Library Association Inc	Middlesex Community College Foundation
Clinton Human and Social Services	Essex Meadows Foundation, Inc.	Middlesex County Historical Society
Clinton Park & Recreation Dept.	Essex Park & Recreation	Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT
Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation, Inc.	Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.	Middlesex Health
Community Music School	Everyone Outside	Middlesex United Way
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek	Fairfield University	Middletown Garden Club
Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, Inc.	First Congregational Church in Essex	Middletown Parks & Recreation Dept.
Connecticut Farmland Trust, Inc.	First Congregational Church of Westbrook	Middletown Youth Services
Connecticut Food Bank / Foodshare	Florence Griswold Museum	Monarch School of New England
Connecticut Forest & Park Association	Food for All Garden / Our Community	Mystic Seaport
Connecticut Humane Society	Cares, Inc.	National Park Foundation
Connecticut Legal Services	Forgotten Felines	National Wildlife Federation
Connecticut News Project, Inc.	Giving Garden of Durham / Middlefield	Oddfellows Playhouse
Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network	Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.	Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary
Connecticut River Conservancy	Greater Middletown Chorale Inc	Old Saybrook Parks & Recreation
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat	Greater Middletown Concert Association	Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services
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Open Communities Alliance  
 Parmelee Farm  
 Pennington School  
 Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition, Inc.  
 Portland Parks and Recreation Department  
 Portland Youth and Social Services  
 Rails to Trails Conservancy  
 Region 4 Education Foundation, Inc.  
 Rivers Alliance Of Connecticut Inc  
 Rockfall Foundation  
 Rotary Club of Essex Foundation  
 Russell Library  
 Safe Futures, Inc.  
 Shoreline Greenway Trail  
 Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.  
 Sister Cities Essex Haiti, Inc.  
 Skydive for Veterans, Inc.  
 Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and  
 Drug Dependence, Inc.  
 St. Vincent de Paul Place - Norwich  
 St. Vincent dePaul Place  
 Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
 Syracuse University  
 Town of Deep River  
 Town of Middlefield  
 Trinity College  
 Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau Inc  
 United Churches of Durham  
 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
 Valley Shore YMCA  
 Vista Life Innovations Inc  
 Warm the Children  
 Water for People  
 Wesleyan University  
 Westbrook Chemical Engine Company No. 1  
 Westbrook Garden Club  
 Westbrook Parks and Recreation  
 Westbrook Public Library  
 Westbrook Youth & Family Services  
 Wikimedia Foundation  
 Xavier High School  
 Yale Cancer Center  
 Yale-New Haven Health  
 YMCA of Northern Middlesex County  
 Youth & Family Services Of Haddam-  
 Killingworth Inc.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY NAACP 2022 CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

### Philanthropy Matters—Philanthropy Works

#### Thanks to YOU!

At its annual Freedom Fund Dinner, the Middlesex County NAACP Chapter presented its 2022 Civic and Community Engagement Award to the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation is humbled by their recognition of our commitment to furthering the goals and aims of the Branch. We are honored to support the programmatic work of the Health Committee and the Women In the NAACP (WIN). Together, we are all working to enhance the quality of life and healthcare for people of color in Middlesex County.

We're proud to partner with the Middlesex County NAACP and put our collective hearts into action and money to work for the benefit of our friends and neighbors in our region. TOGETHER we're stronger because of that partnership.

**Thank you, Middlesex County NAACP, for your leadership in making a better community.**



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*Photo left to right: John Boccalatte, Jennifer Hintz,*  
*Thayer Talbott, Cynthia Clegg, Faith Jackson,*  
*Gary Wallace, Tom Gezo.*

# YOUR ACTIONS TODAY – YOUR VISIONS FOR TOMORROW

**You**, our donors, are transforming Middlesex County. You have different passions, different perspectives, and different reasons for giving. Yet **together**, you have one thing in common – **the desire to make a positive impact on the quality of life in Middlesex County**. Working through the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, you are changing lives and ensuring our county continues to be a great place to live, work, and play.

Whether you choose to start a fund or to make a gift to an existing fund, you are creating a positive force and making a meaningful impact on the lives of your neighbors through nonprofit organizations serving our fifteen towns.

