The Power of Partnership

Middlesex Chapter of NAACP, Middlesex Health, Ministerial Health Fellowship, YMCA of Northern Middlesex County, and CFMC partnered to provide the Family Wellness Fun Program to families in Middletown and the surrounding region.

The program, held once a month at the YMCA Family Center, is free to children in grades 2 to 5 and offers fun and creative projects for children to be Wellness Detectives.
A Better Today and a Brighter Tomorrow

Through support for local nonprofits who make our towns a little better every day...

Through partnerships with businesses who want to make a difference...

Through volunteers who reach out and give a hand up...

Through community members who put their hearts and dollars to work to improve the quality of life for all, now and forever.

You help our local communities thrive through Your community foundation.

Thank You.
Our Community At Work—Thank You to our Board of Directors and Volunteers for Your Work on Behalf of Middlesex County.

So many incredible individuals give generously their time and their talent as our Board and Committee members to the help the Community Foundation and Middlesex County. Our Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, Fund Committees, Giving Circles, and many Subcommittees are essential to everything the Community Foundation does in the community.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who offer their time and expertise on one (or more!) of the many committees and groups at CFMC.

We are particularly appreciative for all of our volunteers who didn’t blink as the world changed in March, 2020. They rallied around CFMC and Middlesex County, adjusted to meeting virtually, and continued to ensure our nonprofits had the resources they needed and that the Community Foundation could continue our work as a resource to our community.

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294 Funds established and supported through the generosity of caring people like YOU

have awarded 3,361 grants totaling $8,749,829, 1997 through October 31, 2021

Com mu ni ty

Noun: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

“The Middlesex County” community

Particular characteristics: caring, kindness, generosity

Synonym: Good People Doing Great Things

Synonym: Middlesex County

Project / Fiscal Sponsorship

Agency

Unrestricted

Field of Interest / Geographic Affiliate

Designated / Scholarship

Education (Community Wide/Schools), Recreation, Positive Youth Development

Community Health (Health/Medical/Hospital Care), Public / Social Benefit

Environment

Other

Animal Related

Community Enrichment (Arts/Culture/Heritage)
Dear Friends,

What an amazing journey we’ve traveled together over the past 18+ months … no road maps, no GPS to guide our path forward, just our collective and unwavering willingness to pull together and move forward. While it was (and is) a time of uncertainty with many challenges, let’s pause and reflect on the special, unexpected ACTS of KINDNESS and GENEROSITY that, quite frankly, “made – and continue to make - our day”.

A Constant in Uncertainty - You

As change became the norm and as needs were “unmasked,” you expanded your hearts beyond all expectations. You realized that if there were ever a time to “care more,” it was NOW! You responded so generously to our Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund in 2020. You made it possible for the Community Foundation to provide our hardworking nonprofits with much needed emergency funding, allowing them to carry out their work and support our most vulnerable friends and neighbors. Quite honestly, in the midst of chaos, you were the calm. You helped the Community Foundation strengthen community safety nets for our friends and neighbors just when it was needed most.

EXPANDED, CARING PARTNERSHIPS

In a heartbeat, when “PAUSE” became the norm and life stopped, you did not. You continued, as you always do, to go above and beyond and then some. Your support of the Community Foundation’s work made it possible for our Board and staff to reach out and strengthen current partnerships and establish new ones, all to support those who, through no fault of their own, needed an extra boost. TOGETHER we were able to make a difference in our community. While you worked behind the scenes, YOU became the super heroes. Imagine, because of you and your support of our work, the Community Foundation was able to:

- support the purchase of essential equipment – from generators to tablets – so that our neighbors need never go without food and basic necessities as well as access to social service and education programs;
- increase access to food, supplies, and daily lunches through our local food pantries, public school meal programs, multiple backpack programs, and social service organizations;
- develop and distribute wellness packages, offering information in multiple languages on health and disease prevention to underserved communities;
- help arts and cultural organizations obtain the necessary technology and equipment to continue to connect and serve our community and enrich our lives;
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Sharing the Fun ... Continues!

Thank you so much for making our virtual “Pop Up Grant” initiative a great success!

We believe every gift, no matter the size, makes an impact in our community. If you have ever joined us at one of our gatherings, you know we find many ways to say Thank You, including our “Pop Up Grant” awards.

You submitted an incredible variety of organizations doing great things in Middlesex County and made our celebration of local nonprofits a great success.

Throughout the summer, we asked, “What is YOUR favorite nonprofit and why?” Each time you nominated a nonprofit, we dropped the name in a basket, and every two weeks, we drew a name for a video call and a Pop-Up Grant Award!

You didn’t disappoint! Since we launched our Virtual Pop Up Grants, we’ve received more than 900 nominations for 149 nonprofits!

Congratulations to our Virtual Pop-Up Grant Recipients and Thank You to all their fans who nominated them!

(Do you miss the videos with our pop-up grantees? Visit us at MIDDLESSEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/ to catch up on all the fun … and meet some incredible nonprofit organizations!)
Dave and Barbara Preston
Anchorage Children's Hospital
Anchorage Children's Hospital
Catherine Probus
Matt Pugliese
Bridget Quinn-Carey
Greg and Kelly Rainey
Naomi Rappoport
Jane and Mark Raunikar
Kate Reamer
Linda Reamer
Catherine Rees
Pat Rehmer
Cristo Reid
Jack Reisch
Mark and Debbie Richards
Jean Richards
Larry Riley
Linda Riley Blue
Larry Ritzhaupt
Riz and Pattı Rizzo
Penny Robiner
Helen Rogalsky
Sandy Rogers
Howard Rosenbaum
Ted and Ruth Rossi
Dave and Eunice Royston
Diane and Bill Russell
Martha Ryan-Reid
Ryan's Circle of Giving
Emmy Ryland
Mary Anne Salemi
Mauricio and Tracey Salgar
Michele Salonia
Gary and Beth Salva
Dave and Betsy Sams
Hilary and Ben Sams
Joe Santaniello
Anita Ford Saunders
Sue and Brian Sawhuk
Jessica and Andrew Scheff
Melissa Schlag's contributions to Haddam
Melissa and John Schilke
Judy and Renny Schoonmaker
John Schroeder
Ruth Schumacher
Bill and Joan Shaw
Lyn Shaw
Eileen Shekosky
Dot Shugrue
Dave Shulman
Liz Shulman
Ruth Shulman
Irene and Allen Silverstein
Barbara Simone
Theresa and David Sistare
Bill Stamm
Dottie Stone
Michelle Stronz
Eileen and John Sullivan
John Talbot
Polly Talbott
Thayer Talbott
Dan Taylor-Stypa
Lee Thompson
Andre and Jamie McMillan
Bill McMinn
Lee McHugh
Larry and Patty McHugh
Hank and Sharon McMillen
Jane S. McMillan
Andre and Jamie McMillen
Bill McMinn
Lee McQuiilan
Lorraine McRae (Fuquay)
Kathy McRae
Mary and David McQuillan
Lee McQuillan
Marta Kurczab
partner with and support the Rossi Foundation as that organization rallied to distribute much needed PPE throughout the county;
and more than we can list.
All we can say is - THANK YOU! The community – at large – is GRATEFUL.
EXPANDED HEARTS, LESSONS LEARNED – COMMUNITY Matters
"Care More" is not the most eloquent phrase, yet you demonstrated throughout these difficult times that “Care More” is your mantra. You reminded us what is most important and meaningful – COMMUNITY. As you expanded your hearts beyond all expectations, we learned to focus and prioritize our resources with laser-like precision. We learned that because of your caring and generous ways, we are stronger and more resilient than we ever could have imagined. We learned over and over again that Middlesex County is truly an amazing place to Live, Work, and Play.
GRATEFUL
THANK YOU for working through and with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County as our amazing Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff continue their collective efforts to build a community where everyone can thrive. YOU make everything we do possible. We are proud to be your Community Foundation. We are profoundly grateful for you, our “Care More” friends and neighbors.

With best regards,

John L. Boccalatte
Chairman, Board of Directors

Cynthia H. Clegg
President & CEO

PS. Our Report to the Community is later than we’d like. It also has a slightly different look than in past years, but it contains many of the usual pieces – such as our 2020 Financial Statement, the grants approved by our Board of Directors during 2020, our generous supporters, and many Funds working on your behalf throughout Middlesex County.

Thank You.

Photo credits: (outside cover) Artists for World Peace; (inside cover) Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters; (opposite top) Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries; First Responders throughout Middlesex County received face shields thanks to the Andy Schatz and Barbara Wolf Foundation and other anonymous donors through CFMC; (opposite bottom) ARTFARM
A Community’s Generosity in a Time of Great Need

In times of need—of great need—you reach out and ask, “How Can I Help?”

These are “interesting” times, indeed, and our nonprofits whose work puts them on the frontline to meet the most critical needs of our neighbors, needed our help. You joined together and put your hearts and dollars to work for the benefit of all in Middlesex County.

We know that when friends and neighbors join together to help each other, we will succeed.

You proved this when you supported the Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund to help our local nonprofits.

We are extremely grateful to Guilford Savings Bank and Pratt & Whitney for leading the charge to ensure our nonprofit organizations and essential personnel had the tools and resources to meet the ever-changing issues of the COVID-19 pandemic. So many stepped forward to answer the call—Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who stepped forward to support our community in its time of need...
Your Generosity In Action

When our neighbors are having difficulties, organizations such as Operation Fuel are there with compassionate assistance. Thanks to your generous support of the Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund, CFMC was able to provide a grant to Operation Fuel to support Middlesex County residents trying to make ends meet during the pandemic.

