DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY WORK?

IT STARTS WITH YOU ~ THE DONOR

WITH A PASSION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

WHO USE YOUR GIFTS

TO CREATE & BUILD FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FUNDS FULFILL YOUR CHARITABLE PASSIONS THROUGH

ALL FUNDS:
- UNRESTRICTED
- DONOR ADVISED
- DESIGNATED
- AGENCY
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

ARE GOVERNED BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CFMC AND THE DONOR

THE CFMC TEAM

- MEETS WITH DONORS TO DETERMINE WHICH TYPE OF FUND IS RIGHT FOR THEIR GOALS
- ASSISTS DONORS WITH GIVING COMPLEX GIFTS
- HELPS DONORS GROW FUNDS

- OFFERS EXPERTISE ON COMMUNITY NEEDS
- PRESERVES DONOR WISHES IN PERPETUITY
- PROVIDES REGULAR STATEMENTS ON FUND ACTIVITY

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL

CASH
SECURITIES
REAL ASSETS
RETIREMENT FUNDS
INSURANCE BEQUESTS
GOOD PEOPLE GREAT THINGS

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY WORK?

OUR MISSION
To improve the quality of life for the people of the County now and in the future by developing endowments, making grants that have impact, and assisting donors in meeting their philanthropic objectives.

Together, we’ve accomplished so much since 1997. Let’s celebrate our collective accomplishments! (as of 12.31.14)

GROWTH
Over $12.2 million in pooled assets

INVESTMENTS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY (1997-2014)
Total Grants Approved 1,295
Total Funds Awarded $4,038,406

DONORS/INVESTORS CARING AND GIVING BACK
165 Funds Established to Give Back Now and Forever

DOING MORE EACH YEAR
2014 Grants Approved - $656,848 (a new record)

ESTABLISHING A LEGACY OF GIVING
Eighty-six (86) individuals have made known their PLANNED GIFTS with a value of over $18.3 million

COMMITMENT
Since 1997, almost 3,500 INDIVIDUAL and CORPORATE DONORS have provided over $15.5 million in gifts to support and encourage our mission.
100% COMMITMENT and 100% PARTICIPATION in donations from current and past BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS.

On the cover: a father and daughter enjoy breakfast and one-on-one time thanks to the All Pro Dads Program; Westbrook Youth & Family Services “Look for the Good” project; Green Street Teaching and Learning Center “Discovery After School” Program; Camp Hazen YMCA; Maria’s portrait of Sari A. Rosenbaum.

Waverly Court Seniors spent helping children at the Chatham Housing Court in Portland explore the arts

Community Music School music therapy class for children with developmental disabilities

Epoch Arts “Breaking Silences” production

Our Community Cares Garden in Clinton, providing fresh produce for the Clinton food pantries

Gilead Community Services
Dear Friends,

WHAT IF

... You could give every child the joy of reading, through their own personal library?

... You could help mothers-to-be get the support they and their babies need to be healthy?

... You could ensure low-income homeowners access to basic repairs, making their homes safe places to live?

... You could offer senior citizens home-delivered meals and rides to medical appointments?

... You could bring people together to talk about the hard issues, such as mental health and wellness, and work together to enhance services and find new solutions?

What if you and your friends could build resources for tomorrow, generating new ideas and new programs that will positively impact your community - forever?

With the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, you are doing all of this and so much more.

We know that when you connect good neighbors who care about their community and who value making a difference, there is no “What If.” There are results.

We know that IF the people of a community care about where they live, work, and play - as you do - THEN great things happen. In fact, you have made great things happen over the past seventeen and a half years, and we know that this is just the beginning.

IF YOU POOL YOUR RESOURCES to support the community where you live, work, and play, THEN...

Any and every gift will have an impact. Since 1997, with your overwhelming generosity, we have worked together through the Community Foundation to improve the quality of life in our region. Over the years, what began as a small, grass roots effort has become a major investment in the community. In fact, by pooling resources, we have invested more than $4 million through 1,295 grants to help our community flourish. Donations continue to come from numerous sources and of varying sizes, proving again that it is not the size of a single gift that makes the difference, but the generosity of a community giving together for the benefit of all.

In 2014 alone, your extraordinary generosity enabled the Community Foundation to award 202 grants totaling $656,848 to nonprofits working in our community. Together, you demonstrated beyond a doubt that you care, ensuring that:

- Your colleagues and friends of all ages can explore their artistic imaginations;
- Your local history will be preserved for generations to come;
- Your natural spaces are areas of not only conservation, but also recreation and education;
- People have safe havens in times of adversity;
- And much more.

IF YOU LIVE LOCAL AND GIVE LOCAL, THEN ...

You make extraordinary things possible. No one person can do everything alone, but together we can do great things. Thanks to you, donors realized their passions, shared their visions, and established eleven (11) new funds which will benefit our community today and for generations. This brings the total to a record 165 funds established by wonderful people and businesses who understand powerful things can and will happen for our neighbors when we combine our time, talent and resources.

IF YOU WORK WITH THOSE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND PASSION, THEN ...

Goals become realities. At the Community Foundation, we are fortunate to work with volunteers and advisors who are engaged in our communities and who are committed to its health, sustainability, and well being.

The Finance and Investment Committee, under the direction of the Board of Directors, is comprised of committed individuals experienced in fiscal matters who take their fiduciary responsibilities very seriously. Through the capable leadership of our Board of Directors and the knowledgeable oversight of our Finance and Investment Committee, the Community Foundation’s endowment continued to grow. By December 31, 2014, our pooled assets increased to $12.2 million, thus providing more opportunities to support the programs and services impacting Middlesex County.
IF YOU HAVE A PASSION, THEN ...

The Community Foundation will help you make a difference. The Community Foundation represents local people, giving locally to make an impact on the lives of others, not just for today, but forever. Together, we improve the arts; cultural and heritage programs; educational activities; the environmental; and health and human services.

We ask that you share your enthusiasm about our collective successes and tell others about your Community Foundation. We want to hear from you - your vision, your passion, your "What If." You can create results through the Community Foundation by establishing a Fund, making a planned gift for the future benefit of the community, or donating to support our work in Middlesex County. We are here for you and the things you care about.

THANK YOU

As always, our Board of Directors joins us to say THANK YOU for your loyal support. Our mission to improve the quality of life in Middlesex County is a constant. We THANK YOU for the confidence and trust you have placed in the Community Foundation; we hold a strong sense of responsibility and embrace our stewardship of your funds wholeheartedly. We enthusiastically work to continue the efforts that brought the Community Foundation to its current place – a place where philanthropy thrives and where we “help good people do great things.” We are committed to seeing your vision of “What If” become “What Is,” and we know that our community’s potential is unlimited when we demonstrate that PHILANTHROPY MATTERS. PHILANTHROPY WORKS.