The following pages contain the Funds established by individuals and businesses through the years who are just like you – everyday philanthropists who chose to work through the Community Foundation to make good things happen, thus joining the legacy of many generous neighbors helping neighbors in Middlesex County. The individuals, businesses, and organizations represented by the funds on the following pages truly are **Good People Doing Great Things in and for Middlesex County!**

(See an idea you like? Have a new way you want to make an impact? Let us help you turn possibilities into action.)

***“I WANT TO HELP MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.”***

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ALLOW DONORS TO THINK BROADLY ABOUT THEIR IMPACT

**Unrestricted Funds** allow the Board and staff to identify compelling community needs through the competitive grant making process and to determine the best use of your investment to address them, today—and forever.

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED UNRESTRICTED FUND (2011)  
JOHN A. BARR, JR. FUND (1999)  
BEE & MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MIDDLETOWN FUND (2003)  
CAPECE FAMILY FUND (2012)  
COLES FAMILY FUND (2002)  
COUCH FAMILY FUND (1998)  
ELLEN AND RUSSELL D’OENCH, JR. FUND (2003)  
EDMUND T. DELANEY FUND (2001)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND (2016)  
NANCY FISCHBACH AND MARTIN WOLMAN ENDOWED FUND FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT MAKING (2014)  
LEE AND WELLES GUILMARTIN FUND (2002)  
PETER AND EILEEN HARDING FAMILY FUND (2002)  
HOLLIS RAINBOWS OF HOPE ENDOWED FUND (2021)  
IMPACT FUND (2017)  
KALAYJIAN FAMILY FUND (2004)  
MARY ANN LAMBERT RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FUND (2010)  
LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL FUND (2009)  
J. GUY LOMBARDO FUND (2000)

SONYA AND JEFF MADOFF FUND (2004)  
WILLIAM MCCANN AND BEST CLEANERS FUND (2000)  
MIDDLEOAK SPECIALTY FUND (1999)  
MIDDLESEX ENHANCEMENT FUND (1997)  
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS FUND (2014)  
ELLEN AND HERB PATTERSON MEMORIAL FUND (2009)  
PRESTON FAMILY FUND (2004)  
RIVER VIEW CEMETERY FUND (2001)  
DIANE M. AND WILLIAM J. RUSSELL FUND (2002)  
SALVA FAMILY FUND (2007)  
SAUNDERS FUND (2005)  
Babs and George Scheer, Jr. Fund for Portland (2021)  
SCHOONMAKER FAMILY FUND (2012)  
JEAN AND BIFF SHAW FUND (1998)  
PATTI ANNE VASSIA FUND (2001)  
SUSAN AND WILLIAM WASCH FUND (1999)  
WHELEN ENGINEERING CT POP UP GRANT FUND (2022)  
WHELEN ENGINEERING NH POP UP GRANT FUND (2022)  
WHELEN FAMILY ENDOWED FUND (2012)  
JAN ELLEN YOUNGBLOOD FUND (2004)



“For more than a decade, Essex Winter Series has been growing its outreach to schools and senior communities in Middlesex County ... outreach made possible in part from generous grant funding from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

The Fenton Brown Emerging Artists program touches nearly 3,000 people annually. We are so proud to be able to continue to connect with our community through music. This year's artists – the Hartford-based saxophone group, Resurgam Quartet – will offer educational and entertaining performances in Chester, Cromwell, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Middletown and Old Saybrook. Thank you CFMC!”

- Essex Winter Series

## ***“I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT MY COMMUNITY”***

### **FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GEOGRAPHIC AFFILIATE FUNDS**

Your vision for a vibrant, healthy, successful Middlesex County is represented in **Field of Interest Funds**. These Funds supplement the competitive grant application cycle, providing the Community Foundation with guidance regarding donors' passions and support of promising projects and nonprofit organizations working in areas of interest such as the needs of young children, or the environment, human services, or the arts... and so much more.

