

# February News & Notes

## Celebrating Community this Valentine's Day

CFMC's News & Notes - February 2016: Celebrating All You Do for the Community, welcoming new friends, rebuilding a roof (literally), and establishing a foundation for the future.



### You and Your Neighbors are Amazing.

#### This Valentine's Day we say THANK YOU!

You and your neighbors made a huge difference in 2015. Thanks to the combined support of so many people throughout Middlesex County who share your love of community:

- Our nonprofit organizations received \$721,162 in grants to support their critical work in education, environment, the arts, animal welfare, and so many other areas.
- Over 2,000 students, teachers, parents, and M&J Bus drivers participated in CFMC's Council of Business Partners Campaign for Bully-Free Communities events.
- Generous, caring neighbors and businesses established 12 Funds at CFMC, providing for the needs and issues of today and ensuring that Middlesex County thrives forever.



**You made all of this possible. You - our generous and caring donors.**

Your contribution to support work on the issues you care about strengthens the community for everyone. Your great work doesn't stop there; you have kicked off 2016 with your love of community ...

**read on** for some great stories of how together we are making Middlesex County a great place to live, work, and play.

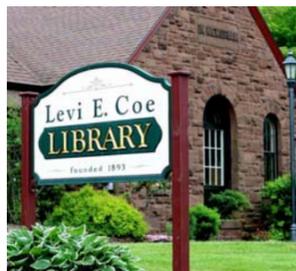
Let us know what matters most to you! If it matters to you ... it matters to us.

**Thank you! We are honored and humbled to have your support.**

*Cynthia*



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**Building for the Future**  
Levi E. Coe Library in Middlefield took Judge Levi E. Coe's 1893 remarks to heart and is working with CFMC to ensure the Library is prepared for the future.  
[Learn More HERE](#)



**Building Community**  
Moving to a new community is daunting. **FIND OUT HOW** a group of community-focused organizations are working together to help displaced people settle into a new community and a new country.



**(Re)Building a Roof**  
There is a special building at the corner of Main Street and Sandy Creek Drive in Old Saybrook - a place that provides a roof for many nonprofits and groups. Now that building needs our help - **A NEW ROOF.**



## New Faces and Longtime Friends at the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is fortunate to have an incredibly talented, committed Board of Directors working on behalf of our community.

Join us in welcoming Meghan Whelen and Tim Geelan to the 2016 Board of Directors ... and thanking John Biddiscombe and Deborah Moore for their years of service to Middlesex County. [Follow this LINK to Read More](#)



## What does a grant look like?

St. Luke's Community Services received double good news in a week and couldn't wait to share it with Middlesex County.

Thanks to your generosity, the Community Foundation awarded a grant to St. Luke's Vets4Vets program and they had this to say about it ... ([Click HERE to read their announcement](#))



## A Final Note (or two) ...

**Did you hear?** After years of temporary extensions and uncertainty, Congress passed and the President signed into law a permanent extension of the **IRA Charitable Rollover**. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows a person aged 70 1/2 or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County without having to pay income taxes on the donated funds. Contact your IRA administrator for more information about giving through your IRA.

### We are making an e-communications change

... we will be making some changes to our e-communications platform. What affect does this have on you? None - or we hope so. Because you have opted in to receive our electronic communications, we wanted you to know that we will be making this change. In order to move your e-mail address to our new platform, we will be "opting your e-mail in" when we make the change.

If you have changes or updates to the e-mail at which you receive our e-communications, or if you have questions in general about our e-communications, please contact Thayer at [Thayer@MiddlesexCountyCF.org](mailto:Thayer@MiddlesexCountyCF.org) or 860.347.0025.

Ask a friend to join in, too!

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