Sincerely,

John Biddiscombe
2014 Chairman, Board of Directors

Cynthia H. Clegg
President & CEO

Changing Faces around the Table

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we are grateful to the many dynamic and caring volunteers who serve on our Board. Each has a clear understanding of his/her role as stewards for your funds and the community’s assets. The diversity of our Board is one of the reasons we continue to serve our community so effectively.

The Community Foundation was pleased to welcome three new Board members in 2014: Brian Abely, Clio Coles, and Sue Sawchuk. Each brings a unique blend of knowledge, expertise and passion to improve the quality of life for all in our region. The Community Foundation will benefit from their experience in business, education, finance and volunteerism. These three individuals will ensure that the work of the Community Foundation continues to have a positive impact on our community, today and for years to come.

The Board of Directors would like to thank two wonderful volunteers whose terms ended in December 2014. Jean La Torre of Durham served on the Board and the Finance Investment Committee, as well as the Strategic Planning Committee. Judy Schoonmaker of Essex served on the Development Committee and has chaired the Community Foundation’s annual fundraising event. She continues to serve on the Community Foundation’s event planning committee. We are extremely thankful for the time and talent these two women have given to our community.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to these and our many volunteers. You are truly “Good People Doing Great Things.”
Grant Making is a Team Effort

GRANT MAKING IS A PARTNERSHIP – Amazing people live, work, and play in Middlesex County. The Community Foundation is privileged to work with so many passionate individuals, turning “What Ifs” into action. Our donors make meaningful differences each day in the lives of everyone throughout Middlesex County today, while building a stronger and more vibrant tomorrow.

The Community Foundation is honored to work with grant making partners in our community to leverage resources and create a greater impact. We would like to extend a special Thank You to the D’Addario Family Foundation and River View Cemetery for joining with CFMC as grant making partners in 2014.

Grant making occurs all year long. You, our donors and fund holders, impact the community with every gift you make and every grant you recommend. Because of your generosity and your passion, once again the Community Foundation reached a new benchmark. In 2014 a record $656,848 was invested in the community through grants to local nonprofit organizations. You, your neighbors, colleagues, and the committed grants committees continued to respond to needs across our local communities through donor advised funds, designated funds, and the competitive grants cycle.

The Community Foundation offers a competitive grant application cycle once a year. Nonprofit organizations may apply in one of several focus areas including:

- **Arts and Culture**
- **Education**
- **Heritage Enhancement**
- **The Environment**
- **Health and Human Services**
- **Programs addressing animal welfare and services and animal/human services**
- **Programs serving Women and Girls**
- **Programs serving At-Risk Boys and Young Men**

Grant applications are reviewed by committees made up of diverse volunteers. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide programs and projects to help individuals build better lives; foster cooperative approaches to community issues; and build infrastructure within the organization in order to meet its mission.

In short, we look for organizations that will make a difference every day in our community.

Throughout the year we evaluate the impact of the grants awarded, by not only reviewing goals and measuring outcomes, but also by visiting grantee organizations for updates and information sessions. Our goal is to assist organizations in their work and thus improving the lives of our neighbors.

Read on … In the following pages you – our donors and fund holders – made a tremendous impact in Middlesex County in 2014 turning **WHAT IF** into **WHAT IS**.

### Friends of the Valley Railroad

Friends of the Valley Railroad has been placing historic markers at the train depots in the Connecticut River Valley. Volunteers help clear the area and build the kiosks which contain details of the rich history of the river valley and its important role in the early years of train travel.
**THINKING BROADLY – ADDRESSING ISSUES – CREATING IMPACT**

**FLEXIBLE, UNRESTRICTED OR FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

When you make a gift to one of the many **FLEXIBLE, UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** or **FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**, you are investing in the community through the Community Foundation's grant making efforts. **Together** we continue to build a stronger Middlesex County with a broad array of programs and services.

### 2014-2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS

**TOTAL AWARDED: $166,220**

#### GRANTS FOR ANIMAL/HUMAN WELFARE & SERVICES

- **Cat-Tales** / $2,481 / to support the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to control overpopulation of stray and feral cats while also controlling diseases in the community.

- **High Hopes Therapeutic Riding** / $3,750 / to provide financial assistance and bus transportation for students with disabilities from Regional School District 17 in therapeutic riding and other equine-assisted activities.

- **Ray of Light Farm** / $2,500 / to support the rescue program which involves the care and training of horses and donkeys.

#### GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

- **Community Music School** / $2,000 / to support the Kindermusik Early Childhood program for children ages 6 months to 4 years with tuition assistance, increased outreach to families, and take-home learning materials.

- **Essex Winter Series** / $2,362 / to fund community outreach programs that provide music workshops to area schools and retirement communities.

- **Greater Middletown Chorale** / $5,000 / to support the documentary film production of the acclaimed premiere concert of Meneely-Kyder's oratorio “Letter from Italy, 1944.”

- **Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation** / $3,500 / to purchase technology and professional projection equipment to create rich multimedia designs for theatrical productions.

- **Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center** / $3,000 / to fund the dance/creative movement component of multi-disciplined arts educational “Kate's Camp for Kids”, a summer arts day camp for children ages 5 to 10.

- **Oddfellows Playhouse** / $5,000 / to support the 2015 Circus Programs, including winter and spring circus classes, Circophony, and the 2015 summer Children's Circus of Middletown.

- **Salt Marsh Opera** / $5,000 / to provide 800 5th and 6th grade Middletown students with interactive music programs and a fully staged performance at Middletown High School Fine Arts Theater.

- **Center for Children's Advocacy** / $4,000 / to reduce the high recidivism rate among boys at Connecticut Juvenile Training School by training boys through interaction with law enforcement and by also providing legal consultation and representation regarding alternative school rights.

- **Keigwin Middle School** / $5,000 / to provide guest speakers, equipment, and admissions costs and transportation for rewards-based field trips for participants in the XMEN program.

- **Middletown Public Schools** / $3,000 / to implement the All Pro Dads curriculum kits and provide online access to allprodads.com, breakfast food, and transportation assistance to three school sites in Middletown.

- **Durham Middlefield Youth & Family Services** / $2,070 / to expand the EDGE (Excellent Decisions Guiding Everyday) program to Memorial School. EDGE promotes youth engagement and leadership and empowers youth to encourage their peers and the community to make healthy and smart choices.

- **Killingworth Library Association** / $3,750 / to replace aged public computers no longer supported by Microsoft, thus keeping the Library’s technology current, ensuring uninterrupted service to the public, and enabling the Library to receive important support, updates and security from software providers.