ANIMALS: RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP 'ARF' FUND (2008)  
THE ARTS FUND (1999)  
AT-RISK BOYS AND YOUNG MEN FUND (2013)  
BEE & MISSIONARY SOCIETY FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS (2003)  
CHESTER LEADERSHIP FUND (2020)  
THE CHILDREN'S FUND (2009)  
SHERRY AND HERB CLARK FAMILY FUND (1998)  
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FUNDS (2020)  
HUGH L. AND JUDITH R. COX FIELD OF INTEREST FUND TO SUPPORT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (2013)  
MARY JANVRIN AND NATALIE JANVRIN WIGGINS FUND FOR BIRDS, OTHER ANIMALS AND NATURE (2017)  
CHESTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND (2022)  
KATCHEN COLEY CONSERVATION FUND (2013)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FIELD OF INTEREST FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES (2013)  
FRIENDS OF DEEP RIVER FUND (2021)  
FRIENDS OF HADDAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (2018)  
FUND FOR EDUCATION (2013)  
BARBARA WEEKS HART AND GEORGE H. HART MEMORIAL FUND (2011)  
IVORYTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT FUND (2019)  
IVORYTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HUMAN SERVICES FUND (2019)

JONES FAMILY FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES (2016)  
JOAN B. KILAR FUND (2016)  
KILLINGWORTH COMMUNITY FUND (2017)  
KIRKPATRICK FAMILY FUND (2002)  
MARY KLAAREN FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (2007)  
HANNA AND GETHARD KRAULAND YOUTH ENHANCEMENT FUND (2017)  
LORRAINE LINCOLN LIEBERMAN FUND (2019)  
LOFFREDO PERFORMING ARTS FUND (2006)  
HOWARD AND YVONNE MCAULIFFE FUND (2002)  
PHYLLIS M. MCDOWELL FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (2010)  
KATHERINE AND WILLARD MCRAE FUND (2001)  
MENTAL WELLNESS FUND (2014)  
MIDDLEOAK SPECIALTY FIELD OF INTEREST FUND (1999)  
MIDDLETOWN POLICE K-9 UNIT FUND (2017)  
ANN AND GEORGE PETRY FUND (2001)  
POMPEA FAMILY AND PRIMARY STEEL, INC. FUND (1999)  
RIVER VALLEY FUND FOR FAMILIES (2022)  
SARI A. ROSENBAUM FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (2002)  
SIMPLY SHARING AND CARING FUND (2019)  
LORETTA SPENCER NEW BEGINNINGS FUND (2021)  
ELIZABETH SWAIM MIDDLETOWN FUND (2000)  
TOOTH FAIRY FUND (2017)  
WELCOMING MIDDLETOWN FUND (2015)  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FUND (2002)  
CHUCK AND RACHEL WILTSIE FUND (2001)

## ***“I WANT A WAY TO HELP MY FAVORITE NONPROFIT – FOREVER.”***

### **DESIGNATED FUNDS AND PROJECT FUNDS**

Nonprofit organizations rely on the support of the community to address the issues and meet the needs of our neighbors, now and in the future. When you establish a **Designated Fund** for your favorite nonprofit organization, you ensure its growth and service to the community for years to come. These Funds also support educational awards for our region's school districts, providing opportunities to support the next generation to pursue their dreams – and help make our community stronger.

**Project Funds** support short-term initiatives with a beginning, middle, and end.

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED FUND FOR OPERATIONS (2012)  
COLTER ABELY ACHIEVEMENT FUND (2012)  
AIDANON (2018)  
SUSAN D. E. ALLISON FUND (2018)  
ANGELS OF NICK RAMCKE KNITTING CIRCLE FUND (2017)  
RICHARD ANSELMI EDUCATION FUND (2012)  
RICHARD ANSELMI TRI-TOWN YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (TTYSB) FUND (2012)  
ASHWORTH FAMILY FUND IN MEMORY OF RONALD AND HEATHER LIND ASHWORTH (2005)  
BILL'S SEAFOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT ATHLETIC SCHOLAR FUND (2009)  
JOHN AND IRENE BOLDEN, SR. FUND (2010)  
CHARLES MUNSON BURR, JR. FAMILY FUND (1999)  
BUTTONWOOD TREE FUND (2018)  
CAMP HAZEN DESIGNATED FUND (2020)  
CHESTER-FAIR PROJECT (2022)  
CLEGG FAMILY FUND (2012)  
CLOSE THE GAP, INC. FUND (2019)  
LEVI E. COE LIBRARY FUND (2017)