One Middletown resident, Amanda, sought out Operation Fuel for help. She shared her story with us:

“I’m a single, hard-working woman who takes a lot of pride in being self-sustaining. COVID-19 changed that whole dynamic for me. I went from working 55 hours a week to working from home as a full-time secretary and lost my waitress job that I’ve had for 15 years,” she said. “My parents helped me stay afloat more than once; they did as much as they could within their own limited means.”

Amanda said that because she only lost one income, she was unable to collect unemployment, and debts began to pile up.

Because of caring supporters like you, Operation Fuel was able to provide financial assistance to Amanda to help her pay her electric bill. Operation Fuel also worked with Eversource to stop a shut-off order and work out a payment plan that allowed her to temporarily make small or no payments during the pandemic.

Grants Awarded to support essential needs and services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

A Little Compassion Inc.
A Place Called Hope
Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services
Bare Necessities, Inc.
The Buttonwood Tree
Clinton Human Services
Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
Columbus House
Community Health Center
Congregation Adath Israel
Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc.
Connecticut Hospitality Foundation
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock
Town of Durham Social Services
Epworth Arts
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
First Congregational Church of Essex
Futures Inc.
Gilead Community Services
HK Backpack Program
HOPE Partnership, Inc.
Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc.
MARC Community Resources
Merry Housing & Shelter Corporation
Middletown Coalition for Children
Middletown Community College Foundation
Middletown Health
Middletown Public Schools
The Nature Conservancy
Town of Old Saybrook Social Services
Mara Solera
Operation Fuel
Ray of Light Farm
Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Steamboat Dock
Vista Life Innovations
Women & Family Life Center, Inc.
Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth
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Mix those together, and you have a recipe for fun, joy, and a great community, Middlesex County. Every year our Leadership Society gathers to celebrate the donors, funds, and partners who help CFMC support our community. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we couldn’t gather in 2020—what to do? Our friends, Sharon and Bill Griffin and Jessica Griffin Scheff at the Peach Pit Foundation, had a great idea: to provide grants to organizations in honor of our Leadership Society’s outstanding support of CFMC.

Thanks to the support and generosity of the Peach Pit Foundation and our donors, we awarded $1,000 grants to each of our public libraries in Middlesex County. There was just one restriction – spread some joy, have some fun! The results have been incredible! John Boccalatte and Judy Schoonmaker, CFMC Board of Directors, and Sharon Griffin and Jessica Griffin Scheff of the Peach Pit Foundation shared highlights on how these grants brought joy in so many ways through a virtual Leadership Society get together.

You can see the fun and hear the stories at MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/CELEBRATION-OF-YOU/.

Middlesex County is filled with exceptional people, and CFMC has truly amazing partners, friends, and donors who care about our community.

Great People ... Great Organizations ... Great Partnerships

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East Hampton Library Candy Land

Russell Library Random Acts of Kindness

Cromwell Public Library Yard Games

Essex Library Craft Kits

Essex Library Association

Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton Land Trust Story Walk

Henry Carter Hull Library and Clinton Land Trust Story Walk

E

Nancy Earls

Gregory and Leslie Eck

Fred and Barbara Edelstein

Robin and Greg Ellis

Sharon Elmore

Herbert F. and Susan G. Englund

Elaine M. Erdman

Essence Inc.

Essex Lions Charities Inc.

Essex Savings Bank

Norman Essner and Sara J. Esner

Celeste Estlinger, Essex Pilates & Wellness

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Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn

Maura and Shawn Farbotka

Mario Farina and Ann Merante

Tony Farman

Glenn and Alicia Farrell

Deborah and Charles Farrow

Andrea S. Fasser

Madeleine Favre

Frances and Ernest Fayan III

Shirley C. Feldmann

Charlie Ferris and Melissa Mishcon

Christopher Fiecoat and Lorien Balayan

Nancy Fischbach and Martin Wolman

Virginia Fisher

David and Elaine Fitzgibbon

Nancy R. Ford

Patrick and Katherine Ford

Bradley and Kathryn Fowler

Kevin B. Fox

Teresa A. Frech

Patricia and Robert Frederick

Lorraine and William

Fredrickson

Laura N. Frenzel

Dr. David L. Fried, DMD

Jordan Fried

Lori and Stephen Fritzer

Susan Fuhr

Yvonne R. Furch

Margaret P. Gaa

Bradford Galette

Joan P. and Anne L. Galliher

Ronald Garcia

Garrett Printing & Graphics, Inc.

Josh Gasko

Joan D. Gay

Timothy and Melissa Geelan

Torn and Evelyn Gezo

Corinne and Robert Gill

Katharine S. Gillespie

Atkinson, Family Resolutions: Law and Mediation

Lynn and Dennis Giroux

Susan and Giulio Giuffrida

Patricia Glazer and Robert Egan

Jennifer Glick

Marjorie Glosband Hart

Dennis Glynn & Company

Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg

Louis and Cynthia Goldblatt

Richard Goldfeder, D.M.D.

Neil and Marcy Gollinger

Phyllis and Barry Gordon

George and Maureen Goss III

Howard and Barbara Gould

Elise Gozzo

Nancy Gozzo

Jennifer Grant and Ronald Noe

Gray Family Foundation

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Phyllis and Paul Greenberg

Lois Greene

Henry Greenleaf and Dr. Andrea Mulberg

Barbara S. Gross

Barbara and Joseph Guay

Frances L. Gudelski

Guilford Savings Bank

Lee and Wellis Guilmartin

Destiny Guzman

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Marilyn C. Halbing

Philip T. Hamilton and Deborah L. King

Mary Beth and Michael Hammond

Mark A. Hand

Jane and Gregory Harris

Sue Harrison

Dorothea Hast and Stanley Scott

Christine Hayer Repasy

David Hayes

John V. Hayner

Enid P. Healey

Renee Heckler

Carole Ann Heft

Carl and Margaret Heise

John and Judith Heise

Michael L. Herne

Mary S. Hichkiss

Sarah C. Higgins, Hilary’s House Childcare

Margo S. Hillfiger

James J. and Jean Hill

Joanne B. Hine

Jennifer and Paul Hintz

Janice P. Holland

Patricia Homan

Maria and Robert Holberg

Frank and Karen Hubbard

Warren and Lorraine Hubbard

Jack and Nancy Huber

Keith and Nancy Huber

Stephanie Hudson

Husking Foundation, Inc.

Cary S. Hull

Lynda L. Huncutt Tragakes

April Hunt

Rich and Judy Huntington

Diane Hunt-Mason, APRN

Patricia Hurley

Lawrence-A. Hyatt

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Edward and Sandra Ianello

Patsy Iavecchia and Daniel Goodrow

Interfaith Open Golf Tournament

Ivyton Congregational Church

J


Faith M. Jackson

Susanne Javorski and Bruce MacLeod

The JECM Foundation

Kathleen Johnson

Lindsay Johnson

Bernadette Jones

Linda S. Jones

Jon and Doreen Joslow

Lori and Brad Jubelirer

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Linda W. and Dwight E. Juliani

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Maria and David Kalajian

Marie Kalita

Janice and Nelson Kalkreut

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Louisa and Jerry Ketron

Killingworth Lions Charity

Carol Kinderman

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Jenny Kitsen

Rev. Mary D. Klaren

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Maine Community Foundation

Carol Klimek

Joy M. Kmetz

Wendelin E. Knight

Jeffrey and Michelle Kochis

Andrew and Theresa Konefal

Gerhard and Hanna Krauland

Acton Public Library, Old Saybrook

Belden Public Library, Cromwell

Brainerd Memorial Library, Haddam

Chester Public Library

Deep River Public Library

Durham Public Library

East Haddam Free Public Library, Moodus

East Hampton Public Library

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Your planned gift to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County will have meaning and impact for years to come. Those who remember the Community Foundation through a will, trust, designation, or other planned gifts are respected members of the Community Foundation’s Legacy Society. These future gifts may be unrestricted, restricted to a specific geographic area (your home town or area), field of interest (The Arts, Environment, etc.) or to a designated organization. We are deeply grateful to the individuals who have returned us their intention to include CFMC in their estate planning. Known planned gifts total more than $21 million from 90 individuals (as of October 31, 2021). We would like to welcome you to join us.

CFMC Legacy Society

Anonymous (18)

Jeannette Archer-Simons and Robert E. Simons
Ronald S. Ashworth
Bonnie Bennett
Siegmund and Sylvia Blamberg
Sallie and Robert Booody
Marcia W. Bromberg
Eileen and Gerald Burke
Harry Eben Burr
Jill Butler
Tim Cahill
Jean H. and Richard Caron
Bill and Helen Chatman
Sherry and Herb Clark
Margaret Cee
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John S. D’Aquilla
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Barbara S. Delaney
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Rusell G. D’Oench Jr.
Englebright Estate

Young’s Printing, Inc.
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Beverly Community Impact Fund
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation
Travelers CyberGrants

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Rhonda Ashghasi-Meni
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William and Ethel Allard
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Christian and Ralph Allinson
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Patricia A. Alston
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Amity Construction & Design
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Barbara and Mehadin Arafeh
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Michael and Nancy Armstrong
Annemarie and Herbert Arnold
Rachel Aronow
Jean Arthur
Nedra and Ann Ashworth
Karen J. Avery
Judith F. and Lawrence W. Ayers