- **Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore** / $4,464 / to provide training and certification of up to forty-eight new tutors. The additional tutors will help LVVS reach more of the 9,000 adults in Middlesex County who are at or below a third grade level of literacy.

- **Middletown School Readiness Council** / $5,000 / to fund storytelling performances to 350 preschool students at seven Middletown School Readiness sites. Students receive an age appropriate book each month to build their own personal library.

- **Moody School Parent Teacher Association** / $1,700 / to connect Moody School students and the community through the courtyard garden project with an after-school garden club, garden enhancements, and school programs, thus engaging students in interactive, hands-on science programs.

- **Portland Public Library** / $1,553 / to create fifteen (15) themed Early Learning Backpacks from Sprout Learning. Each includes books and activities, supplemental music and magic erase boards. The kits are used by families, day care centers, and preschool classes for fun learning experiences.

- **Wesleyan/Middletown Public Schools Collaborative** / $3,000 / to support the SAT preparation course for Middletown High School juniors to aid them in becoming more competitive in the testing process. This course is an important component of the year-round initiative to support college readiness.

- **Westbrook Youth & Family Services** / $1,040 / to continue the Community Connections program by enlisting the support of high school students to identify and develop community action projects which will support local residents of all ages and backgrounds.

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**GRANTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Connecticut Forest & Park Association** / $2,000 / to rebuild and modernize the hands-on, forest-based environmental education of the Highlawn Forest Discovery Loop. The forest offers wonderful recreation and the Discovery Loop builds awareness of land stewardship and our relationship to and dependency on the land.

**Essex Land Trust** / $4,950 / to develop public access to The 1,000 Acre Preserve, the largest remaining coastal forest in our region.

**GRANTS FOR HERITAGE ENHANCEMENT**

**Chester Historical Society** / $3,400 / to permanently place the 1700s millstones, the oldest artifacts of Chester history, at the Chester Museum at the Mill. The millstones now provide an historic entry to the Museum, surrounded by native plantings.

**Connecticut River Museum** / $2,500 / to enhance the visitor experience at the Museum by creating more informative signage about the Connecticut River and the Museum’s mission, thus increasing communications and better serving family audiences.

**Essex Historical Society** / $3,000 / to support the design, writing, and printing of a 24-page, color illustrated booklet about Essex history.

**GRANTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

**Camp Hazen YMCA** / $3,000 / to provide financial assistance for campers from low- to moderate income families in Middlesex County for the 2015 summer programs.

**The Connection** / $5,000 / to purchase food for the Eddy Shelter guests (between 25 and 52 men and women daily and up to 65 during the winter). This includes not only a hot meal on Sundays throughout the year when the local soup kitchen is closed but also daily breakfasts and snacks.

**East Hampton Food Bank** / $3,000 / to support the Fuel Assistance Program which offers supplemental assistance to East Hampton residents who have exhausted support through two state programs or who are not eligible for such state support.

**Estuary Council of Seniors** / $3,000 / to support the Meals on Wheels program which has experienced a 22% increase in need for home delivered meals throughout the lower county/nine town estuary region.

**FISH for Chester, Deep River & Essex** / $1,800 / to support the Friends in Service Here transportation program which provides free transportation to medical appointments for individuals who cannot afford fee-based transportation services.

**Gilead Community Services** / $5,000 / to support services through its Middletown Outpatient Clinic which provides mental health services to individuals and families. It is one of the few clinics available to the segment of the population that has no insurance or that is under-insured.

**Kiwanis Foundation of Middletown** / $2,500 / to purchase new basic winter clothing and footwear for upper Middlesex County children, birth through age 15, who might otherwise go without, through the “Warm the Children” program.

**Luther Ridge at Middletown** / $2,500 / to provide dental care, cleaning and exams to low- to moderate-income seniors living at Luther Ridge.

**Middlesex Coalition for Children** / $3,000 / to support the continuing work of the Coalition to educate, advocate and network with organizations and agencies working on behalf of children in Middlesex County.

**Middlesex County Coalition on Housing & Homelessness** / $2,500 / to improve services to the homeless and increase housing options in Middlesex County. The work includes the planning for the reuse of Shepherd Home building, implementing the coordinated access network, maintaining a prevention fund, and increasing the amount of rental assistance.

**Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut** / $5,000 / to provide qualified homeowners access to critical house repairs addressing safety, accessibility, code violations or other major damage to their homes. The Program partners with homeowners struggling to restore and/or maintain a safe and decent place to live.

**Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries** / $5,000 / to provide weekly grocery distributions of fresh and non-perishable food for Middlesex County residents in need. Funding aids in purchases through the Connecticut Food Bank and wholesale food distributors. Food purchases are distributed through the Westbrook, Clinton, and Old Saybrook pantries.

**Simply Sharing** / $3,000 / to purchase new mattresses, box springs, pillows and mattress pads for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness.

**St. Luke’s Community Services** / $2,500 / to provide fifty (50) new volunteer training manuals and three computers for the volunteer service staff and field volunteers.

**St. Vincent dePaul Place** / $5,000 / to support the Community Assistance Program which assists low-income and homeless individuals to access services to overcome homelessness, addictions, and debilitating challenges.

**Valley Shore YMCA** / $2,500 / to provide 60 Westbrook first graders with the opportunity to learn about healthy living and to learn to swim during their gym class time at the Valley Shore YMCA. Four groups will participate in 8 weeks of swim lessons.

**GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**Epoch Arts** / $4,000 / to support the “Breaking Silences” program for teen girls in grades 6-12, including materials such as journals, art supplies, snacks, theater production supplies, outings, and outreach materials.

**Middlesex Hospital Center for Behavior Health** / $2,500 / to support the Perinatal Case Manager program which provides short-term case management for pregnant and postpartum women in Middlesex County who require connections to health, mental health, financial and social services or supports.

**Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner** / $3,500 / to support a 4-week summer program for Middletown middle school girls. The structured program focuses on teaching adolescent girls respect for self and others, the skills needed to lead healthy, positive lives.

**YMCA of Northern Middlesex County** / $5,000 / to fund a 7-week, 3 hour/week program for 15 girls focusing on dating abuse and sex trafficking awareness. Participants will gain self-confidence while learning how to have and maintain healthy relationships.

**Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth** / $3,000 / to support a program which helps girls cultivate an awareness of their unique abilities and talents and their power to make a difference in the world.
TODAY AND FOREVER – A SECURE FUTURE FOR OUR NONPROFITS
DESIGNATED FUNDS AND FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Established by donors, these Funds provide support for organizations and causes today – and forever. DESIGNATED FUNDS create a predictable revenue stream to further a nonprofit organization’s mission or specific program. The causes you care most about are represented through FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS, providing on-going support to the communities most important to you.