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DESIGNATED FUND (2020)  
JACK THOMAS CONDULIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (2020)  
CROMWELL BELDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND (2011)  
SALLYE DAVAGE WRIGHT - ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA FUND (2016)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL BSA FUND (2011)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY MIDDLETOWN ROTARY FUND (2008)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY NUTMEG BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS FUND (2007)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY RUSHFORD FUND (2007)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY SCHOLAR FUND (2008)  
ARTHUR AND EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY YMCA CAMP INGERSOLL FUND (2007)  
DURHAM-MIDDLEFIELD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES FUND (2019)  
ELLSWORTH AND VIRGINIA GRANT FUND (2011)  
THE FIRST TEE FUND (2014)  
NANCY FISCHBACH AND MARTIN WOLMAN ENDOWED FUND FOR ADMINISTRATION (2014)

FOREVER IN MY HEART FOUNDATION PROJECT FUND (2018)  
 FOREVER IN MY HEART FOUNDATION, INC. DESIGNATED FUND (2019)  
 SANTO FRAGILIO MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CULTURAL COUNCIL  
 FUND (2018)  
 CALEB FULLER BUILDING FUND FOR CFMC (2016)  
 GILEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND (2017)  
 GREATER MIDDLETOWN MILITARY MUSEUM PROJECT (2016)  
 CAROLYN R. GREENLEAF MEMORIAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY MUSIC  
 SCHOOL (2008)  
 ANN HENDERSHOT VICKERY SCHOLARSHIP FUND (2022)  
 DR. JOHN HENNELLY FUND (2010)  
 DANIEL G. HOWE MEMORIAL FUND FOR GILEAD COMMUNITY  
 SERVICES (2015)  
 JACQUELINE HUBBARD & NORMAN NEEDLEMAN HONORARY FUND  
 FOR THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE FOUNDATION (2007)  
 INGERSOLL OUTDOOR CENTER FUND (2007)  
 IVORYTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS FUND (2019)  
 IVORYTON LIBRARY FUND (2019)  
 IVORYTON LIBRARY 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND (2019)  
 LIBERTY BANK ROTARY THANKSGIVING PROJECT (2022)  
 DEBORAH L. LOMBARDO EDUCATION FUND (2015)  
 MACDONOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA FUND (2014)  
 IDA M. MASSELLI NAACP SCHOLAR FUND (2009)  
 JOAN MATZ MUSIC SCHOLAR FUND (2004)  
 ARLENE MAZZOTTA FUND FOR MARC COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
 (2016)  
 EDWARD "REDS" L. AND JANE S. MCMILLAN GILEAD ENDOWMENT  
 FUND (2013)

EDWARD "REDS" L. AND JANE S. MCMILLAN ODDFELLOWS PLAYHOUSE  
 FUND (2018)  
 MIDDLEFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS (2016)  
 MIDDLETOWN PBA AND DRUMS FUND (2019)  
 MIDDLESEX COALITION FOR CHILDREN FUND (2017)  
 MIDDLESEX UNITED WAY ENDOWMENT FUND (2010)  
 Open-Air Meeting Space at Chester Elementary School Fund (2020)  
 ELIZABETH MARY PERNEL MEMORIAL FUND (1999)  
 FUND FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF NATURAL AREAS (2005)  
 MARY C. RAWLINS AWARD FUND (2012)  
 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 FUND (2019)  
 RUSSELL LIBRARY FUND (2005)  
 MELISSA J. SCHLAG GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD FUND (2020)  
 BARRY M. SIMON MIRACLE FUND FOR GILEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES  
 (2014)  
 SHE'S SPEAKING FUND (2017)  
 LORETTA SPENCER "PAY IT FORWARD" EDUCATION AWARD FUND (2021)  
 ELIZABETH SWAIM ARTS ENRICHMENT FUND (2000)  
 ELIZABETH SWAIM MIDDLESEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND (2000)  
 WILLIAM AND MARY TOMC MEMORIAL FUND (2012)  
 TRI-TOWN YOUTH SERVICES FUND (2001)  
 JESSIE A. TROTTA EDUCATION AWARD FUND (2017)  
 UKRAINIAN FIREFIGHTERS EQUIPMENT FUND (2022)  
 ULLRICH – HK EDUCATIONAL AWARD FUND (2017)  
 PATTI ANNE VASSIA FUND FOR ADMINISTRATION (2007)  
 WESTBROOK ECONOMIC ACTION INITIATIVE– PROJECT FUND (2018)  
 WHELEN FAMILY 365 CHALLENGE FUND (2012)  
 JOSHUA T. WINSLOW MEMORIAL AWARD FUND (2019)  
 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES OF HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH FUND (2013)

