You ARE the community; you ARE its roots, not only sustaining the much needed programs and services of today, but creating a better, stronger tomorrow. You make a difference every day in the work you do, the friends and family you cherish, and the organizations and services you support.

Donations to Middlesex County Community Foundation sustain and nurture those roots. Through MCCF, the organizations, programs and services you care about are made stronger. YOUR commitment to the community touches lives and creates stronger futures.

Your BELIEF in Middlesex County and your SUPPORT of the mission of the Community Foundation provide for a better tomorrow for your children and your children’s children. Middlesex County Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. With YOUR energy and YOUR enthusiasm, we have established strong roots in the community.

So we ask the question, Why do YOU give to and through Middlesex County Community Foundation?

“As a family, we support one another through everything. We also believe that the community you live in is your extended family. By working with the Community Foundation we have been able to come together with others to make a lasting difference... to make Middlesex County a better place for everyone... now and for the generations who will come after us.”

“Both our family and business roots were born in Middlesex County. A commitment to both the social and economic well-being of our communities drives us personally and in business. The Community Foundation shares this commitment to our communities, and through MCCF we are supporting our family, our neighbors and our businesses. We consider Middlesex County the best place to live, enjoy life and do good business.”

“I give because the greatest gifts I have received have come from the amazing women in my life... lessons and knowledge that I want to pass on to my own little girl. We need to make sure that organizations in Middlesex County are able to do that for all our children. Using the knowledge and experience of the Community Foundation means a better future, not just for my daughter, but for all our children.”

“We live in troubled economic times that can lead us to concentrate on ourselves and family only. We must remember that there are other very worthy causes and issues that merit a portion of our “estate.” The Community Foundation is an organization that can efficiently and effectively help us serve the needs of others in our area.”
I’m sure you’ll all agree that 2011 entered with a roar. Winter storms may have created havoc for many, but not even the multitude of winter storms can keep Middlesex County down! Your energy, enthusiasm and concern for others certainly helped brighten the gray days of winter and we are grateful for your support.

Thanks to YOU, YOUR generosity, commitment and partnership, the Community Foundation welcomed 2011 by reinvesting over $315,000 in Middlesex County. For the fourth year in a row, YOU, our partners in philanthropy, gave over $1 million to the Community Foundation to invest in the towns throughout the County to help others, now and in the future. Now that’s Philanthropy in action!

YOUR generosity supports programs which not only feed the hungry but also transport the sick, and aid the homeless. YOUR commitment sustains the creative expression of the budding young artist, the roles of the thespians, and the beauty of song. Because of YOU there are books to read, trails to explore, and amazing histories to learn.

As always, in 2011 we continue to celebrate the enthusiasm of volunteers and stakeholders who are committed to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. We see this commitment in the dedication of our Board of Directors, Directors Emeriti, Committee Volunteers and everyone who helps us fulfill your wishes and our collective mission! The Community Foundation is grateful for the generous support of the members of the President’s Society and the Chairman’s Circle; your belief in MCCF and support of our operations is felt throughout the County each and every day.

Together, we have set the example of “GOOD PEOPLE DOING GREAT THINGS”. We are excited and pleased to welcome our newest supporters, Live Local Give Local 365. This group of energetic residents has embarked on a path of demonstrating that the heart and the wallet can meet and help others…all on $1 a day. (You’ll learn more about them on the following pages.)

2011 also marks a milestone for the Community Foundation’s Fund for Women & Girls – 10 YEARS OF EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY. Thanks to the dedication of our donors and the members of that committee, we have shown that Middlesex County provides the services and programs to help girls and women thrive.

To all…our Board of Directors, Donors, Volunteers and Nonprofit Colleagues we extend a hearty “Thank you!” You demonstrate every day that “Philanthropy Matters. Philanthropy Works.”

Best Regards,

Cynthia H. Clegg

Helping Good People
Do Great Things
through our
LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL FUND!

100% of the proceeds will be donated to our area nonprofits.
HELPING GOOD PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS

MARCIA L. KALAYJIAN ASSUMES CHAIR FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

With a resounding round of applause we welcome Marcia Kalayjian, our incoming Chairman of the Board and thank David Royston, who has led the board so ably for the past two years. To Dave we extend our gratitude for your countless hours devoted to the Community Foundation and for your wisdom, guidance and leadership.