B Linda Swope Bahrs and Kurt S. Bahrs
James and Marilynn Barlow
Jan and Sandy Balaban
Elaine and Stephen Bank
Leslie Barlow
Linda B. Barlow
David and Barbara Barry
Stephen Bayley
Robert and Jennifer Bayer
Joan Bearden
John and Suzanne Beatty
John J. Beatty
Jan Beebe
Joanne and Paul Beeley
Diane M. Bell
Nancy and Michael Bell
Anita and Mark Bennett
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Margaret Cee—Celebrating Community
Margaret was born in Northern Ireland and came to Middletown, CT as an immigrant in 1958. After several years, Middlesex County became and has remained her home base. Living and working in the area gave her an appreciation of the many nonprofit groups that thrived in our community of fifteen towns.
When Margaret began working with her partner to prepare her will, she wanted to include Middlesex County in her legacy. She decided that The Community Foundation of Middlesex County would be an ideal choice to fulfill that wish. Margaret has been especially impressed with the work of CFMC over the years, as it provided support to a wide range of those nonprofit groups. She wants to continue the support of future generations by contributing to the resources of the Foundation as it addresses the needs of Middlesex County.
“The Foundation does so much in so many ways—providing grants, offering advice for nonprofits and donors, and working with others to find solutions for issues and needs. I have always appreciated the support the Community Foundation gives to Middlesex County, and I want to help the CFMC to continue that support and caring into the future by joining the Legacy Society.” Thank you, Margaret, for choosing CFMC to continue your legacy in Middlesex County.
Wayne and Barbara Harms
Evelyn L. Douglass Harris
Jane and Gregory Harris
Dorotha Hast and Stanley Scott
Joan D. Hendrick
Anne A. and W. Campbell Hudson III
Gary S. Hull
Father M. Jackson
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Elaine F. Godowsky
Lenny and Goldie Goldberg
Jennifer Grant and Ronald Noel
Katherine Green
Sharon and Bill Griffin
Dora and William Grover
Debra Guss and Stephen Angle
Phyllis Bonekemper LeMaire—“But That Isn’t All”

The phrase is the title of a poem crafted by her son, Noah Lemert, just a month before his death in 2020. Phyllis Bonekemper LeMaire used these five (5) words in the title of her memoir, “But That Isn’t All” Memoir of a Mother’s Grief and Gratitude.

The sadness and grief of losing Noah and also the loss of Noah’s older brother Matthew in 2000, led Phyllis to search for a meaningful way to honor and remember Noah and Matthew and define their legacies. Attorney Elizabeth Byrne introduced her to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, an introduction that Phyllis calls “surprising and wonderful. I had no idea that it was possible to create a lasting legacy for Noah and Matthew.”

Working with staff, Phyllis has established several designated funds at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Each fund has a mission and purpose that aligns with Noah’s and Matthew’s passions and interests. Each fund will ensure Phyllis’ sons’ legacies continue — forever.

On a recent visit, Phyllis shared that setting up the funds with CFMC is a “great relief.” “The Community Foundation of Middlesex County enabled me to fulfill my goals, and I know my goals are safe.” She graciously presented her memoir with the message “Thank you for your help in creating a lasting legacy for my sons. With warm gratitude, Phyllis.”

Loretta Spencer—Honoring a Kindness

Loretta Spencer’s inspiring story involves a good deal of courage and perseverance and, certainly, many “Random Acts of Kindness.” It also involves a resolve to “Give Back and Pay It Forward.”

Loretta will tell you that she endured obstacles, or as she would say, “challenges and opportunities,” during her life: losing her parents when she was around 14 and encountering a distant adoptive family. Loretta will also tell you that she encountered amazing acts of kindness. She smiles when she describes the unexpected opportunities that came at the way she and the remarkable people she met. Loretta smiles, too, when she describes that “wonderful person who gave me the money to complete that last year of graduate school. Quite a gift!”

Imagine, that the only stipulation of that gift was an agreement to “Pay It Forward.” Loretta is doing just that ... and more.

As she worked with her attorney on her will, Loretta had reflected on her life, her successful career (despite all odds), and everyone who made a difference in her life. She wanted to give back in a meaningful way. On the advice of her friend, Phyllis Lemaire, Loretta contacted the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Loretta worked with CFMC’s staff to establish two funds that will enable her to keep her promise. She has set up the Loretta Spencer New Beginnings Fund to benefit women and families in need working on “New Beginnings” to thrive and succeed. The Loretta Spencer “Pay It Forward” Education Award Fund will support graduating seniors at Middletown (CT) High School.

**2020 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

We worked carefully to ensure the completeness and accuracy of this list. We apologize for any mistakes, misspellings, or omissions and ask that you contact Thayer at 860.347.0025 to correct any inconsistencies. An “*” denotes the individual is deceased.

**Gifts to the Community Foundation and Middlesex County During 2020**

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We are honored that Phyllis and Loretta chose to establish their Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation.
Creating a Legacy with the Community Foundation

**Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg—Lending a Helping Hand**

We all know that KINDNESS is in Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg’s DNA. It’s true! Every day we see examples of the many ways their kind acts and generous ways touch people’s lives.

A few years ago, Lenny and JoAnn established a Donor Advised Fund that provides support for programs and projects they care deeply about: support for children, the environment, and those who need a hand up. Quite honestly, Lenny and JoAnn help build an even better community where they live, work, and play every single day.

Ever the planners, Lenny and JoAnn want to make a difference long into the future. They chose to continue their caring and generous ways with a planned gift through the Community Foundation. Adding to their Kindness Fund is truly the “gift that keeps on giving” – forever!

“JoAnn and I feel very fortunate to have lived in our southeastern CT community. It has been a wonderful place to raise our family, pursue our dreams of owning a restaurant, and enjoy a wonderful quality of life. We both strongly feel it is our obligation to ‘give back to our community and lend a helping hand to those in need.’

We subscribe to the motto “Think Globally and Act Locally” and became involved with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in 2018 when we established our Donor Advised Fund. We found CFMC’s commitment to serving our community and their “track record” has been astonishing. This is why we turned to them when we established a plan of giving as part of our estate planning. We are confident that our wishes and goals will be appropriately executed. Thank you, CFMC.”

**Sallie and Robert Boody – Looking Toward Our Future**

Sallie and Robert Boody established one of the first Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at CFMC in honor of Robert A. Mallinson, Ph.D., and soon thereafter, they established their own DAF. Each year, Sallie and Robert look forward to working with CFMC to determine which organization(s) they will support with their annual Fund distribution. Sallie and Robert enjoy the flexibility DAFs provide in supporting our region. Always interested in helping the community, they recently contacted the Community Foundation of Middlesex County about their plan to include the Community Foundation in their estate planning.

“Robert and I have always appreciated the work of the Community Foundation. We know that we can call with questions about what is going on in our community, and CFMC helps us better understand current needs and how we can make an impact. We also appreciate the opportunity to hear about the applications the Community Foundation reviews each year, and to use the money from our Donor Advised Fund to, perhaps, support those requests.

Robert and I like the idea that the Community Foundation will be here for years to come and will continue its focus on our community and that it understands the ever-changing needs of our area. We are pleased that the Community Foundation of Middlesex County will ensure that our Fund will keep making an impact. We also appreciate that the Fund we established now will continue our legacy, will continue letting nonprofits know that our family truly cared about Middlesex County and was committed to its betterment – forever.

This is one of the easiest things anyone can do – including the Community Foundation in your will. We can keep supporting CFMC and other organizations now and know that our estate will make one final gift to CFMC, a gift that will live on for generations and will keep giving back. We know that we can trust CFMC’s expertise and work.”

We are pleased to welcome the Goldberg and the Bondys to our Legacy Society.

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**Family and Friendship Forever**

Eileen Marie Kelly was a longtime Cromwell resident and community volunteer. There was no act too big nor too small when it came to helping others – family, friends, neighbors, and strangers (who were really just friends waiting to happen). She lived with a traumatic brain injury brought on by an Arterial Venous Malformation. Since her unexpected death two years ago, her cousin, Kasey Harding, and her family have been working on how they could honor Eileen’s life and love of Cromwell.

Kasey learned about the Community Foundation of Middlesex County’s Campaign for Bully-Free Communities Buddy Bench initiative when CFMC partnered with Community Health Centers and the Middletown Police Department to place a purple bench in Harbor Park last year. Sharing that idea with family and friends, Kasey soon began plans to have a Buddy Bench placed in Cromwell to celebrate Eileen.

“Eileen was always instrumental in our kids’ lives, and her memory still lives within us and the stories we share. There was no better way to honor Eileen because she was always looking out for people who needed support and help ... sometimes in very small ways and sometimes in very big ways,” explained Kasey.

Representatives from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and Rushford Academy joined the Kelly-Harding family at Cromwell Belden Public Library for a very special presentation – a “Buddy Bench” in memory of Eileen Marie Kelly.

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**FORWARD THINKING - AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

These funds are created by the nonprofit organizations themselves to produce a revenue stream for organization’s long-term financial health and stability.

- **BUTTONWOOD TREE AGENCY FUND** (2018)
- **CAMF HAZEN YMCA FUND** (2007)
- **DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES** (2019)
- **GILEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND** (2003)
- **HAP MERRICK FUND FOR COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL** (2014)
- **LEVI E. COE LIBRARY FUND** (2015)
- **MIDDLESEX HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND** (2016)
- **MIDDLESEX UNITED WAY AGENCY FUND** (2001)
- **ODDFELLOWS PLAYHOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND** (2006)
Grant Making Is A Team Effort

Grant making occurs all year long. Your generosity and your passion impact the community with every gift you make and every grant you recommend. In FY2020, thanks to you, grants totaling $861,809 were approved by the CFMC Board of Directors to support our community. 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:

- Community Engagement (Arts/Culture/History)
- Community Health (Health/Medical/Hospital Care)
- Economic Security/Economic Opportunity
- Economic Development
- Education (Community Wide/Schools)
- Environment
- Public / Social Benefit (Civic Improvement / Social/ human services
- Recreation
- 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 eight (8) committees made up of diverse volunteers who care about our community. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide programs and projects to help individuals build better lives; foster cooperative approaches to community issues; serve as a catalyst for attracting other resources; and build and strengthen the infrastructure within an organization to help it better meet its mission.