***"I WANT TO BE INVOLVED – TO MAKE AN IMPACT AND LEARN ABOUT MY COMMUNITY'S NEEDS."***

## **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

**Donor Advised Funds** allow individuals, families, and businesses understand the needs of the community and invest in areas they care deeply about. Donor Advised Fund holders recommend where the Fund's dollars might do the most good, year in and year out. They are active philanthropists and invested in the future of our community.

365 FUND (2011)  
 ANONYMOUS DONOR ADVISED FUND (2019)  
 ANONYMOUS DONOR ADVISED FUND (2020)  
 AVERY'S FUND (2010)  
 JOHN AND JEAN BECKERT FUND (2007)  
 CHRIS BELFOURE MEMORIAL FUNDS (2012)  
 BIDDISCOMBE/GORTON FUND (2020)  
 SALLIE AND ROBERT BOODY FUND (2011)  
 ALISON AND STEPHEN BRINKMANN FAMILY FUND (2021)  
 BUTLER FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS  
 (2013)  
 COUNCIL OF BUSINESS PARTNERS FUND (2009)  
 HUGH L. AND JUDITH R. COX FUND (2000)  
 SALLY ANN MCGEE D'AQUILA AND SALVATORE D'AQUILA, JR.  
 FUND (2015)  
 DIRECTOR FAMILY DONOR ADVISED FUND (2012)  
 DUTCH OIL BENEVOLENCE FUND (2011)  
 ELLES AND JONES FAMILY FUND (2012)  
 MARILYN C. FALL FUND (2022)  
 NANCY FISCHBACH AND MARTIN WOLMAN FUND (2009)  
 LENNY AND JOANN GOLDBERG KINDNESS FUND (2018)  
 GRIFFIN FAMILY FUNDS (2009)  
 INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CIRCLE OF LEADERSHIP FUNDS (2015)  
 JACARUSO FAMILY FUND (2014)  
 JONES FAMILY FUNDS (2012)  
 BUZZY AND HARRIET LEVIN FUND (2016)  
 LORRAINE LINCOLN LIEBERMAN DONOR ADVISED FUND (2019)

J. GUY LOMBARDO DONOR ADVISED FUND (2003)  
 ROBERT S. MALLIMSON, PH.D. FUND (2004)  
 IDA M. MASSELLI FUND (2009)  
 HOWARD AND YVONNE MCAULIFFE FUND (2000)  
 CONNOR MEANEY YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND (2021)  
 CHERYL MEHALIK LUYSER FUND (2013)  
 MEHR FAMILY FUND (2009)  
 MIDDLEOAK FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND (2009)  
 MOUNTAIN LAUREL FUND (2017)  
 KAREN A. NELSON FUND (2009)  
 NEWBERG FAMILY FUND (2009)  
 PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (2008)  
 REIMONDO FAMILY AND SUE WEINTRAUB STAND UP AND MAKE A  
 DIFFERENCE FUND (2015)  
 RYAN'S CIRCLE OF GIVING FUND (2008)  
 SAMS FAMILY FUND (2001)  
 BABS AND GEORGE SCHEER, JR. FUND FOR PORTLAND (2021)  
 THE SHAMROCK FUND (2011)  
 ST. LUKE'S HOME FUNDS (2018)  
 JOAN AND RICH TOMC FUND (2017)  
 WARM THE CHILDREN SHORELINE FUND (2020)  
 KENT S. WARNER MEMORIAL FUND (2002)  
 CATHY WEISS SUNRISE FUND (2020)  
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# Our Community At Work—Thank You to our Board of Directors and Volunteers for Your Work on Behalf of Middlesex County.

