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Our apologies - the previous version of the e-news may have contained links that did not lead to the full story below. We are resending this edition with corrected links.

*Celebrating 20 Years of Philanthropy * Leadership * Legacy*

You - our friends and neighbors - continue to Help Good People Do Great Things in Middlesex County. We begin 2017 with a THANK YOU for all you make possible in our region.

We are thrilled to begin 2017 and launch the celebration of 20 years of Philanthropy * Leadership * Legacy with an wonderful announcement - a true gift to our region which will make an incredible impact today - and forever.

Sisters' Legacy to Support Where We Live, Work and Play

***A Bequest Establishes a New Fund
Honoring the Passions of Mary Janvrin
and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins***

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) received an early 20th anniversary gift this year with news that the nonprofit organization will be the recipient of an \$8 million bequest from the trust of the late Mary Janvrin. Ms. Janvrin and her pre-deceased sister Natalie Janvrin Wiggins lived quiet lives in Old Lyme and shared a life-long love of all nature, particularly birds, as well as the arts and history.



Mary later resided in Chester and continued to enjoy the beauty of the region until her passing in September 2016. At that time her trust set into motion the establishment of an \$8 million fund at CFMC - the [Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals, and Nature](#).

Story continued [here](#).

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity Builds for the Future with an Agency Fund at CFMC

Ensuring a "Hand Up" for Our Community Forever

What better way to say THANK YOU for a great 2016 and prepare for 2017 (and many years to come) than to established "building block" for an organization's future. That is what Agency Funds are - building blocks that assist a nonprofit organization in ensuring a sound and strong future for generations.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director of Middlesex Habitat for Humanity have been working on just such a foundation stone this fall with the Community Foundation. This week, they finalized the paperwork and established their Fund.

Sara Bird, Executive Director of Middlesex Habitat for Humanity, explained why this step is so essential to MHFH's work: "2016 has been an amazing year for Middlesex Habitat for Humanity. People in our county have been extraordinarily generous to our organization with the donation of a home in Middletown and two parcels of land in East Haddam. To top it off, we received a \$200,000 grant for affordable housing in Westbrook. All of these gifts have truly set us on the path we've worked so hard to get to. Now we can truly plan for our organization's future. Establishing an Agency Fund with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County ensures our viability - now - and well into the future."

On behalf of the Community Foundation and Middlesex County, [congratulations](#) Middlesex Habitat for Humanity - and Thank You for all you do to provide a "hand up" for our neighbors!



Cynthia Clegg_ CFMC_ with Sara Bird of Middlesex Habitat for Humanity

*Your Invited ...
For An Evening of
Friendship and Fun
with Pough Interiors and
the 365 Fund*



In the spirit of "Love Your Local" & "Live Local Give Local," **Pough Interiors** and the **Community Foundation of Middlesex County** invite you to our annual Open House to celebrate the **365 Fund**.

Join friends and neighbors for wine and hors d'oeuvres while we practice Living Locally and Giving Locally, celebrating all the ways in which we as a community can help one another.

All are invited to this special event with plenty of surprises in store.

Thursday, January 19, 2017
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Pough Interiors, One Main Street, Essex

Feel Good Fridays continue with our Partners at **iCRV Radio(.com)**

The "Good" continues in 2017 as we continue to partner with our wonderful friends at iCRV Radio to share stories of Helping Good People Do Great Things in Middlesex County (and beyond)!

Do you start your weekend with a some "Feel Good" stories? Join us every Friday morning on iCRVradio.com at 9 a.m. as we celebrate the people, organizations, businesses, and programs which make our region the best place to live, work, and play.

Busy holiday season? Did you miss your Feel Good Friday segments in December? Not to worry! iCRV Radio just launched a new "archive" section where you can catch up on last month's segments. We had some wonderful guests with incredible stories - we talked with Brian Abely about why he and his family established the Colter Abely Achievement Fund. We caught up with Cobi O'Connell, the first grant recipient of the Nick Ramcke Fund, to learn how the grant impacted her college studies; and we spent time with CFMC Board members Wally Jones and Sue Sawchuk sharing the incredible impact YOU have on Middlesex County through the Community Foundation.

So set your calendar reminders for 2017 and join us at 9 a.m. every Friday on iCRVradio.com for a great start to the weekend.



CFMC Community Report Available on our website - and by mail

The Community Foundation's Community Reports are always available on our website - and if you prefer to see them in hard copy, just drop us a **E-NOTE** and we will mail a copy.

If you didn't have a chance to see the 2015 Community Report, you can find it **[HERE](#)**.



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Report to the Community



Ideas of how you would like to
make an impact?
CFMC welcomes conversations
with Good People Doing Great
Things:

Call us at 860.347.0025

Email us at Info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org

Learn More about CFMC at

www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org

Visit us at 211 South Main Street, Middletown

"We exist temporarily
through what we take, but
we live forever through what
we give"

- Douglas M. Lawson

**To All in Middlesex
County who give of their
time, talent, and
treasure - THANK YOU -
for making our region a
great place to live, work,
and play ... Forever.**

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