To Marcia we say “Welcome! “ Marcia has extensive knowledge of the Community Foundation’s operations and has been a member of the board since 2006. Marcia also served as Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Organizational and Nominating Committee, and Co-Chair of the Development/Communications Committee. Marcia sees the role of the Community Foundation as a resource for the community at large, not just for funding, but for assistance to the many nonprofit organizations doing important work for people in the county, especially those organizations with limited or no staff. We know we are certainly in good hands with Marcia as Chair, the first woman to be elected to this position.

“I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. I’ve lived in the County for a number of years and hope to bring some local knowledge of the needs of the community and the resources at hand. I want to tap into the tremendous talents of our Board and staff in expanding the reach and influence of the Community Foundation in a positive way. I want the Community Foundation to continue to provide leadership in HELPING GOOD PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS.”

MCCF WELCOMES 2 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lyn May of East Haddam is completing two years of a vacant seat.

Lyn’s career has taken her from Massachusetts to Georgia and around the world, when upon semi-retiring, she moved to Connecticut. She is a celebrated television journalist, reporting and hosting on a broad range of topics. She has held gubernatorial appointments in Massachusetts and Georgia; was Communications Director for the 1996 Olympic Games; and was Executive Director of the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. Lyn has served on numerous boards and was a founding member of the Lower Connecticut River Forum. She will serve on the Cultivation Committee and has joined the Fund for Women & Girls Committee.

Gary Salva of Middlefield will serve a three year term.

Gary, who will continue to serve on the Development/Communications Committee, has long been active in Middlesex County. He is currently with Sagemark Consulting (Lincoln Financial Advisors/CIGNA Financial Advisors) and has earned Senior Planner Status. Prior to his election to the Board, Mr. Salva had served on the Community Foundation’s Development Committee for three years. He is a past member of the Durham Historical Commission and has served on the Durham Economic Development Commission. When not speaking at Estate Planning Seminars and assisting clients, Mr. Salva is an avid car collector and enthusiast.

Ralph Shaw II of Middletown was unanimously elected Director Emeritus in recognition of his many years of committed service to the Community Foundation. Shaw, a founding Board Member, served on the Board for nine years and as chair for seven of those years. He exemplifies Roots in the community, through his service, his enthusiasm and his commitment to the residents and organizations making Middlesex County a great place to live, work, and play! MCCF is honored to list Ralph “Biff” Shaw II among our Directors Emeriti, and look forward to his wise counsel for years to come. 
Together we are making a difference throughout Middlesex County - Again!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and grant making partners, the Community Foundation approved $129,500 in competitive grants to forty-five (45) organizations serving Middlesex County communities for the 2010-2011 cycle.

These grants support programs and services in the arts and heritage enhancement, education, human services, the environment, animal/human welfare, and women and girls. Thanks to YOUR continuing support, these grants will provide much needed funds for food, health services and transportation to low-income and shut-in neighbors; after school programming for our youth; creative outlets to sustain our inner child; and a bird’s eye view to life up above the Connecticut River.

Together we demonstrate that there are so many **Good People Doing Great Things** in Middlesex County, and TOGETHER we are all improving the quality of life for everyone.

Funding for these grants was made possible by the Community Foundation’s endowed funds as well as by donations from generous individuals and community-minded organizations, including River View Cemetery-Essex, Connecticut Humanities Council, D’Addario Family Foundation, and Citizens Bank Foundation.

To see a full listing of this year’s grant awards and programs, visit the Community Foundation’s website: www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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**Congratulations to our grantees!**