So many incredible individuals give generously of their time and their talent on our Board and Committees to the help the Community Foundation and Middlesex County. Our Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, Fund Committees, Giving Circles, and many Subcommittees are essential to everything CFMC does in the community.

We are particularly appreciative for all of our volunteers who continue to adapt and serve as we move forward from the pandemic. They rallied around CFMC and Middlesex County during COVID, adjusted to meeting virtually, and continue to ensure that our nonprofits have the resources they need and that the Community Foundation could continue our work as a resource to our community.

**We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who gave their time to CFMC in 2021:**

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### **Everyone Outside**

Thankful Thursday: We are feeling grateful for the [Community Foundation of Middlesex County!](#) They have given Everyone Outside numerous grants over the years that have supported a variety of programs. In 2022, they helped us to provide over \$40,000 in scholarships for children attending our Farm & Forest Summer Camp through a grant that supported our development capabilities. Our Women of the Woods and Girls Outside programs have also benefited from grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County's Sari Rosenbaum Fund for Women and Girls. [#cfmc\\_ct](#)



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Investments	\$35,710,625	\$31,603,549
Contributions Receivable	100,685	25,719
Split-Interest Agreements	156,990	146,108
Other Assets	967,176	569,898
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$36,935,476</b>	<b>\$32,345,274</b>

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Agency Funds	\$1,209,595	\$1,100,229
Grants Payable	655,087	404,536
Split-Interest Agreements	240,023	261,954
Expenses Payable	38,912	12,362
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$2,143,617</b>	<b>\$1,779,081</b>

<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Donor Designated	\$3,318,683	\$3,037,886
Donor Advised	1,080,306	887,709
Undesignated	21,904,383	19,383,757
General Support	4,641,884	3,991,864
<b>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>\$30,945,256</b>	<b>\$27,301,216</b>

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		
	3,846,603	3,264,977
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$34,791,859</b>	<b>\$30,566,193</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$36,935,476</b>	<b>\$32,345,274</b>
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Gifts & Contributions		
Endowed	\$806,509	\$339,284
Unendowed	788,047	546,083
Administration	225,177	253,732
Inkind Contributions	32,416	23,041
Government Grants	81,038	68,745
<b>Total Gifts &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,933,187</b>	<b>\$1,230,885</b>

Investment Income	890,368	729,421
Fees - Agency Endowments	21,683	18,698
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,845,238</b>	<b>\$1,979,004</b>

<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Grants - Unendowed funds	\$483,588	\$526,580
Grants - Endowed funds	572,985	344,452

Functional Expenses:		
Program Services	259,223	169,877
Management & General	268,933	213,143
Fundraising	233,215	244,237
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$1,817,944</b>	<b>\$1,498,289</b>

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss),		
net	3,198,372	2,429,259
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,225,666</b>	<b>\$2,909,974</b>
Net Assets at beginning of year	30,566,193	27,656,219
Net Assets at end of year	\$34,791,859	\$30,566,193

<b>Planned Gifts</b>	<b>\$21,058,000</b>	<b>\$19,342,800</b>
(Approximate Known Revocable Gifts)		

### 2021 Investments and Performance

Foundation investments are determined and monitored by the Finance and Investment Committee to meet the Board of Director's approved Investment Policy. Monies are invested with a financial management firm, with cash holdings in money market accounts.

This report is unaudited. The Community Foundation's financial results are audited annually.

Audited financial reports and Internal Revenue Service form 990 are available upon request.



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We celebrated 25 Years of Good People Doing Great Things with a wonderful video highlighting the many faces and places and services YOU have helped.

**Have you checked out the video? Check it out here ... [MiddlesexCountyCF.org/Videos](http://MiddlesexCountyCF.org/Videos)**



And then join us in a resounding Round of Applause for our friends at OptionA!

This extraordinary group of creative people took our ideas and photos and crafted them into a loving story of 25 years of YOUR commitment to Middlesex County.