2014 APPROVED GRANTS FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS AND FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
TOTAL AWARDED: $259,477.96

Albany State University
John and Irene Bolden, Sr. Award Fund
American Heart Association
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Camp Hazen YMCA
Camp Hazen YMCA Fund

Community Music School
Carolyn Greenleaf Memorial Fund for the Community Music School
Connecticut River Museum
Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund
Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA Fund
Cromwell Belden Public Library
Cromwell Belden Public Library Fund
Cromwell High School
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Award Fund
Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Katchen Coley Conservation Fund
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute & The Jimmy Fund
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Easter Seals
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Florence Griswold Museum
Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund
Gilead Community Services
President’s Discretionary Fund
Hartford Healthcare at Home
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund

Hartford Hospital
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
Jacqui Hubbard & Norman Needleman Honorary Fund for the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
Lynde Point Land Trust
Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund
Macdonough Elementary School PTA
Macdonough Elementary School PTA Fund
Mercy High School
Mercy High School Fund for Growth & Development
William and Mary Tomc Memorial Fund
Middlesex Community College Foundation
San A. Roebbaum Fund for Women & Girls
Hugh L. and Judith R. Cox Fund
Middlesex County Historical Society
Elizabeth Swaim Middlesex County Historical Society Fund
Middlesex County NAACP
Ida M. Masselli NAACP Award Fund
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Middlesex Hospital
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center
Barbara Weeks Hart and George H. Hart Memorial Fund
Middlesex United Way
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Middlesex United Way
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Middlesex United Way Agency Fund
Middlesex United Way Endowment Fund
Middletown High School
Colter Abely Achievement Fund
Middletown High School Blue Dragon Booster Club
Colter Abely Achievement Fund
Middletown Public Schools Swaim Strings Program
Elizabeth Swaim Arts Enrichment Fund
Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council
Elizabeth Swaim Arts Enrichment Fund
Middletown Rotary Club
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Middletown Rotary Fund
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
Morgan High School
Bill’s Seafood Golf Tournament Athlete Scholar Fund
Nathan Hale-Ray High School
Ashworth Family Award Fund in memory of Ronald and Heather Lind Ashworth

Old Saybrook Historical Society
Ellsworth and Virginia Grant Fund
Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Rushford Fund
Sister Cities Essex – Haiti (SCEH)
Sister Cities Essex-Haiti Fund
Special Olympics Connecticut
Arthur and Edythe Director Family Human Services Field of Interest Fund
Town of Essex
Town of Essex Civic Campus Enhancement Project Fund
Tri-Town Youth Services
Tri Town Youth Services Fund
University of Connecticut
Mary C. Rawlins Award Fund
Valley Regional High School
Bill’s Seafood Golf Tournament Athlete Scholar Fund
Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund
Nicholas Ramecke Fund
Westbrook High School
Bill’s Seafood Golf Tournament Athlete Scholar Fund
Xavier High School
Colter Abely Achievement Fund
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County
Arthur and Edythe Director Family YMCA Camp
Ingersoll Fund
Ingersoll Outdoor Center Fund
PUTTING PASSION INTO ACTION –
INVESTED DONORS STAY INVOLVED THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Individuals, families, or businesses put their passions, hearts, and dollars to work through their DONOR ADVISED FUNDS at Community Foundation. Working with Community Foundation staff, they recommend where the funds’ dollars might do the most good, year in and year out. 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.

2014 APPROVED GRANTS FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
TOTAL AWARDED: $230,186.16

From the following funds:

A Better Way Foundation CT
Amazing Grace Food Pantry
American Jewish Committee
American National Red Cross
AmeriCares
Lauren E. Avezzie Charitable Foundation
Birthright Israel Foundation

Con Brio Choral Society
Congregation Adath Israel
Connecticut Audubon Society
Connecticut Legal Services
Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network
Connecticut River Museum
Connecticut State Music Teachers Association Middlesex-New London Chapter
Crosby Fund for Haitian Education
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Deep River Congregational Church
Essex Ambulance Association
Essex Elementary School Foundation
Essex Fire Engine Co. #1
Essex Foundation
Essex Historical Society
Essex Land Trust
Essex Library Association
Essex Meadows Foundation
Essex Rotary Scholarship Foundation
Estuary Council of Seniors
FACES
Florence Griswold Museum
Forgotten Felines
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research
George Flynn Classical Concerts
Goodspeed Opera House Foundation
Green Street Teaching and Learning Center
Institute for Jewish Spirituality
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation
Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center
Kingswood-Oxford School
Kiwanis Foundation of Middletown
Middlesex Community College Foundation
Middlesex Hospital
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NEAR!The Buttonwood Tree
NFA Foundation

North End Action Team
Ray of Light Farm
Rotary Club of Essex Foundation
Sail Connecticut Access Program
Salvation Army of Middletown
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries
St. John Paul II Regional School
St. Luke’s Community Services
Trinity College
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Valley Shore YMCA
Veterans of Foreign Wars-Essex Post 6726
Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley (VNLV)
Yale Cancer Center
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Thanks to the generous support of invested donors of Ryan’s Circle of Giving, representatives of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Kingswood-Oxford School, Trinity College, and Yale Cancer Center joined Phyllis and Barry Gordon to celebrate their son Ryan’s legacy and the great work happening throughout our region.

BRAYCE
Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County
Cappella Cantorum
Central Connecticut State University Foundation
Child & Family Agency Southeastern Connecticut
Community Music School

Rachel Wiltsie with her daughters
Maureen O’Grady and Beth Wiltsie
Your Actions Today — Your Visions for Tomorrow — Building a Legacy of Generosity

New and Previously Established Funds

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 – a 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 Middlesex County is 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 through their programs.

2014 was an incredible year of achievement for Middlesex County and the Community Foundation. Your dedication made that happen. Eleven Funds (11) were established adding to the legacy of generosity that has been building since 1997.

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, 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 know, and we will help you turn your “What If” into Action.)

Middlesex County Coalition for Housing and Homelessness LEADers, a group of people who are homeless or formerly homeless, who raise awareness and decrease stigma surrounding homelessness through community organizing, public speaking and holding leadership positions in the community.

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!
The needs of the community change every year. These flexible, unrestricted funds allow our grants committees, Board of Directors and staff to find the best ways to address those needs – and improve the quality of life for all in Middlesex County.

**FLEXIBLE AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED UNRESTRICTED FUND** 2011
Marking CFMC’s anniversary, this unrestricted fund provides the Community Foundation the ability to respond to issues and needs within our communities for years to come.

