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A Place Called Hope - To support the renovation of two aviary structure rooftops to protect birds and the aviaries during the winter season. The specially designed panels are removable during warmer months.	\$4,000	Animal/Human Welfare & Services
Connecticut Animal House, Inc. - Networking with Middlesex County municipal pounds, to provide support for surgeries, medical fostering and rehabilitation for dogs to increase opportunities for adoption.	\$3,500	Animal/Human Welfare & Services
Ray of Light Farm, Inc. - To help maintain the rescue horses in excellent health and to provide appropriate training for these at-risk (Premarin and nurse mare foals) horse populations.	\$2,500	Animal/Human Welfare & Services
ARTFARM, Inc. - To support the Community Ensemble which will engage, explore and process urgent community issues around race, identity, and inequity through theater. The Ensemble is comprised of community members from diverse socio-economic, racial and generational backgrounds, recruited in partnership with the Middlesex NAACP.	\$2,000	Arts
Community Music School - To support the New Horizons Band which provides an entry point for seniors who have either never studied music or who have been away from it for many years, allowing them to share the joyful and therapeutic experience of recreational music making.	\$3,000	Arts
Essex Winter Series - To offer its arts outreach programming in schools and community organizations in Middlesex County.	\$3,000	Arts
Greater Middletown Chorale - To establish the GMChorale Chamber Singers, a smaller branch under the umbrella of the Greater Middletown Chorale, consisting of 24 younger singers presenting more intimate chamber and a capella concerts.	\$3,500	Arts
Henry Carter Hull Library - The IDEA (Imagine, Design, Engage, Accomplish) Center at HCH Library will utilize audio and visual equipment and the latest technology to enhance the creative and educational aims of the members of the Clinton and greater Middlesex County communities.	\$3,690	Arts
I-Park Foundation, Inc. - To support a residency program in 2017 for a visual artist who is a resident of Middlesex County. The funds will	\$1,000	Arts

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support program expenses, residency costs, application processing, and artist's supplies.		
New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Inc. - To support coaching classes for Middletown High School student musicians with New Haven Symphony musicians to prepare for a concert of the Orchestra and MHS student musicians.	\$1,500	Arts
Salt Marsh Opera - To fund an in-school program for 750 5th and 6th grade students in Middletown elementaries, providing study guides for teachers, interactive classroom visits with opera singers, and culminating in a fully costumed and staged operatic performance for students and teachers.	\$3,500	Arts
Shoreline Arts Alliance - To support a program which brings the arts and cultural sector together to network and learn about each other, promoting their efforts to keep communities vibrant through programming, educational opportunities, and services as well as sharing challenges and successes.	\$1,000	Arts
Vista Life Innovations - To underwrite the sound design of the Vista Create Program 2017 production of "Man of La Mancha."	\$3,300	Arts
Academy at Mount Saint John - To support the purchase of a van able to transport students to participate in community work and travel.	\$3,720	Boys & Young Men
Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc. - To fund the development and implementation of a unique diversion mechanism inside the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) to reduce arrests of youth living at CJTS.	\$4,500	Boys & Young Men
Living in Safe Alternatives, Inc. - To support programming for male foster-adoptive adolescents enrolled in the Youth Excellence Project, a program designed to empower youth who have endured significant life challenges to experience success, navigate life obstacles, and emerge as adults committed to the betterment of society.	\$3,000	Boys & Young Men
North End Action Team - To support a program for teenagers to record, produce and promote their own hip hop music and spoken word poetry.	\$3,720	Boys & Young Men
Rushford - To support a project with students to build Buddy Benches which will be distributed to interested schools in the region in order to work towards reducing incidences of bullying in schools.	\$1,440	Boys & Young Men