Together we are addressing issues important to our community, creating opportunities to bring young and old together, and discovering new ways to make our region the best place to live, work, and play. In the following pages, you will see how you – our donors and fundholders – made a tremendous impact in Middlesex County.

GRANTS ADDRESS ISSUES – SEED PROGRAMS – SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

2020-2021 Competitive Grant Awards

Total Awarded: $263,466.00

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- ARTFARM / Inc. / $1,750.00 / Where Are We Now? Race, Pride, Cans and Inequality
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- Aurora Women and Girls Foundation, Inc. / $1,500.00 / Women and Girls Data Platform
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“I WANT TO BE INVOLVED – TO MAKE AN IMPACT AND LEARN ABOUT MY COMMUNITY’S NEEDS.”

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds allow individuals, families, and businesses 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.

365 Fund (2011)
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund (2019)
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund (2020)
Avery’s Fund (2010)
John and Jean Beckert Fund (2007)
Chris Belleau Memorial Funds (2012)
Biddiscorni/Gorton Fund (2020)
Sally & Robert Bodey Fund (2011)
Butler Family and Friends Fund for the Creative Arts (2013)
Council of Business Partners Fund (2009)
Hugh L. and Judith R. Cox Fund (2000)
Director Family Donor Advised Fund (2012)
Dutch Oil Benevolence Fund (2011)
Elles and Jones Family Fund (2012)
Nancy Fischbach and Martin Wolman Fund (2009)
Griffin Family Funds (2009)
Lenny and JoAnn Goldberg Kindness Fund (2018)
Interfaith Community Circle of Leadership Funds (2015)
Jacarsio Family Fund (2014)
Jones Family Funds (2012)
Buzz and Harriet Levin Fund (2016)
Lorraine Lincoln Lieberman Donor Advised Fund (2019)
Cheryl Menaul
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Fund
Ida M. Maselli Fund (2009)
Howard and Yvonne McAulliffe Fund (2000)
Mehr Family Fund (2009)
Middlesex Family Assistance Fund (2009)
Mountain Laurels Fund (2017)
Newberg Family Fund (2009)
President’s Discretionary Fund (2008)
Remondino Foundation and Sue Weintraub Stand Up and Make A Difference Fund (2015)
Ryans’ Circle of Giving Fund (2008)
Sams Family Fund (2001)
The Shamrock Fund (2011)
Joan and Rich Tomic Fund (2017)
Warma the Children’s Hospital Fund (2020)
Kent S. Wanner Memorial Fund (2002)
Cathy Weiss Sunrise Fund (2020)
Wheeler Family Fund (2011)
Williams-Rosen Memorial Fund for Veterans (2010)
Wiltse Family Fund (2011)
I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT MY COMMUNITY

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GEOGRAPHIC AFFILIATE FUNDS

Your vision for a vibrant, healthy, successful Middlesex County is represented in Field of Interest Funds. These Funds supplement the competitive grant application cycle, providing the Community Foundation with guidance regarding donors’ passions and support of projects and nonprofit organizations working in areas of interest such as the needs of young children, or the environment, human services, or the arts... and so much more.

**ANIMALS: RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP**
- 'ABF Fund (2008)
- The Arts Fund (1999)
- At-Risk Boys and Young Men Fund (2013)
- CHESTER LEADERSHIP FUND (2020)
- THE CHILDREN’S FUND (2009)
- SHERRY and HERB CLARK FAMILY FUND (1998)
- COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FUND (2020)
- MARY JANVEN AND NARVEN JANVEN WIGGINS FUND FOR BIRDS, OTHER ANIMALS AND NATURE (2017)
- KITCHEN COLLEY CONSERVATION FUND (2013)
- HUGH L. AND RUTH C. FOSTER FUND OF INTEREST FUND TO SUPPORT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (2013)
- ARTHUR and ETHEL DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND OF INTEREST FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES (2013)
- FRIENDS OF DEEP RIVER FUND (2021)
- FRIENDS OF HADAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (2018)
- FUND FOR EDUCATION (2013)
- BARBARA WEEKS HART and GEORGE H. HART MEMORIAL FUND (2011)
- IVORYTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT FUND (2019)
- IVORYTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HUMAN SERVICES FUND (2019)

I WANT A WAY TO HELP MY FAVORITE NONPROFIT — FOREVER.

**DESIGNATED FUNDS AND PROJECT FUNDS**

Nonprofit organizations rely on the support of the community to address the issues and meet the needs of our neighbors, now and in the future. When you establish a Designated Fund for your favorite nonprofit organization, you ensure its growth and service to the community for years to come. Designated Funds also support educational awards for our region’s school districts, providing opportunities to support the next generation to pursue their dreams — and help make our community stronger. Project Funds support short-term initiatives with a beginning, middle, and end.

**15th Anniversary Endowed Fund for Operations (2012)**
- COLTER ABLEY ACHIEVEMENT FUND (2012)
- AiDAHON (2018)
- ANGELS OF NICK RAMEKE KNITTING CIRCLE FUND (2017)
- Richard Angielski EDUCATION FUND (2012)
- Richard Angielski TRI-TOWN YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (TTYSB) FUND (2012)
- Ashworth Family Fund in memory of Ronald and Heather Lind Ashworth (2005)
- Bill’s Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund (2009)
- John and Irene Bolden, Sr. Fund (2010)
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**JONES FAMILY FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES (2016)**
- JOAN B. KLAN FUND (2016)
- KILLINGWORTH COMMUNITY FUND (2017)
- Kirkpatrick Family Fund (2002)
- Mary Klamer Fund for Women and Girls (2007)
- Hanna and George Krauland Youth Enrichment Fund (2017)
- LRORaine LINCOLN LIEBERMAN Fund (2019)
- LOFFredo Performing Arts Fund (2006)
- HOWARD and YVONNE McAllister Fund (2002)
- PHYLLIS M. McDOWELL Fund for the Environment (2010)
- KATHERINE and WILLARD McRAE Fund (2001)
- MENTAL WELLNESS Fund (2014)
- MIDCreek Specialty Field of Interest Fund (1999)
- Middletown Police K-9 Unit Fund (2017)
- ANN and GEORGE PETERS Fund (2001)
- POMPAA FAMILY and Primary Steel, Inc. FUND (1999)
- SIMPLY SHARING and Caring Fund (2019)
- ELIZABETH SHAPI MIDDLETOWN Fund (2000)
- TOOTH FAiry Fund (2017)
- WELCOMING MIDDLETOWN Fund (2015)
- WESLEYAN University Community Fund (2002)
- Chuck and Rachel WIESE Fund (2001)

**145th Anniversary Endowed Fund for Operations (2012)**
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WARM HEARTS = WARM THE CHILDREN SHORELINE

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we never underestimate the power of a caring volunteers. Case in point: the wonderful people and businesses who wear their hearts on their sleeves and make certain our Shoreline children are warm this winter.

Every fall and winter, a group of volunteers are energized by Beebee Miller of Essex and Mack Stewart, Founder of Warm the Children Shoreline. These leaders and community volunteers raise funds that help families choose winter wear: colorful, warm coats, much needed scarves, gloves, socks and shoes. This “Wonderful Winter Wear” crew works diligently to coordinate everything. Shoppers and families meet to shop and help parents and children select new winter clothing and footwear. Children and youth between the ages of birth and 18 years participate in the program. Oh, and they have fun, too!

Warm the Children Shoreline serves local families in need in Old Lyme, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Essex, Centerbrook, Deep River, Chester, Westbrook, Clinton, and Killingworth. There are even plans to expand to another town in 2022.

Since Warm the Children Shoreline is an all-volunteer organization and they worked with the Community Foundation to establish a Fund through which individuals and businesses could support families, CFMC handles all the “back room administration,” and the volunteers join families for the shopping appointment. A Round of Applause for all at Warm the Children Shoreline. Their motto certainly is: Cold hands – no! Warm hearts – yes!

YOUR ACTIONS TODAY – YOUR VISIONS FOR TOMORROW

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 – the 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 our county continues to be 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.

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, thus 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 help you turn possibilities into action.)

“I WANT TO HELP MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.” UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ALLOW DONORS TO THINK BROADLY ABOUT THEIR IMPACT

These Funds allow the Board and staff to identify compelling community needs through the competitive grant making process and to determine the best use of your investment to address them.


Magic Food Bus at Middlesex Community College

Food insecurity is a crisis affecting universities and colleges across our community... and right here in our community.

In 2016, Middlesex Community College (MxCC) staff and administration chose to address the issue head on and support their college community through a new initiative. Led by Professor Judith Felton (now retired), MxCC took inspiration from other community colleges addressing this issue and set the wheels in motion for their own, very special, food pantry.

Thanks to your generosity through the CFMC Unrestricted Fund, Live Local Give Local, and other funds, MxCC received a grant to establish a food bank on campus. MxCC purchased a bus and partnered with nearby Vinal Technical High School whose students put their new skills to work transforming the ordinary vehicle into The Magic Food Bus.

Since its opening, The Magic Food Bus has provided 8,000 units of food to more than 1,750 students and their families in our community.

When good people work together, the results truly are magical! Thank you!

Thanks to You and Artist For World Peace, Middletown Has Gotten a Little Brighter—One Bucket at a Time

We believe every grant - no matter the size - can make a significant difference in our community. Thanks to your generosity, and the vision of Artist For World Peace, life became a little brighter for hundreds of children in our community.