**JOHN A. BARR, JR. FUND** 1999
A memorial Fund in honor of founding Foundation board member and former Essex Savings Bank president, John Barr.

**BEE & MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MIDDLETOWN FUND** 2003
Continues their support of organizations and worthy causes in the community.

**CAPECE FAMILY FUND** 2012
Established to meet the present and future needs of Middlesex County, ensuring grants will be directed to the areas of greatest impact in our region.

**COUCH FAMILY FUND** 1998
Established by former board member Rev. A. Edward Couch in honor of his parents.

**ELLEN AND RUSSELL D’OENCH, JR. FUND** 2003
Established in memory of Puffin and Derry D’Oench.

**EDMUND T. DELANEY FUND** 2001
Established in his memory to support the community he loved by his wife, Barbara.

**LEE AND WELLES GUILMARTIN FUND** 2002
Provides support to meet the needs and improve the quality of life in our community.

**PETER AND EILEEN HARDING FAMILY FUND** 2002
Recognizing the many and changing needs of the people in Middlesex County, the Hardings established this Fund to provide community support now and in the future.

**NANCY FISCHBACH AND MARTIN WOLMAN ENDOWED FUND FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT MAKING** 2014
Provides the Community Foundation the ability to respond to issues and needs within our communities for years to come.

**KALAYJIAN FAMILY FUND** 2004
Established by Marcia and David Kalayjian to provide lasting benefit to the community to which they are devoted.

**MARY ANN LAMBERT RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FUND** 2010
Mary Ann demonstrated strength, compassion, and humor every day she worked for the Community Foundation and personified the word ‘caring’. Her friends and colleagues established this unrestricted Fund to honor her caring ways and her memory.

**LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL FUND** 2009
100% of gifts to this Fund are granted to local nonprofits each year in order to give back to the community that has given us so much.

**J. GUY LOMBARDO FUND** 2000
A memorial Fund established by Joe Lombardo, a founding CFMC board member, in memory of his son Guy.

**SONYA AND JEFF MADOFF FUND** 2004
Established to support changing needs in a community they love.

**WILLIAM MCCANN AND BEST CLEANERS FUND** 2000
A memorial Fund established by Esther McCann in appreciation of our community.

**MIDDLEOAK SPECIALTY FUND** 1999
Established by the company to support the community of its home office.

**MIDDLESEX ENHANCEMENT FUND** 1997
This Fund is available to all donors to make gifts of any size, supporting grants to meet current needs and improve conditions in the county.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS FUND** 2014
Provides a place for friends and neighbors to come to the aid in times of disaster by providing support to services and organizations responding in times of crisis.

**ELLEN AND HERB PATTERTON MEMORIAL FUND** 2009
Established in honor of Ellen’s and Herb’s devotion to their community and their determination to support the many organizations working within the county.

**PCI MEDICAL FUND** 2002
Established by Philip and Clio Coles to give back to their community now and in the future.
You’re always there to help. Over the years, you, our friends and neighbors, have come to the aid of individuals and businesses to lend a helping hand through the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. When the Connecticut River Museum suffered severe damage during a fire, you came to their aid and provided much needed funds to replace the windows. When snow caused the roof to collapse at an area building housing Oddfellows Playhouse’s costumes, you rallied to replace and restore their stock. When a Deep River family lost everything to a house fire, you reached out to work with the town and area service providers to make sure they could start anew. There are many more stories that demonstrate you CARE!

With each and every challenge, you have asked the Community Foundation how you can to support the essential services and programs to assist your friends and neighbors.

In 2014 when a family in Killingworth lost their home in a fire, once again you were there to support the community’s services that would help the family. You asked, “how can we do more?” CFMC answered with the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Fund.

This fund provides a place for friends and neighbors to come to the aid of those local organizations that respond so readily when needed – volunteer firefighters, health providers, organizations providing shelter, food and basic needs.

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Fund is just one more way the Community Foundation works with and for you to improve life today – and in the future – in Middlesex County. Together we are working together to ensure that our community is a great place to live, work, and play – always.
ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE – FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

You care. You have passions and interests in animals, the arts, education, the environment, economic development, health and human services, safety, hometowns, at-risk boys and young men, women and girls, and so much more. Your vision for a vibrant, healthy, successful Middlesex County is represented in FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS. These Funds provide the Community Foundation with guidance regarding your passions and ways to support promising projects.

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<td>BEE &amp; MISSIONARY SOCIETY FUND FOR WOMEN &amp; GIRLS</td>
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<td>Provides awards for the Fund for Women &amp; Girls Committee to make grants.</td>
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<td>BOTANICAL BEAUTIFICATION (ANONYMOUS) FUND</td>
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<td>Supports Middlesex County botanical and environment through horticulture and forestry.</td>
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<td>THE CHILDREN’S FUND</td>
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<td>Improves the lives of children (year 0 to 18).</td>
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<td>Benefits the people and communities of the Valley Shore area.</td>
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<td>KATCHEN COLEY CONSERVATION FUND</td>
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<td>Supports the preservation and enhancement of open space in Middletown and adjacent towns.</td>
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<td>Funds basic human needs programs which affect the health and well-being of our community.</td>
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<td>BARBARA WEEKS HART AND GEORGE H. HART MEMORIAL FUND</td>
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<td>Supports organizations offering services to cancer patients in Middlesex County.</td>
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<td>HIGGANUM VISION GROUP FUND [FISCAL SPONSORSHIP]</td>
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<td>Promotes Higganum's community vision.</td>
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<td>MARY KLAAREN FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS</td>
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<td>Honors the service to others provided by the Reverend Mary Klaaren through grants to programs for women and girls.</td>
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<td>LOFFREDO PERFORMING ARTS FUND</td>
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<td>PHYLLIS M. MCDOWELL FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT</td>
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<td>Enhances our region's natural resources.</td>
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<td>Supports education programs in Middletown.</td>
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<td>Promotes safer communities with priority to motor vehicle, marine and personal safety.</td>
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<td>MENTAL WELLNESS FUND</td>
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<td>Ensures collaborations and conversations about mental health issues, services and programs continue in Middlesex County.</td>
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<td>ANN AND GEORGE PETRY FUND</td>
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<td>Support local arts programs and activities.</td>
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<td>POMPEA FAMILY AND PRIMARY STEEL, INC. FUND</td>
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<td>Supports education and future manufacturing workforce development.</td>
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<td>SARI A. ROSENBAUM FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS</td>
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<td>ELIZABETH SWAIM MIDDLETOWN FUND</td>
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<td>CHUCK AND RACHEL WILTSIE FUND</td>
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Greg Rainey is an avid golfer who has played exceptional courses all over the world. He makes friends and develops strong business relationships in his extensive travels. Greg strongly believes that the game of golf embodies the core values that are integral to life: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, courtesy, judgement, confidence, responsibility, and perseverance.