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<p>Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services - To fund a pilot robotics class at the special education school of Adelbrook which will teach multiple STEM topics through new technologies while practicing 21st Century Skills such as collaboration, innovation, critical thinking, and presentation.</p>	\$4,410	Education
<p>Brainerd Memorial Library - To support ten programs for patrons with lectures and workshops on representative topics from each series in the Dewey Decimal System, from philosophy to religion, through the applied sciences, to art, craft, technology, history, and more.</p>	\$1,000	Education
<p>Bushy Hill Nature Center - To support children ages 4 to 15 from Middlesex County to attend Bushy Hill Day Camp. Need is determined through an application process and aid awards are based on financial need.</p>	\$3,000	Education
<p>Connecticut Humanities - To support the Book Voyagers program in the greater Middletown area. Children from kindergarten to fifth grade go from learning to read to loving to read. Skilled facilitators read and discuss books with children and each child is given a book to add to their library at home.</p>	\$2,500	Education
<p>Connecticut Science Center, Inc. - To support classroom outreach programs for students at Lawrence School, as part of a larger partnership with Middletown Public Schools.</p>	\$3,710	Education
<p>Essex Library Association – To purchase a book cart on wheels containing titles with subject matter that complements the Library's efforts to augment the learning of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) taught in schools.</p>	\$1,000	Education
<p>Friends of Chester Public Library - To fund Chester Public Library's first computer for young children. The non-web-based learning station for ages 2 to 8 years will be located in the Children's Room to broaden the children's programs and foster early literacy development by offering 4,000+ learning activities in 7 curricular areas.</p>	\$3,200	Education
<p>Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc. - To engage underserved students in a program offering in-school and out-of-school workshops, and provide instructional guides aligned with state and national standards to teachers. The program culminates in a trip to Goodspeed Musicals for workshops and a performance.</p>	\$2,000	Education
<p>Green Street Teaching and Learning Center - To support financial assistance for at risk youth to attend enrichment classes and homework</p>	\$3,000	Education

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help in the Discovery Afterschool program which serves 60 elementary students each semester.		
Haddam-Killingworth Youth Football Association - To fund the cost of replacing helmets in order to improve safety for players in the league.	\$1,250	Education
Henry Carter Hull Library - to support the IDEA Center	\$3,690	Education
Keigwin Middle School - To provide the Science in Nature field-based program for the entire 6th grade at Keigwin School, conveying an understanding of how humans, wildlife, and the natural world are connected, and highlighting the scientific process while exploring ecosystems local to the students' community.	\$2,750	Education
Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc. - To purchase STEAM kits (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) kits for the Kindergarten Readiness program.	\$744	Education
Literacy Volunteers of Central CT, Inc. - To support activities to recruit and train 39 tutors, providing materials to teach 65 adults and their families, and helping the families achieve work, family and education goals through improved literacy.	\$2,000	Education
Middlesex Community College Foundation - to support the Magic Food Bus	\$2,189	Education
Middletown High School - To fund the acquisition of equipment and components for the development of student driven design projects utilized in nationally recognized VEX Robotics competitions for the MHS Afterschool Robotics Team.	\$3,000	Education
Middletown Public Schools - To fund the Peaceful School Bus bullying prevention and character education program at Bielefield School in order to develop a safe and positive environment on the school bus.	\$1,500	Education
Valley Shore YMCA - To fund 60 Westbrook first graders with the opportunity to have comprehensive swim and water safety instruction, and learn about healthy living during their gym class time. Four groups of students will participate in 8 weeks each of swim lessons.	\$2,500	Education
Wesleyan/Middletown Public Schools Collaborative - To support 50 Middletown High School students in completing Let's Get Ready SAT preparatory classes and a college tour as part of the college readiness initiative.	\$1,500	Education

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Connecticut Forest & Park Association - To protect and improve an important community asset, Highlawn Forest, by eradicating invasive plants that threaten local ecosystems. The program includes education programs for public and local landowners about invasive plants and develop methods to control this serious problem.	\$3,500	Environment
Lawrence School - To support field trips, staffing, and science materials to enhance students' appreciation and understanding of their natural environment. Nonfiction reading materials on ecosystems, rocks and minerals, and living and nonliving things will enhance the students' knowledge.	\$1,470	Environment
Essex Historical Society - To develop a walking tour of Centerbrook, CT, bringing the rich, complex history of this Essex village to life, from its early days as a farming community to its later establishment as a manufacturing center and commercial hub.	\$1,950	Heritage Enhancement
Haddam Historical Society - To create and publish an informational and educational garden brochure for the historic herb gardens at the Thankful Arnold House Museum in Haddam, a member of Connecticut's Historic Gardens.	\$1,250	Heritage Enhancement
Town of Killingworth - To support the printing of the Town of Killingworth's 350th Anniversary commemorative booklet which will celebrate the town, its history, and places to visit. Each Killingworth residence will be mailed a booklet with additional copies available at town hall and in the elementary schools.	\$1,250	Heritage Enhancement
A Place For Us - To purchase adaptive equipment and supplies which will allow field trips to be expanded to members requiring assistance in community activities.	\$1,800	Human Services
Bikes for Kids, Inc. - To provide up to 400 new helmets to children receiving a refurbished bike from Bikes for Kids.	\$2,220	Human Services
Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - To support the 2017 Summer Youth Employment Program which places participants in constructive employment environments from a wide variety of industry sectors for six weeks.	\$5,000	Human Services
Child & Family Agency Southeastern Connecticut - To provide mental health services at the child guidance clinic to children and family members in Middlesex County regardless of ability to pay or insurance status.	\$2,500	Human Services
Columbus House, Inc. - To support the Family Shelter which provides a range of services for families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in and around Middletown.	\$3,000	Human Services