As the pandemic began to change lives and enrichment and recreational programs were temporarily ceased, Artists for World Peace (AFPW), a collection of local artists, knew they had to find a way to help their community express itself. They had a fantastic idea about how to accomplish that, but they needed some help getting started.

Thanks to donors like you, CFMC was able to provide grant funds that enabled them to make their vision a reality.

Since the summer of 2020, the “buckets of Love” program has provided beach buckets filled with art supplies, bubbles, smiles, and giggles to 450 Middletown children. Those budding artists helped create the mural image featured on our Community Report cover - entitled The Colors of Love.

The generosity of donors like you, and the dedication of AFPW, have given children across Middletown the opportunity to create artwork that gives us all hope for a brighter future for our community.
Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation / $5,000.00 / Mercy Supportive Housing Services
Middlesex Community College Foundation / $3,000.00 / Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Best Practices
Middlesex County Historical Society / $3,500.00 / Critical Technology Enhancements
Middlesex County NAACP / $3,200.00 / Health Education Programs
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut / $5,000.00 / Veterans Build - Middletown Appliances
Middlesex Health Care Center / $5,000.00 / Cancer Patient Nutrition Program
Middletown Public Schools / $4,000.00 / All Pro Dads Program
Middletown Public Schools / $5,000.00 / Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) and People Empowering People (PEP)
National Conference for Community and Justice of CT and WMA, Inc. (NCCJ) / $2,500.00 / Middletown High School Prejudice Reduction Education Programs
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters / $5,000.00 / Community-Based/Virtual Mentoring
Oddfellows Playhouse / $5,000.00 / Teen Repertory Company
Pandemonium Rainforest Project Inc. / $2,696.00 / Parrot Cages
Pay Forward, Inc. / $1,800.00 / Replace Sailboat Skeg
Ray of Light Farm, Inc. / $4,000.00 / Family Farm Adventure Walkabout
Reach Out and Read, Inc. / $5,000.00 / Early Literacy and Relational Health Intervention
Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA / $3,000.00 / Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut’s Family Togetherness Program (FTP)
Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner / $5,000.00 / Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
Shoreline Arts Alliance / $3,000.00 / Reopening CT Arts Venues: Science-Based Safety
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc. / $5,000.00 / Shoreline Food Pantries
St. Vincent dePaul Place / $5,000.00 / Food and Supplies
Sustainable CT / $2,000.00 / Summer Fellowship Program
Town of Old Saybrook Historic Commission / $500.00 / Historic Advertising Sign Project
Town of Westbrook / $5,000.00 / Toby Hill VIII Parcel Acquisition
Valley Shore YMCA / $1,500.00 / Move for Better Balance Program
Vista Life Innovations / $3,000.00 / Virtual Programming
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County / $5,000.00 / Kids Corner full-day distance learning programming
Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth / $4,930.00 / Virtual Mentoring Program

For the Love of A Town and its Community

While we love all Middlesex County – the wonderful region where we live, work, and play—each of us has a special place in our hearts for our own town. It’s hard to say what we love most about it. It could be the town green concerts, the bustling Main Street with local shops, or the food pantry where we volunteer. Maybe it’s just the “feel” of the town that captures what “community” means to us. What’s most important is that we care, and we want to help our friends and neighbors thrive in our “favorite town.”

For one Anonymous Couple, that town is Deep River. Over the years, they have volunteered on local commissions and supported organizations serving Deep River and the surrounding region. Their passion for the community encompasses the environment, basic needs, mental wellness, public service, and so much more. When they considered downsizing, they knew they had to stay in Deep River, and fortunately for the whole town, they did.

They have now expanded their volunteer efforts and commitment to the community in a very meaningful way by establishing an Endowed Designated Fund for the benefit of the Town – The Friends of Deep River Fund. The Community Foundation, Deep River town government, and regional nonprofits are working with this generous couple to ensure that their fund will benefit that entire community today and far into the future.

That kind of selfless commitment to a town, its environment, and its residents cannot help but have far spreading ripples.

Helping to Spread Sunshine throughout the Community

Our world has changed dramatically over the past eighteen months. Yet at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County we are inspired by the generosity and many kindnesses of our friends and neighbors, who go above and beyond in sharing their time and talents. Meet Cathy Weiss, who just added one more accomplishment to her long list of successes and adventures: Heartfelt Donor.

Cathy’s background is a tapestry of caring. Her love of the arts, coupled with her work in health, community, and social services, has led her to give back in creative and innovative ways. Imagine being able to enjoy beautiful art as you travel on a local transit bus around town. Cathy helped create, along with an energetic team, the “Art In Motion Project” and donated an 18 foot “Mood of the Marsh” scene inspired by her home neighborhood to decorate a bus. The idea was two-fold – to brighten patrons’ rides and to help raise money to supply essential transportation services to 10,000 seniors in 23 towns. Cathy’s care and concern for our seniors is also evident in her support of the “Opening Minds Through Art” program at the Towers in New Haven which helps Alzheimer patients and others with neurocognitive disorders. Cathy’s dedication and fundraising for this program is legendary and did not go unnoticed. The Towers in New Haven renamed its art venue “The Cathy Weiss Gallery at The Towers” for her inspiring efforts on behalf of the “Opening Minds Through Arts”.

We are so pleased that Cathy has partnered with the CFMC to establish the Cathy Weiss Sunrise Fund. The Fund helps those in need, particularly those suffering with physical and mental health issues, as well as single moms who may need extra support during these extraordinary times. She partnered with Community Foundation of Middlesex County to establish her Donor Advised Fund to support our friends and neighbors not only during the pandemic, but well into the future. CFMC works with Cathy to identify programs and services that support basic human needs and underscore her “Heartfelt Donor” title.

As Cathy often says, “There is still light in each day...even if a dark cloud may be hovering.” Her extraordinary photo of a sunrise over Clinton reminds us that Great People Doing Great Things are in every town in Middlesex County.
PUTTING PASSION INTO ACTION – DONORS STAY INVOLVED THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, OR BUSINESSES PUT THEIR PASSIONS, HEARTS, AND DOLLARS TO WORK THROUGH THEIR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS. 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.

2020 APPROVED GRANTS FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS  TOTAL AWARDED: $168,939

From the following funds: 365 Unendowed Fund; John and Jean Beckert Donor Advised Fund; Biddiscombe/Gorton Fund; Butler Family and Friends Fund for the Creative Arts; Sally Ann McGee D’Aquila & Salvador D’Aquilà, Jr. Fund; Emlyn and Jolene Goldbery Kindness Fund; Griffin Family Unendowed Fund; Jacaruso Family Fund; Jones Family Fund, Jr. Family Fund II Donor Advised Fund; J.G. Lamberton Doyle Advised Fund; Mountain Laurel Fund; Ryan’s Circle of Giving Fund; Sams Family Fund; Joan and Richard Tome Fund; Cathy Weiss Surprize Fund.

7 Lakes Alliance
A Place Called Hope
Alliance For Water Efficiency Mpl
ADPA Foundation, Inc. ( Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations)
Appalachian Mountain Club
Artists for World Peace
Bare Necessities, Inc.
Belgrade Lakes Association
Bikes for Kids, Inc.
BRAYCE
Brian House, Inc.
Bushy Hill Nature Center
Camp Haven, Inc.
Camp Hazen YMCA
Camp Runski Alumnae Organization
Center for Children’s Advocacy, Inc.
Channel 3 Kids Camp
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA)
Clinton Human and Social Services
Cohoctaugh Valley Education Foundation, Inc.
Congregation Adath Israel
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
Connecticut College
Connecticut Food Bank
Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Connecticut Hospitality Education Foundation
Connecticut Humane Society
Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock
Connecticut Science Center, Inc.
Connection, Inc.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Town of Deep River
East Coast Greenway Alliance
Eastern Connecticut State University
Epoch Arts
Essex Ambulance Association, Inc.
Essex Elementary School Foundation
Essex Fire Engine Co. #1
Essex Historical Society
Essex Land Trust
Essex Library Association
Essex Meadows Foundation, Inc.
Essex Winter Series
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
Fairfield University
Families Helping Families
First Congressional Church of Westbrook
Friends of Indian Hill Cemetery, Inc.
Friends of Westport Library
Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.
Greater Middletown Chorale
Hartford’s Camp Courant
HIA, Inc.
Hole in the Wall Gang Fund, Inc.
Housing Alliance For Lone Soldiers
Italian Heritage Committee of Norwich
Ivyton Library Association
Ivyton Playhouse Foundation
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven
Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation
Kidstory, Inc.
Kingswood-Oxford School
Levi E. Cooke Library Association
Maine Public Broadcasting Network
Make A Wish South Carolina, Inc.
Middletown Rotary Club
Mercy High School
Middlefield Federated Church
Monarch School of New England
Middletown Community College Foundation
Middletown County Historical Society
Middletown Habitat for Humanity of CT
Middletown Health
Middletown Health Hospice and Palliative Care
Middletown United Way
Mystic Seaport
National Academy of Design
National Park Foundation
National Wildlife Federation
Navy League of the United States
Oldfellows Playhouse
Town of Old Saybrook
Pennington School
Rails to Trails Conservancy
Region 4 Education Foundation, Inc.
Rockfall Foundation
Rotary Club of Essex Foundation
Russell Library
Sacred Heart Catholic School
The Salvation Army
Salvation Army of Middletown
Shoreline Arts Alliance
Shoreline Community Women
Shoreline Greenway Trail
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.
Springfield College
St. Vincent dePaul Place
Syracuse University
The Towers Foundation Inc.
Trinity College
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Valley Shore YMCA
Vista Life Innovations
Warm the Children
Water for People
Wesleyan Potters
Wesleyan University
Westbrook Ambulance Association
Westbrook Chemical Engine Company No. 1
Westbrook Foundation Inc
Westbrook Garden Club
Westbrook Public Library
Wikipedia Foundation
Xavier High School
Yale Cancer Center
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County
Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth

Your support at work in our community

Our friends at The Kitchen at Futures, Inc. shared the following story — thanks to your generosity we are helping men and women learn essential culinary skills and providing economic opportunities in our community.