Greg knows first hand the importance of these values in life and work, and he was truly impressed with The First Tee of Connecticut’s (TFTCT) approach to teaching positive youth development and healthy habits to children through the game of golf. When it was his turn to select a nonprofit organization for his annual "Rainman Invitational" golf tournament, The First Tee of Connecticut was the natural choice – his "hole in one."

Greg and his golfing friends knew that TFTCT was an organization worth supporting – not just because they all love golf, but because the organization is preparing local youth to succeed in life.

Greg wanted to be sure donations would do something truly special, both for the organization and for children in Connecticut. Working with the Community Foundation, Greg established The First Tee of Connecticut Fund. In doing so, Greg and his fellow golfers created a way for local golfers, parents, and friends of TFTCT to give together to support the organization while ensuring those resources will grow over time for a bright, positive future for TFTCT and Connecticut youth.

Who knew that a day on the links, with friends from around the world, would become an "A" game for Connecticut youth?

Compassion - Creativity - Leadership - Excellence
Barry M. Simon Miracle Fund for Gilead Community Services

Saying thank you and good-bye are difficult things to do. Finding just the right way to let someone know how much they mean can be challenging. Yet Gilead Community Services knew what it wanted to do to say thank you to their outgoing CEO Barry Simon. Gilead wanted to create something lasting, something to support the wonderful services and programs Barry had nurtured over the years. They wanted to create a way to turn “miracles” into everyday “realities”.

Barry was made, establishing the Barry M. Simon Miracle Fund for Gilead Community Services at the Community Foundation was the logical answer.

Barry Simon is a leader – a compassionate and creative individual. For twenty years he worked tirelessly on behalf of the clients and families of Gilead Community Services. His dedication helped lead a then small community mental health agency serving 100 clients to what is now a lead agency in the mental health community, with 17 programs offering a full spectrum of services to over 700 individuals each year.
**PROVIDING ON-GOING SUPPORT – DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Helping your neighbors through your favorite nonprofit organizations matters to you – and to the organization. When you establish a **DESIGNATED FUND** for a nonprofit organization, you ensure its growth and service to the community for years to come.

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

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<td>15TH ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED FUND FOR OPERATIONS</td>
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<td>Provides the Community Foundation the resources to respond to the needs of our communities</td>
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<td>COLTER ABELY ACHIEVEMENT FUNDS</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Supports the wrestling programs at Middletown and Xavier high schools and an higher educational assistance award to a wrestler at each school</td>
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<td>THE RICHARD ANSELMI EDUCATION FUND</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Offers a senior with learning and other development disabilities, graduating from Valley Regional High School, with an education award for his or her post secondary education</td>
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<td>THE RICHARD ANSELMI TRI-TOWN YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (TTYSB) FUND</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Supports children with developmental disabilities to participate in Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau programs.</td>
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<td>ASHWORTH FAMILY FUND IN MEMORY OF RONALD AND HEATHER LIND ASHWORTH</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Provides educational awards for Nathan Hale-Ray High School</td>
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<td>BILL’S SEAFOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT ATHLETIC SCHOLAR FUND</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Offers educational assistance awards to Westbrook, Morgan (Clinton), Old Saybrook and Valley Regional High Schools</td>
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<td>JOHN AND IRENE BOLDEN, SR. FUND</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Provides an educational assistance award at Monroe Comprehensive High School, in Albany, Georgia.</td>
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<td>CHARLES MUNSON BURR, JR. FAMILY FUND</td>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Educational awards for disadvantaged Wesleyan students</td>
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<td>CLEGG FAMILY FUND</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Provides for the development, growth, and future of the Community Foundation</td>
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<td>COX FAMILY FUND FOR MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Offers students a competitive edge in their future careers</td>
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<td>CROMWELL BELEDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND</td>
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<td>Supports the betterment of Cromwell Belden Public Library</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL BSA FUND</td>
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<td>Supports the Boy Scouts of America in Middlesex County</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY MIDDLETOWN ROTARY FUND</td>
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<td>Benefits the youth of northern Middlesex County</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY NUTMEG BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS FUND</td>
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<td>Supports mentoring programs</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY RUSHFORD FUND</td>
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<td>Aids the Rushford Center’s youth programs</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY SCHOLAR FUND</td>
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<td>Provides education awards for deserving Cromwell High School seniors</td>
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<td>ARTHUR AND EDYTHER DIRECTOR FAMILY YMCA CAMP INGERSOLL FUND</td>
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<td>Sustains the programs provided at Camp</td>
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<td>THE FIRST TEE FUND</td>
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<td>Established by Rainman Golf Invitational participants to support the programs promoting respect, civility, and community-mindedness.</td>
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<td>ELLSWORTH AND VIRGINIA GRANT FUND</td>
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<td>Supports shoreline arts and heritage enhancement organizations</td>
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<td>CAROLYN R. GREENLEAF MEMORIAL FUND</td>
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<td>Supports the musical education of students</td>
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<td>DR. JOHN HENNELLY FUND</td>
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<td>Enhances Middletown Public Schools K-12 fine and performing arts programs</td>
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<td>INGERSOLL OUTDOOR CENTER FUND</td>
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<td>Provides capital improvements for the Northern Middlesex YMCA’s Ingersoll Outdoor Center</td>
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<td>JACQUELINE HUBBARD &amp; NORMAN NEEDLEMAN HONORARY FUND FOR THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE FOUNDATION</td>
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<td>Provide for the growth and development of the Ivoryton Playhouse</td>
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<td>LIVE LOCAL GIVE LOCAL FOR NEAT FUND</td>
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<td>Supports the North End Action Team (NEAT) and its community outreach programs</td>
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<td>MACDONOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA FUND</td>
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<td>Supports field trips and other enrichment programs at Macdonough School in Middletown.</td>
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<td>IDA M. MASSELLI NAACP SCHOLAR FUND</td>
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<td>JOAN MATZ MUSIC SCHOLAR FUND</td>
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<td>A memorial education grant fund for University of Connecticut students of choral studies</td>
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<td>EDWARD “REDS” L. AND JANE S. McMILLAN GILEAD ENDOWMENT FUND</td>
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<td>Funds Gilead Community Health Services</td>
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<td>MERCY HIGH SCHOOL FUND FOR GROWTH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Provides financial assistance for expansion and school safety requirements as outlined in the “Cherishing the Past, Embracing the Future” initiative</td>
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Nicholas Wallace Ramcke had a true photographer’s eye – an innate sense of the world around him and an ability to translate his view into a photograph. For Nick, photography was more than an art form or a possible profession; photography was his passion, a way to capture what he saw and the feelings it evoked and then share those emotions with his family and his community.