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Community Health Center-New Horizons - To help fill the gap in accessing healthy food and personal hygiene products for victims of domestic violence in Middlesex County.	\$5,000	Human Services
Connecticut Sports Foundation Against Cancer, Inc. - To assist cancer patients in Middlesex County undergoing active treatment to meet their basic expenses including rent, mortgage, utilities, food, and transportation to hospital/treatment center.	\$1,500	Human Services
Covenant to Care for Children, Inc. - To provide basic essential goods to area organizations which are needed by the child and their caregivers so they can remain in home or temporary social service-provided care.	\$3,000	Human Services
CT Radio Information System - To support audio access to newspapers and magazines for people who are blind or print challenged.	\$1,000	Human Services
Futures Inc. - To fund instructional costs and commercial-grade kitchen supplies related to teaching individuals who are economically disadvantaged and/or have disabilities which prohibit them from understanding how to safely prepare nutritious meals and develop skills to become employed in the food service industry.	\$3,000	Human Services
Luther Ridge at Middletown, Inc. - To provide affordable in-house eye exams and prescription glasses for low- and moderate income seniors.	\$3,000	Human Services
MARC Community Resources - By providing programs which are fun and that incorporate teachable moments in skill development, the program helps people with disabilities develop integral skills which lead to greater independence and skills that improve communication, socialization, and opportunities to make lasting friendships.	\$3,000	Human Services
Middlesex Community College Foundation - To provide additional support for the ongoing operational needs of the Magic Food Bus, which offers free, non-perishable food items that support student success and provides internship, educational, and community-engagement opportunities to students.	\$2,189	Human Services
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing & Homelessness - To undertake a strategic planning process to build in the groundbreaking success of its early years and determine the future direction, including organizational structure and capacity to continue mission-forward.	\$1,500	Human Services
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT - To support the energy-efficiency project at the Julia Terrace building project.	\$5,000	Human Services

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Pay Forward, Inc. - To purchase a full set of new sails replacing the current sails which are 42 years old, increasing safety and reducing repair costs as well as down time during repairs.	\$3,635	Human Services
Simply Sharing, Inc. - To purchase new mattresses, box springs, and pillows as well as bed linens, blankets, and comforters for individuals transitioning into permanent housing.	\$5,000	Human Services
St. Luke's Community Services - To support the Gatekeepers Program in its Middlesex County-wide "Stop Ageism Now" campaign which includes hosting open community forums about ageism, develop an online survey tool, and create a web resource page.	\$2,500	Human Services
Victim Rights Center of Connecticut, Inc. - To provide partial support for a trauma-informed attorney to represent child sexual abuse victims as they interact with police, DCF, and the criminal justice system. The attorney will also offer training to police, DCF, prosecutors, and judges concerning child sexual abuse victims.	\$5,000	Human Services
Warm the Children - To purchase new basic winter clothing and footwear for upper Middlesex County children, birth to 15, who might otherwise go without.	\$2,000	Human Services
Women & Families Center - To support the provision of services offered by Project REACH, offering street outreach, crisis intervention, survival aid, case management and education offerings to runaways, homeless, and at risk youth ages 13-21.	\$5,000	Human Services
A Sacred Place, Inc. - To fund training an additional facilitator and running an additional group of a proven course that leads incarcerated women toward responsible, accountable lives. It will also support the development of quantitative assessment and database tracking designed to enable program sustainability.	\$1,500	Women & Girls
Bare Necessities, Inc. - To extend the distribution of diapers and wipes to families in need in the Middlesex County shoreline towns of Clinton, Westbrook and Old Saybrook.	\$5,400	Women & Girls
Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) - To increase access to its comprehensive, free Legal Education Program for low and moderate income residents in Middlesex County, including the Information & Referral Service, Bilingual Community Advocacy, and community education.	\$3,000	Women & Girls

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<p>Durham Middlefield Youth & Family Services - To support workshops facilitated by women to empower girls to strengthen their representation and participation in all walks of life, but particularly in male-dominated STEAM careers. Topics will include career exploration, leadership skills, and mentor opportunities.</p>	\$2,532	Women & Girls
<p>Everyone Outside - To enable girls and women to spend time outside in the natural world, developing skills and knowledge, and promoting healthy living and fostering environmental stewardship.</p>	\$2,700	Women & Girls
<p>North End Action Team - To support a program for teenagers to record, produce and promote their own hip hop music and spoken word poetry.</p>	\$3,720	Women & Girls