Futures Inc. received a grant award from the CFMC to purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator that stores moderately priced “grab and go” food items available for purchase by the community and Futures staff. The Grab and Go catering initiative added 35 hours a week of paid work opportunities for the individuals with disabilities employed at The Kitchen at Futures. Jobs responsibilities include shopping for supplies, creating menus, marketing menu options, preparing items for sale, taking orders online or by phone, making deliveries, and managing curbside pick-up. Futures’ “chefs in training” prepare healthy snacks and lunch items such as Bento boxes, salads, sandwiches, and dessert items for sale in the lobby of our Middletown location. Patrons stop in or order food in advance for delivery or curbside pick-up.

Thank you to CFMC for supporting our mission!

Marilyn is thrilled to have the opportunity to work at our new Grab and Go catering shop. Marilyn works at The Kitchen every Monday where she starts her day prepping items for the Grab and Go. She helps with everything from making healthy salads to assembling a delicious array of sandwiches and bagging our tasty baked goods. Once the items are packaged and ready for sale, Marilyn moves to the “front of house” where she fulfills customer orders. Her duties include stock ing items and completing all transactions while we’re open for business. The catering business created opportunities for Marilyn to learn new skills in The Kitchen and to interact with community patrons as they stop by the Grab and Go for a delicious and convenient lunch.

Kevin has been part of all aspects of the Grab and Go catering business since it opened. If you ask Kevin what his favorite activity is in The Kitchen, he will tell you that it’s not sampling the baked goods or preparing sandwiches. Kevin’s favorite work assignment is doing the laundry and dishes after a very busy day - the more dishes and laundry there is, the better! For Kevin, having the new Grab and Go business means more production. And, more production in The Kitchen means that Kevin gets to work more hours during his preferred tasks! When Kevin is not on dish or laundry detail, he also enjoys bringing menus to local businesses and interacting with the customers who stop by to support our catering business.

Be sure to visit MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/FUTURES-INC/ and watch the great Thank You Video Futures, Inc. made for our community.
Everyone knows that at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we only know “Good People Who Do Great Things.”

Oh, and you also know that we see the ripple effect of our donors’ generosity every day.

This year we learned that “joy” is contagious.

A bit of background: you’ve read in this report about the Library Initiative and the amazing amount of fun, community spirit, and camaraderie sparked by small grants to local “Centers of the Universe,” our libraries. It was a true pleasure to hear about all the creative ways those grants were used and the joy they brought to each town in Middlesex County.

But the giving didn’t stop there. The Library Initiative (see page 9) sparked the interest of one local family who decided that they, too, wanted to “spread some joy” in the “good ol summertime.” This donor family knows first-hand the importance and the impact of summer camps: the new and lasting friendships, the activities and the adventures, the laughter, and everything that made camp great during their own camp days. They also recognized the impact of the pandemic on school-age children, so they decided to take special action. They chose to give that same camp experience to youth in our community. To do that, they knew the camps and town recreation departments would need help to have the resources to offer the best quality and variety of programs. Inspired by the impact grants recently given to every library in Middlesex County by another CFMC donor, the family chose to do something similar through their family fund, the M. Jones Family Fund at CFMC. Thanks to their generosity, 22 summer youth camps and town recreation departments each received a $1,000 grant award to support camp programs. Grant recipients include Camp Hazen, Bushy Hill Nature Center at Incarnation Center, Middlesex YMCA, Valley Shore YMCA, Community Music School, Kate’s Kids Camp at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Oddfellows Playhouse Children’s Circus Camp, the Tri-Town Youth Services’ Girls Circle Sumer Camp, and the recreation department serving every town in Middlesex County. The only restrictions were that the funds must be used for youth summer programs and for something FUN!

Call it “contagious joy,” “connecting the dots,” or “the ripple effect.” Just know that this one family’s story is one of many great examples of how giving back to your local community can truly mean a better today and a brighter tomorrow for all. By investing in our young people and providing opportunities to explore the natural world, the arts, and other self-empowering activities, together we enrich and strengthen our entire community.

**Go Spread Some Joy!**

**Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The love of the outdoors and his profession brought Jack Thomas Condulis to Tampa, FL, where he worked for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company (WTCC) as a Project Engineer.

A graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Construction Science and Management, his work with WTCC brought him in close contact with designers, engineers, architects, and other professionals on a day-to-day basis – all areas of interest for Jack as he pursued his career in commercial and civil construction projects. The Tampa area was also a perfect spot for this avid, boater, fisherman, and hunter.

Jack truly had many interests, but his happiest times were with his family and friends, whether at large celebrations, vacations, holiday gatherings, or just being home with his sister and brothers. His sense of humor, honesty, loyalty, and easy nature gave him the knack of establishing friendships wherever he was. With his untimely passing in 2019 at age 22, Jack’s family began to consider how they could honor his memory and help other young people with similar passions and career aspirations.

The Condulis Family established the Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation in 2020. The Fund provides education awards annually to a graduating senior of the Old Saybrook High School, the same school Jack graduated from in 2014. The award will be given to a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in Construction Science, Engineering, or Architecture.

**MELISSA J. SCHLAG GOOD CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION AWARD FUND**

We are surrounded by people who strive to make our community better, stronger, and more vibrant— not just for today but for generations to come. Melissa Schlag was just such a person.

Melissa worked to help her neighbors and her community. She was a land conservationist, an environmental advocate, a youth mentor at Save the Sound, a civic journalist, and a former First Selectman of Haddam. As a political leader, Melissa networked with the EPA and officials at the State Capitol to remove pollutants from the Higganum Cove so it could be enjoyed as a public park. She lobbied the Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) and Connecticut River Conservancy to remove floating, fluorescent orange barriers that blocked the entrance of a public trust canal along the Connecticut River. She was also instrumental in encouraging the State to purchase 42 acres in Higganum now a State reserve, open to the public for its enjoyment.

As a grassroots activist, she directed Stop the Swap, a multi-town effort that saved Clark Creek Wildlife Management Area, 17 acres of protected and publicly owned, pristine, Connecticut River land adjoining Eagle State Park in Haddam.

Melissa never gave up, even while battling cancer. Late in her illness, Melissa, ever the good-neighbor, gathered her neighbors to spearhead a work party with the Haddam Historical Society and the owners of Spencer’s Shad Shack to restore that historical landmark on Route 154 in Haddam.

Melissa’s passing was a great loss to the Haddam community, yet, her friends and family found a way to honor her work and continue her legacy. The Melissa J. Schlag Good Citizenship Education Award Fund honors her life’s work and her commitment to mentoring our community’s next generation of activists and community leaders. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Haddam-Killingworth High School senior pursuing secondary studies in one of Melissa’s areas of interest: environmental studies, civics, political science, or community involvement.

“Melissa always lived her life with one goal in mind, something she learned during her early Girls Scout days: ‘leave the world a better place than you found it,’” stated Melissa’s long-time friend, Tanja Morariu. “Melissa worked every day on behalf of our community and on behalf of our youth to create a better place for everyone. What better way to honor her life’s work than to support our youth and encourage them to work to make our town better for the next generation.”
Dear M Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to our summer camp programs! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness helping us enjoy our camps!

Mike

Camp Ingersoll, YMCA of Northern Middlesex County

Through the Lens: A History of Chester

Kaledy, a girl from Deep River, earned the Gold Award by working with her team to bring the history of Chester to life through a walking tour of the town. Her tour, which included a film and informational document detailing many historical events and buildings in the town, is entitled "Through the Lens: A History of Chester" and can be found on the website of the Chester Historical Society: https://www.chesterny.com/search?q=Through+the+Lens

Community Music School

Valley Shore YMCA

Camp Cromwell 2021

Thank you for all you do for Middletown Kids Camp

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Love Inc. Of the Greater Gowanda / Anonymous Fund for Basic Human Needs

MARC Community Resources / Live Local Give Local Fund

Middletown High School / Elizabeth Mary Pernel Award Fund; Elizabeth Swaim Arts Enrichment Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund

Middletown Public Schools / Live Local Give Local Fund

Middletown Rotary Club / Arthur and Edythe Director Family Middletown Rotary Fund; President's Discretionary Fund

Mercy High School / Jesse A. Trota Bequest and Education Award Fund; William and Mary Toomic Memorial Fund

Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation / Live Local Give Local Fund

Middle Haddam Public Library Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund

Morgan High School / Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholarship Fund

Middlesex Coalition for Children / Live Local Give Local Fund

Middlesex Community College Foundation / Hugh L. and Judith R. Cox Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund

Middlesex County Historical Society / Elizabeth Swaim Middlesex County Historical Society Fund

Middlesex United Way / Middlesex United Way Agency Fund

Nathan Hale-Ray High School / Ashworth Family Award Fund in memory of Ronald & Heather Lind Ashworth

The Nature Conservancy / Fund for Preservation and Stewardship of Natural Areas

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters / Arthur and Edythe Director Family Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund

Old Saybrook High School / Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholarship Fund; Joshua T. Winslow Memorial Award Fund; Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund

Operation Fuel / Live Local Give Local Fund

Pandemonium Rainforest Project Inc. / Animals Respect and Friendship Fund

Parmelee Farm / Live Local Give Local Fund

Portland High School / Deborah L. Lombardo Education Fund

Portland Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund

Rathbun Free Memorial Library / Live Local Give Local Fund

Ray of Light Farm, Inc. / Animals Respect and Friendship Fund

Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA / Barbara Weeks Hart and George H. Hart Memorial Fund

Russell Library / Louis V. and Aurora R. Trota Fund for Russell Library; Live Local Give Local Fund

Safe Futures, Inc. / President's Discretionary Fund

Shoreline Arts Alliance / Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund

Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund

St. John Paul II Regional School / Jesse A. Trota Bequest and Education Award Fund

St. John Roman Catholic Church / Jesse A. Trota Bequest and Education Award Fund

Tri-Town Youth Services / Tri Town Youth Services Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund

University of Connecticut / Joan Matz Music Award Fund

Valley Regional High School / Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholarship Fund; Ivoryton Congregational Church Scholarship Fund; She's Speaking Fund; Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund

Vista Life Innovations / Live Local Give Local Fund

Wesleyan University / Charles Munson Burr, Jr. Family Fund

Westbrook High School / Joshua T. Winslow Memorial Award Fund; Bill's Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholarship Fund

Westbrook Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund

Women & Family Life Center, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund

Xavier High School / Jesse A. Trota Bequest and Education Award Fund

YMCA of Northern Middlesex County / Ingersoll Outdoor Center Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund

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Community—A Caring Group

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- Bare Necessities, Inc. / Tooth Fairy Fund; Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
- Brainerd Memorial Library / Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women & Girls; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Brown University / Mary C. Rawlins Award Fund
- The Buttonwood Tree (NEAR, Inc.) / Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Chester Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Clinton Human and Social Services / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Close the Gap, Inc. / Close The Gap, Inc. Fund
- Coalition on Housing & Homelessness / Live Local Give Local Fund; President’s Discretionary Fund
- Levi E. Coo Library Association / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Columbus House, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Community Health Center / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Community School / Carolyn Greenleaf Memorial Fund for the Community Music School
- Cromwell Belden Public Library / Cromwell Belden Public Library Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Cromwell High School / Arthur and Edythe Director Family Award Fund
- Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Connecticut Science Center, Inc. / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature
- Deep River Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Durham Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Town of Durham / Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund; President’s Discretionary Fund
- East Haddam Historical Society / Live Local Give Local Fund
- East Haddam Free Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- East Hampton Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Epoch Arts / Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women and Girls
- Essex Library Association / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Essex Meadows Foundation, Inc. / Jones Family Fund
- Estuary Council of Senators, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Everyone Outside / Live Local Give Local Fund
- First Congregational Church in Essex / Tooth Fairy Fund
- Friends of North Cove / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature
- Futures Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Gilead Community Services / Gilead Community Services Endowment Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Headspace Program / Tooth Fairy Fund
- HOPE Partnership, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Henry Carter Hull Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Ivoryton Library Association / Ivoryton Library 150th Anniversary Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation / Jacqui Hubbard & Norman Needleman Honorary Fund for the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
- Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Killingworth Library Association / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Long Island Community Foundation / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature

Estuary Council of Seniors volunteers preparing to stock a new freezer, thanks to support from the Cathy Weiss Sunrise Fund.

2022 Sustainable CT Fellows
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- Cromwell Belden Public Library / Cromwell Belden Public Library Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Cromwell High School / Arthur and Edythe Director Family Award Fund
- Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Connecticut Science Center, Inc. / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature
- Deep River Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Durham Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Town of Durham / Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund; President’s Discretionary Fund
- East Haddam Historical Society / Live Local Give Local Fund
- East Haddam Free Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- East Hampton Public Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Epoch Arts / Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women and Girls
- Essex Library Association / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Essex Meadows Foundation, Inc. / Jones Family Fund
- Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Everyone Outside / Live Local Give Local Fund
- First Congregational Church in Essex / Tooth Fairy Fund
- Friends of North Cove / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature
- Futures Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Gilead Community Services / Gilead Community Services Endowment Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- IMAGINE Program / Tooth Fairy Fund
- HOPE Partnership, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Henry Carter Hull Library / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Ivoryton Library Association / Ivoryton Library 150th Anniversary Fund; Live Local Give Local Fund
- Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation / Joquai Hubbard & Norman Needleman Honorary Fund for the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
- Kids of Chafrm Organization, Inc. / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Killingworth Library Association / Live Local Give Local Fund
- Long Island Community Foundation / Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature
Dear M Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to our summer camp programs! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness helping us enjoy our camps!

Mike

Camp Cromwell 2021

Through the Lens: A History of Chester

Kadley, a girl from Deep River, earned the Gold Award by working with her team to bring the history of Chester to life through a walking tour of the town. Her tour, which included a film and informational document detailing many historical events and buildings in the town, is entitled "Through the Lens: A History of Chester" and can be found on the website of the Chester Historical Society. [https://www.ccbcs.org/search?q=Through+the+Lens:+A+History+of+Chester](https://www.ccbcs.org/search?q=Through+the Lens: A History of Chester)

Christy K. Libby

Middlesex County Council on the Arts

www.middletownarts.org
Everyone knows that at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we only know “Good People Who Do Great Things.” Oh, and you also know that we see the ripple effect of our donors’ generosity every day.

This year we learned that “joy” is contagious. A bit of background: you’ve read in this report about the Library Initiative and the amazing amount of fun, community spirit, and camaraderie sparked by small grants to local “Centers of the Universe,” our libraries. It was a true pleasure to hear about all the creative ways those grants were used and the joy they brought to each town in Middlesex County.

But the giving didn’t stop there. The Library Initiative (see page 9) sparked the interest of one local family who decided that they, too, wanted to “spread some joy” in the “good ol’ summertime.” This donor family knows first-hand the importance and impact of the summer camps: the new and lasting friendships, the activities and the adventures, the laughter, and everything that made camp great during their own camp days. They also recognized the impact of the pandemic on school-age children, so they decided to take special action. They chose to give that same camp experience to youth in our community. To do that, they knew the camps and town recreation departments would need help to have the resources to offer the best quality and variety of programs. Inspired by the impact grants recently given to every library in Middlesex County by another CFMC donor, the family chose to do something similar through their family fund, the M. Jones Family Fund at CFMC. Thanks to their generosity, 22 summer youth camps and town recreation departments each received a $1,000 grant award to support camp programs. Grant recipients include Camp Hazen, Bushy Hill Nature Center at Incarnation Center, Middlesex YMCA, Valley Shore YMCA, Community Music School, Kate’s Kids Camp at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Oddfellows Playhouse Children’s Circus Camp, the Tri-Town Youth Services’ Girls Circle Summer Camp, and the recreation department serving every town in Middlesex County. The only restrictions were that the funds must be used for youth summer programs and for something FUN!

Call it “contagious joy,” “connecting the dots,” or “the ripple effect.” Just know that this one family’s story is one of many great examples of how giving back to your local community can truly mean a better today and a brighter tomorrow for all. By investing in our young people and providing opportunities to explore the natural world, the arts, and other self-empowering activities, together we enrich and strengthen our entire community.

**Go Spread Some Joy!**

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**Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The love of the outdoors and his profession brought Jack Thomas Condulis to Tampa, FL, where he worked for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company (WTCC) as a Project Engineer.

A graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Construction Science and Management, his work with WTCC brought him in close contact with designers, engineers, architects and other professionals on a day-to-day basis – all areas of interest for Jack as he pursued his career in commercial and civil construction projects. The Tampa area was also a perfect spot for this avid, boater, fisherman, and hunter.

Jack truly had many interests, but his happiest times were with his family and friends, whether at large celebrations, vacations, holiday gatherings, or just being home with his sister and brothers. His sense of humor, honesty, loyalty, and easy nature gave him the knack of establishing friendships wherever he was. With his untimely passing in 2019 at age 22, Jack’s family began to consider how they could honor his memory and help other young people with similar passions and career aspirations.

The Condulis Family established the Jack Thomas Condulis Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation in 2020. The Fund provides education awards annually to a graduating senior of the Old Saybrook High School, the same school Jack graduated from in 2014. The award will be given to a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in Construction Science, Engineering, or Architecture.

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**Melissa J. Schlag Good Citizenship Education Award Fund**

We are surrounded by people who strive to make our community better, stronger, and more vibrant – not just for today but for generations to come. Melissa Schlag was just such a person.

Melissa worked to help her neighbors and her community. She was a land conservationist, an environmental advocate, a youth mentor at Save the Sound, a civic journalist, and a former First Selectman of Haddam. As a political leader, Melissa networked with the EPA and officials at the State Capitol to remove pollutants from the Higganum Cove so it could be enjoyed as a public park.

She lobbied the Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) and Connecticut River Conservancy to remove floating, fluorescent orange barriers that blocked the entrance of a public trust canal along the Connecticut River. She was also instrumental in encouraging the State to purchase 42 acres in Higganum now a State reserve, open to the public for its enjoyments.

As a grassroots activist, she directed Stop the Swap, a multi-town effort that saved Clark Creek Wildlife Management Area, 17 acres of protected and publicly owned, pristine, Connecticut River land adjoining Eagle State Park in Haddam.

Melissa never gave up, even while battling cancer. Late in her illness, Melissa, ever the good-neighbor, gathered her neighbors to spearhead a work party with the Haddam Historical Society and the owners of Spencer’s Shad Shack to restore that historical landmark on Route 154 in Haddam.