A graduate of Valley Regional High School (VRHS), Nick worked closely with the fine arts staff who supported his love of photography and encouraged him to pursue his artistic dreams. Unfortunately, a year after his graduation, Nick passed away. With Nick’s tragic death in 2011, his family wondered how to cope with the loss of this bright and talented young man and what they could do in his memory that would make a difference in his community.

The Ishmans and Ramckes knew what Nick would have wanted most – to find a way to help his fellow VRHS students who shared his love of photography. He would have found a way to make sure they had the tools and equipment necessary to share their look at the world with their community through photos.

Creating a Legacy through a Lens
Nicholas Ramcke Fund

The Ishmans and Ramckes worked with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to establish the Nicholas Ramcke Fund, to help students at VRHS who share his passion for photography and graphic arts. Through this Fund Nick’s family connects art, their love for Nick, and his love of photography by supporting students in their artistic pursuits.

Nick’s second passion was skateboarding, and the Ishmans and Ramckes created a skateboarding event – The Nicholas Ramcke Memorial Contest – to bring his two passions together and continue Nick’s legacy for fine arts at VRHS. The proceeds of the event provide opportunities to support a visual arts student at VRHS. Each year the event brings together skateboarders, friends and family to celebrate Nick’s legacy. A skateboard featuring Nick’s photography and commemorating the annual event is a key feature of the contest.

Nick’s legacy of creativity and friendship will continue for years to come through the Nicholas Ramcke Fund.
STAYING INVOLVED IN YOUR PHILANTHROPY

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS** allow individuals, families, and businesses to 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.

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### EDUCATION AND ACTION LEAD TO A NEW FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

#### Building a Healthy Community Together

**Mental Wellness Fund**

In the wake of recent events around the country, conversations and education about mental health and mental wellness have been moving from taboo to center stage. When local health care agencies came together to host a mental health panel and tackle the hard questions head on, they got the attention of a donor of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

This donor was familiar with the struggles of those with mental health issues. The donor was energized by seeing organizations and individuals working together to bring this important topic into the light and a part of the local conversation.

The donor wanted to ensure that these conversations didn’t stop at one panel session. Instead, the donor believed that it would take many more conversations to get the community talking to one another, working and engaging with one another, and pooling resources to promote mental wellness in Middlesex County. Working with the donor, the Community Foundation established the Mental Wellness Fund to support collaborations and partnerships addressing this important issue.

To date, with the donor’s support, a series of “Compassion Counts” forums have been organized in Middletown and along the shoreline, focusing on specific issues of mental health and providing access to resources and services. Each forum is coordinated by a group of individuals from a range of health care agencies working in our community – and they continue to gather topics and suggestions for future forums.

Together, we can support and promote mental wellness with meaningful action. Thanks to one kind, thoughtful, anonymous donor, we will keep the dialogue going.
One hundred fifty students, teachers and community members came together on October 22, 2014 – National Unity Day – to help the Community Foundation of Middlesex County’s Council of Business Partners launch the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities. Inspirational stories and team-focused games set the stage for a new community – a bully-free community. The morning’s events culminated with Campaign spokesman Donny Marshall sharing his personal story of overcoming bullying as a child, and encouraging everyone to become an UP-stander, not a bystander.

Since that launch, individuals and groups throughout our region have joined the Community Foundation of Middlesex County’s Council of Business Partners to be “Agents of Change.” They have taken the pledge, promoted respect, and “have everyone’s back” by standing with one another to make Middlesex County a bully-free community.

The work goes on, and you, too can be an UP-stander.
• Visit the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities webpage to take the pledge online - bullyfree.middlesexcountycf.org.
• Share the pledge with friends, family and co-workers.
• Follow, Like and Share the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Campaign.Bullyfree.Communities).
• Support the Council of Business Partners at the Community Foundation with a donation.
• Bring the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities to your town.

The Country School in Madison participated in the CFMC Council of Business Partners “No Bully Zone” program, joining schools and businesses in the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities.
A Musical Legacy for Middlesex County

Hap Merrick Endowment Fund for Community Music School

For more than 30 years, the Community Music School (CMS) has been providing musical education to shoreline residents and enriching the artistic life of the community. As a member of the Community Music School Board of Trustees and an avid fan of the school’s programs, Hap and Paula Merrick knew that the creation of an endowed fund for CMS would be a sound investment in the school’s future.

“I just love the Community Music School and my husband, Hap, and I always felt very strongly about ensuring its long-term continuity and sustainability,” said Paula.

After retiring in 1993, Harold E. “Hap” and Paula Merrick moved to Essex and soon became actively involved with CMS, including serving on the Board of Trustees. Hap advocated for an endowment and a plan for the future of CMS. This dream would not be realized before the end of his term on the Board of Trustees; yet Hap’s passion and commitment for CMS would lead to a lasting legacy through Paula.

With Hap’s death in 1998, CMS and Paula began working toward fulfilling Hap’s goal. Over the years, thanks to the generous donations of friends and Hap’s own planned gift, an endowed fund was set up to provide for CMS’ future of offering dynamic programs that touch a broad spectrum of musical interests.

When the CMS Board of Trustees determined it was time to take the next step, they contacted the Community Foundation to establish the Hap Merrick Endowment Fund for Community Music School. CMS chose the Community Foundation because of a strong relationship built over time. The CMS Board also had confidence in CFMC’s integrity, safety, continuity and management.

Partnering with the Community Foundation is more than just financial investment management; it’s about ensuring Hap’s legacy for CMS and musicians and artists throughout our community today - and in the future. Hap’s legacy ensures that the joy of music will be shared forever.
Quiet Leaders Create Impact

CFMC Leadership Society

“Without you, our boat wouldn’t float.”

Dave Preston’s words were a call to action to create a giving circle dedicated to the Community Foundation’s day-to-day operations. He and his wife, Barbara, recognized that operations funding is critical, not just to the Community Foundation, but to the donors who put their passions and dollars to work through the Community Foundation. They gathered friends and colleagues together to launch the President’s Society, a giving circle dedicated to supporting the general operations of the Community Foundation.

Their vision and that first call to action has grown to become the Leadership Society, comprised of the President’s Society, the Chairman’s Circle, and the Community Benefactors. Leadership Society members believe the work of the Community Foundation is essential to ensuring Middlesex County is a vibrant, healthy community, and their gifts guarantee that work continues and thrives.