| Bushy Hill Nature Center | Middlesex Hospital, Family Advocacy Program |
| Community Health Center-New Horizons | Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness |
| Connecticut Forest & Park Association | Middletown Public Schools |
| Connecticut River Museum | Middletown School Readiness Council |
| Deep River Public Library | Mount Saint John |
| Durham-Middlefield Youth & Family Services | Natchaug Hospital – Joshua Center Shoreline |
| East Haddam Free Public Library | NEAR, Inc./Buttonwood Tree |
| Epoch Arts | Oddfellows Playhouse |
| Essex Historical Society | Sail CT Access Program |
| Essex Land Trust | Salt Marsh Opera |
| Essex Library Association | Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries |
| Estuary Council of Senior Clubs | St. Luke's Eldercare Solutions of Central CT |
| FISH for C.D.& E. | St. Vincent DePaul Place |
| Gilead Community Services | Tracy Art Center |
| Greater Middletown Chorale | Valley Shore YMCA |
| Green Street Arts Center | Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center |
| Haddam Historical Society | Westbrook Youth & Family Services |
| High Hopes Therapeutic Riding | YMCA of Northern Middlesex County |
| HOPE Partnership, Inc. |   |
| I Have A Friend Youth Center |   |
| Ivoryton Library Association |   |
| Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation |   |
| Kuhn Employment Opportunities |   |
| Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore |   |
| Middlesex Community College Foundation |   |
| Middlesex County Historical Society |   |
| Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT |   |

Middlesex County Community Foundation’s mission is to improve the community by developing endowments, making grants that have impact, and recognizing individual gifts to the Community Foundation. NO overhead is charged on grants, and all grants are awarded to local organizations serving Middlesex County. NO overhead is charged on grants, and all grants are awarded to local organizations serving Middlesex County.
HELPING GOOD PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS. PHILANTHROPY WORKS.

1 DOLLAR A DAY ~ 365 DOLLARS A YEAR INVESTED IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.
LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL—365.

What can a dollar a day do? $1 a day for 365 days, you have $365. Join with friends, neighbors, businesses, each bringing $365 to the table ... a group of 10 creates $3,650; a group of 100 creates $36,500; and it grows and grows and grows. A dollar a day can accomplish a great deal.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our newest local giving movement: Live Local Give Local 365.

Why LLGL 365? Because anyone can be a philanthropist.

LLGL 365 allows you to leverage your dollars with others to support programs and causes you care about. The larger the fund, the greater the impact.

Through the fund you will engage in philanthropy with your peers. You will share what you know, and you will learn about the issues facing Middlesex County and the people who work to make our community a better place.

There are no obligations. You are encouraged to attend events to network with one another and learn about issues, programs and organizations directly affecting the communities in which we live, work and play. You will have an opportunity to vote on specific grant making programs annually from the LLGL 365 fund. You will also have the opportunity to network and interface with one another and with nonprofit organizations through social media sites such as the LLGL 365 Blog. Visit www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org for updates.

You are encouraged to help grow the initiative by telling others, sending e-mails, and hosting get-togethers.

Because LLGL 365 is a new initiative of the Community Foundation, you, our founders, will have the opportunity to shape LLGL 365 into an effective tool for change in Middlesex County.

So we invite you to find out more about what a difference a $1 a day can make. Contact Cynthia or Thayer at MCCF at 860.347.0025; check out the FAQs on our website, www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org; and join us on March 16 at our next networking event – Guilford Savings Bank – Old Saybrook Branch.

Individually we each can do something good, but together we do GREAT THINGS!

Fund for Women & Girls honors Arianna Huffington's generosity and commitment to Middlesex County

Of the ten competitive grant awards given by Fund for Women & Girls, three are in honor of Arianna Huffington, who donated her honorarium after her appearance at the benefit event in November, 2010.

• Durham-Middlefield Youth & Family Services to partially fund the “True You” program, a five-week, mother-daughter self-esteem building program, culminating in the True You Expo;
• Epoch Arts to fund the Breaking Silences program, designed for at-risk girls in grades 6 to 12, which creates an artistic environment in which they can express themselves and deal with problems in a positive way;
• Middlesex County Historical Society for a walking tour of Women’s History in Middletown, in commemoration of Women’s History Month, March 2011.

A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND A BIG THANK YOU!
to our sponsors at the February 9th launch event:

eo art lab in Chester

Fromage Fine Foods & Coffees of Old Saybrook

Chamard Vineyards in Clinton

Epoch Arts

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE AND ASSISTING DONORS IN MEETING THEIR PHILANTHROPIC OBJECTIVES.
The Fund for Women & Girls is marking a MILESTONE! Ten years ago, a group of committed Middlesex County women came together and said, We CAN make a difference right here, right now. Together they created the Middlesex County Community Foundation Fund for Women & Girls. Together they reached out to their friends, their sisters, their neighbors and made a difference in Middlesex County. Together YOU continue to make a difference today and for the future.

So help us celebrate 10 years of Empowering Women and Girls! Help us celebrate 10 years of supporting nonprofits in Middlesex County which provide programs and services to guide our women and girls to stronger, better lives.

Help us to celebrate 10 years of YOU – the women who knew they could make a difference; the men and women, recognizing their enthusiasm and commitment, joined them to provide grants.

Watch your e-mail for events and get-togethers throughout the year, to bring old and new friends together, and to celebrate all of the Good People Doing Great Things on behalf of women & girls in Middlesex County.

Honor that special Mother, Daughter, Grandmother, Aunt, Teacher, Mentor in your life by making a donation on Mother’s Day to MCCF Fund for Women & Girls – gifts in honor of and in memory of the special women in our lives will be included on our website, and we will gladly send a special Mother’s Day card to the person you wish to honor!

November 3, 2010 brought over 200 men and women together to support MCCF Fund for Women & Girls and welcome Arianna Huffington, of HuffingtonPost.com, to Middlesex County. The evening was filled with old and new friends reuniting and culminated in a riveting talk by Ms. Huffington on the importance of supporting our communities – individuals and communities which are the backbone of our country. Ms. Huffington signed copies of her newest book, Third World America, after her talk. The evening ended on a truly impressive note, when it was announced that Ms. Huffington had donated her honorarium to MCCF Fund for Women & Girls for grant making in 2010-2011!

Thank you to Arianna Huffington … and thank you to all of YOU who joined us for a great evening!
DATES TO REMEMBER!

For more information, visit our calendar at www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org

MARCH celebrates Women’s History Month

March 16 Live Local Give Local 365
Hosted by Guilford Savings Bank, 840 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook

APRIL 10 TO 16 ~ NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
Celebrating People In Action!

Sunday, May 8 ~ Mother’s Day
Remember the special woman in your life with a gift to MCCF Fund for Women & Girls in their honor or memory

JUNE IS LEAVE A LEGACY MONTH ~ Talk with an advisor about how your gifts can do great things well into the future!

June 23 ~ Party with a Purpose
Test your knowledge!
Join Hon. Robert Holzberg, Superior Court Judge, Middletown, for an evening of legal stumpers!
Essex Meadows, Essex

July 28 ~ 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Annual Grantee Reception

August 25 ~ 5:30 to 7:30 PM
ARF! Animals Respect and Friendship Fund Reception

September 7 ~ “SHOWBOAT”
Enjoy a Cruise on the Becky Thatcher and the musical “SHOWBOAT” at the Goodspeed Opera House to benefit Middlesex County Community Foundation

In Partnership with Association of Fundraising Professionals – CT Chapter
Webinars – 1:00 to 2:30 @ MCCF

March 24 Seriously Good Innovation … In Practice!
April 20 Social Networking and Online Fundraising Success
May 19 Developing a Planned Giving Marketing Plan
June 21 How to Raise More by Selling your Impact
September 15 Face-to-Face Basic: Integrating Individuals Into Your Development Plan
October 27 From Boomers to Echo Boomers: Giving Across Generations

NONPROFIT RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTS

March 15 ~ 9:00 to 10:00 AM at MCCF
Once Upon a Time … Story is Everything! Workshop With Ira Yellen, First Experience Communications

March 24 ~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Middlesex County Leave A Legacy Advisors Information Session on Legacy Planning

June 10 ~ Workshop 8:00 AM to Noon
Keep Your Donors: Build Profitable Relationships That Last With Simone Joyaux

IVORYTON, KILLINGWORTH, MIDDLE HADDAM, MIDDLEFIELD, MIDDLETOWN, MOODUS, OLD SAYBROOK, PORTLAND, ROCKFALL, WESTBROOK AND WINTHROP
HERE’S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Legacy Supports Our Community and Fulfills Your Philanthropic Wishes.

There are several ways to ensure a bright future for Middlesex County:

• Prepare a will, and include a gift for the charities that have made a difference in your life or the life of someone you love.

• Donate a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your assets, including stocks, bonds, CDs, or other property.

• Name your favorite charity as the beneficiary of your IRA, pension plan, or insurance policy.

• Honor deserving friends and remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

Middlesex County Community Foundation welcomes conversations with good people who want to leave a legacy. Call us at 860-347-0025.

There’s no end to the good YOU can do!