Quite simply, Leadership Society members are the quiet, behind-the-scenes leaders who make things happen; who help good people do great things. In 2014, the Leadership Society made it possible:

• To provide more than 350 hours of one-on-one consulting with nonprofit organizations serving Middlesex County.
• To establish eleven (11) new funds to give back now and forever.
• To reach new levels of working with donors to award 202 grants totaling $656,848.
• To increase CFMC’s investment in Middlesex County, providing more than $4 million through 1,295 grants since 1997.
• To grow CFMC’s pooled assets, now at $12.2 million – more than three times what it was when the Leadership Society was established in 2006.

Leadership Society members have provided more than dollars. Each has invested trust and confidence in the Community Foundation. We Thank You – members of the President’s Society, Chairman’s Circle, and Community Benefactors - for the continued investment in operations, for sharing our great work with friends and neighbors, and for introducing new members to the Leadership Society and the Community Foundation.

Thank you for believing in the Community Foundation and its work and for enabling CFMC to play a part in leveraging resources to make Middlesex County a great place to live, work, and play.

“When you join the Leadership Circle, it shows that you believe in what is behind the work – you believe in the people it takes to make things happen. When you support our efforts, you are a true partner in everything that the Community Foundation does in Middlesex County.” – Sharon and Bill Griffin hosted the 2014 Leadership Society Luncheons and have been Leadership Society member since 2006.
We understand that so much of what nonprofits need to accomplish their missions is more than a grant, and CFMC’s Nonprofit Resource Center brought leaders and experts to the table to work with our local organizations. These experts offer their time and knowledge at our Morning Musings workshops and our Nonprofit Networking series.

Thanks to generosity of Guilford Savings Bank, we welcomed Simone Joyaux back for a half day workshop. We are grateful for the tremendous support Guilford Savings Bank provides in bringing nationally recognized speakers to our area to work with boards of directors, volunteers, and staff on important governance and development topics.

The Community Foundation is also grateful for its newest nonprofit resource partner, Harvest Development Group. This team of knowledgeable business consultants developed a series of one hour workshops to help nonprofit organizations with their back office needs.

Liberty Bank Foundation once again sponsored the annual Grantee Recognition Reception, partnering with the Community Foundation to recognize the great organizations working every day on our behalf in the community.
Leaving the Future in Good Hands
A Conversation with Bea Holt

Bea Holt is a resident of Middletown and Florida, and is very active in her communities. Bea came to know the Community Foundation a few years ago and CFMC’s wide scope of impact aligned with her many interests.

We asked Bea to chat with us about why she likes working through the Community Foundation and why she chose to leave a gift for CFMC in her estate plan.

CFMC: You have such a wide array of interests and passions, and you are an active volunteer. What draws you to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County?

Bea: From the first time I engaged with CFMC, I liked that I didn’t have to “know it all.” That is what the Community Foundation does – the Community Foundation really helps the individual understand how they can make a difference in the community. CFMC touches everything I care about – arts, the environment, human services, people, places – I don’t have to be an expert and keep up with the changing needs and issues. You (CFMC) do that and work with me.

CFMC: You decided to make a planned gift to the Community Foundation in your will. Why?

Bea: I support many organizations now, and when I was working on my will, I realized that I could do something in the future, too. It was really easy and made sense to me. It was much more of a question of “Why wouldn’t I leave a gift?” when I was deciding where things would go.

I wanted to be sure that I could do something for Middlesex County for a long time, long after I am no longer here to give to annual appeals or for special reasons. I wanted to know that I was going to help for generations. My planned gift does that. Leaving a gift to the Community Foundation in my will is my way of saying thank you to Middlesex County for all it has done for me. Because the Community Foundation builds for the future, not just to make grants today, I will be helping new people address new issues and needs forever. It gives me a sense of always helping, of always caring, of always being a part of the community. I like that legacy. I like knowing that my planned gift to the Community Foundation means the future is in good hands.
2014 Gifts to support Middlesex County today – and for the future

“We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give.”

-Douglas M. Lawson

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CFMC Council of Business Partners member Dave Shulman joined his daughter Liz Shulman, LMFT, at the October 2014 Campaign for Bully-Free Communities Rally

Superintendent Ruth Levy and Region 4 jumped on board with the Campaign for Bully-Free Communities - showing off their orange and spreading the word through social media.

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When a Grant Becomes Something More - Finding Strength and Gratitude Through Art

A grant from the Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women and Girls made it possible for Maria to have an artist mentor her as she explored her own talents and gifts. For her final project, she chose to paint a portrait of Community Foundation and Fund for Women & Girls founder, Sari Rosenbaum, from a photo we provided. The portrait captures Sari’s spirit, strength and kindness, and it is displayed proudly in our office. Maria gave us permission to share her story and for that we are extremely grateful.

This is an excerpt of Maria’s letter – you can read her full letter on our website at middlesexcountycf.org/2015/04/Maria.

An open letter to all whom this may concern:

I learned of Sari’s drive and passionate work to help victims of domestic violence only through discussion after this painting was completed. I couldn’t get these words out at that time, as this is a very personal and emotional struggle so many of us have gone through or are still enduring. Now aware of Sari’s mission, I feel compelled to tell this story.

I began painting this trapped and living in an extremely violent, abusive relationship. I had convinced myself I could leave at any moment, however reality continued to prove otherwise. Through numerous and difficult attempts, I caved at some point not able to bring myself to leave or even speak about the abuse. I lived with it. We lived with it. For our 5 month old daughter it was all she knew. Everyday life was chaotic, dangerous and terrifying. Yet I had chosen this man, this life … so I felt the need to do my best, hoping we would all come out stronger as a family. The violence and many forms of abuse only got worse. I kept thinking about the painting of Sari I had started. I knew I needed to finish it, but every day I was made to believe I couldn’t do anything right. Every moment I thought about my daughter and what kind of a mother – what kind of a person I needed to be. I thought about what kind of a person I know I am. Everything in my life was conflicting.

It became apparent Sari’s painting would never get finished under those circumstances.

…We left suddenly and didn’t look back. We couldn't. I had endured (and my daughter had witnessed) four endless nights of violence and suffering leading up to this moment. I felt in my core we would both be dead unless we left that day.

And so we left.

…This portrait of Sari directly helped me leave my abuser. With every brush stroke it helped me regain strength I rendered lost and had forgotten. I had become comfortable living a nightmare, and this painting was proof I need to wake up, especially for the sake of my infant daughter (whose handprint is underneath my signature).

We are forever grateful to Sari for her life and legacy, to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, who funded this piece and so much more …

With sincerity and love always,
Maria Louise and Indica
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