Melissa’s passing was a great loss to the Haddam community, yet, her friends and family found a way to honor her work and continue her legacy. The Melissa J. Schlag Good Citizenship Education Award Fund honors her life’s work and her commitment to mentoring our community’s next generation of activists and community leaders. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Haddam-Killingworth High School senior pursuing secondary studies in one of Melissa’s areas of interest: environmental studies, civics, or political science.

“Melissa always lived her life with one goal in mind, something she learned during her early Girls Scout days: leave the world a better place than you found it,” stated Melissa’s long-time friend, Tanja Moriarity. “Melissa worked every day on behalf of our community and on behalf of our youth to create a better place for everyone. What better way to honor her life’s work than to support our youth and encourage them to work to make our town better for the next generation.”
PUTTING PASSION INTO ACTION — DONORS STAY INVOLVED THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

From the following funds: 365 Unendowed Fund; John and Jean Beckert Donor Advised Fund; Biddulph/Sorton Fund; Butler Family and Friends Fund for the Creative Arts; Sally Ann McGee D’Aquila & Salvatore D’Aquila, Jr. Fund; Eliny and Julien Goldberg Kindness Fund; Griffin-Flint Unendowed Fund; Jaccaruso Family Fund; Jones Family Fund; Kyrkpatrick Family Fund II Donor Advised Fund; I. Guy Lombardo Jr. Donor Advised Fund; Mountain Laurel Fund; Ryan’s Circle of Giving Fund; Sams Family Fund; Joan and Richard Tome Fund; Cathy Weiss Surrogate Fund.

7 Lakes Alliance
A Place Called Hope
Alliance For Water Efficiency MfP
ADPA Foundation, Inc. (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations)
Appalachian Mountain Club
Artists for World Peace
Bare Necessities, Inc.
Belgrade Lakes Association
Bikes for Kids, Inc. (BRAYPE)
Brian House, Inc.
Bushy Hill Nature Center
Camp Haven, Inc.
Camp Hazen YMCA
Camp-Rusina Alumnae Organization
Center for Children’s Advocacy, Inc.
Channel 3 Kids Camp
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA)
Clinton Human and Social Services
Cogginsaugh Valley Education Foundation, Inc.
Congregation Adath Israel
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
Connecticut College
Connecticut Food Bank
Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Connecticut Hospitality Education Foundation
Connecticut Humane Society
Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock
Connecticut Science Center, Inc.
Connection, Inc.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Town of Deep River
East Coast Greenway Alliance
Eastern Connecticut State University
Epoch Arts
Essex Ambulance Association, Inc.
Essex Elementary School Foundation
Essex Fire Engine Co. #1
Essex Historical Society
Essex Land Trust
Essex Library Association
Essex Meadows Foundation, Inc.
Essex Winter Series
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
Fairfield University
Families Helping Families
First Congregational Church of Westbrook
Friends of Indian Hill Cemetery, Inc.
Friends of Westport Public Library
Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.
Greater Middletown Chorale
Hartford’s Camp Courant
HIAS, Inc.
Hole in the Wall Gang Fund, Inc.
Housing Alliance For Lone Soldiers
Italian Heritage Committee of Norwich
Ivyton Library Association
Ivyton Playhouse Foundation
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven
Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation
Kidstory, Inc.
Kingswood-Oxford School
Levi E. Cole Library Association
Maine Public Broadcasting Network
Make A Wish South Carolina, Inc.
Middletown Rotary Club
Mercy High School
Middlefield Federated Church
Monarch School of New England
Middletown Community College Foundation
Middletown County Historical Society
Middletown Habitat for Humanity of CT
Middletown Health
Middletown Health Hospice and Palliative Care
Middletown United Way
Mystic Seaport
National Academy of Design
National Park Foundation
National Wildlife Federation
Navy League of the United States Treasure Coast Council
Oddfellows Playhouse
Tect of Old Saybrook
Pennington School
Rails to Trails Conservancy
Region 4 Education Foundation, Inc.
Rockfall Foundation
Rotary Club of Essex Foundation
Russell Library
Sacred Heart Catholic School
The Salvation Army
Salvation Army of Middletown
Shoreline Arts Alliance
Shoreline Community Women
Shoreline Greenway Trail
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.
Springfield College
St. Vincent dePaul Place
Syracuse University
The Towers Foundation Inc.
Trinity College
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Valley Shore YMCA
Vista Life Innovations
War, Children
Water for People
Wesleyan Potters
Wesleyan University
Westbrook Ambulance Association
Westbrook Chemical Engine Company No. 1
Westbrook Foundation Inc
Westbrook Garden Club
Westbrook Library
Wikipedia Foundation
Xavier High School
Yale Cancer Center
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County
Youth Family & Services Haddam-Killingworth

Futures Inc. received a grant award from the CFMC to purchase a commercial-grade refrigerator that stores moderately priced “grab and go” food items available for purchase by the community and Futures staff. The Grab and Go catering initiative added 35 hours of paid work opportunities for the individuals with disabilities employed at The Kitchen at Futures. Jobs responsibilities include shopping for supplies, creating menus, marketing menu options, preparing items for sale, taking orders online or by phone, making deliveries, and managing curbside pick-up. Futures’ “chefs in training” prepare healthy snacks and lunch items such as Bento boxes, salads, sandwiches, and dessert items for sale in the lobby of our Middletown location. Patrons stop in or order food in advance for delivery or curbside pick-up.

Thank you to CFMC for supporting our mission!

Marilyn is thrilled to have the opportunity to work at our new Grab and Go catering shop. Marilyn works at The Kitchen every Monday where she starts her day prepping items for the Grab and Go. She helps with everything from making healthy salads to assembling a delicious array of sandwiches and bagging our tasty baked goods. Once the items are packaged and ready for sale, Marilyn moves to the “front of house” where she fulfills customer orders. Her duties include stocking items and completing all transactions while we’re open for business. The catering business created opportunities for Marilyn to learn new skills in The Kitchen and to interact with community patrons as they stop by the Grab and Go for a delicious and convenient lunch.

Kevin has been part of all aspects of the Grab and Go catering business since its opened. If you ask Kevin what his favorite activity is in The Kitchen, he will tell you that it’s not sampling the baked goods or prepping sandwiches. Kevin’s favorite work assignment is doing the laundry and dishes after a very busy day - the more dishes and laundry there is, the better! For Kevin, having the new Grab and Go business means more production. And, more production in The Kitchen means that Kevin gets to work more hours doing his preferred tasks! When Kevin is not on dish or laundry detail, he also enjoys bringing menus to local businesses and interacting with the customers who stop by to support our catering business.

Your support at work in our community

Our friends at The Kitchen at Futures, Inc. shared the following story — thanks to your generosity we are helping men and women learn essential culinary skills and providing economic opportunities in our community.

BE SURE TO VISIT MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/FUTURES-INC/ and watch the great Thank You Video Futures, Inc. made for our community.
Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation / $5,000.00 / Mercy Supportive Housing Services
Middlesex Community College Foundation / $3,000.00 / Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Best Practices
Middlesex County Historical Society / $3,500.00 / Critical Technology Enhancements
Middlesex County NAACP / $3,200.00 / Health Education Programs
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut / $5,000.00 / Veterans Build - Middlefield Appliances
Middlesex Health Cancer Center / $5,000.00 / Cancer Patient Nutrition Program
Middletown Public Schools / $4,000.00 / All Pro Dads Program
Middletown Public Schools / $5,000.00 / Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) and People Empowering People (PEP)
National Conference for Community and Justice of CT and WMA, Inc. (NCCJ) / $2,500.00 / Middletown High School Prejudice Reduction Education Program
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters / $5,000.00 / Community-Based/ Virtual Mentoring
Oddfellows Playhouse / $5,000.00 / Teen Repertory Company main stage production
Pandemonium Rainforest Project Inc. / $2,696.00 / Parrot Cages
Pay Forward, Inc. / $1,800.00 / Replace Sailboat Skeg
Ray of Light Farm, Inc. / $4,000.00 / Family Farm Adventure Walkabout
Reach Out and Read, Inc. / $5,000.00 / Early Literacy and Relational Health Intervention
Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA / $3,000.00 / Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut’s Family Togetherness Program (FTP)
Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner / $5,000.00 / Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
Shoreline Arts Alliance / $5,000.00 / Reopening CT Arts Venues: Science-Based Safety
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc. / $5,000.00 / Shoreline Food Pantries
St. Vincent dePaul Place / $5,000.00 / Food and Supplies
Sustainable CT / $2,000.00 / Summer Fellowship Program
Town of Old Saybrook Historic Commission / $500.00 / Historic Advertising Sign Project
Town of Westbrook / $5,000.00 / Toby Hill VIII Parcel Acquisition
Valley Shore YMCA / $1,500.00 / Move for Better Balance Program
Vista Life Innovations / $3,000.00 / Virtual Programming
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County / $5,000.00 / Kids Corner full -day distance learning programming
Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth / $4,930.00 / Virtual Mentoring Program

CONNECTICUT HUMANIC SOCIETY FREE VETERINARY SERVICES CLINIC

FOR THE LOVE OF A TOWN AND ITS COMMUNITY
While we love all Middlesex County – the wonderful region where we live, work, and play—each of us has a special place in our hearts for our own town. It’s hard to say what we love most about it. It could be the town green concerts, the bustling Main Street with local shops, or the food pantry where we volunteer. Maybe it’s just the “feel” of the town that captures what “community” means to us. What’s most important is that we care, and we want to help our friends and neighbors thrive in our “favorite town.”

FOR ONE ANONYMOUS COUPLE, THAT TOWN IS DEEP RIVER. Over the years, they have volunteered on local commissions and supported organizations serving Deep River and the surrounding region. Their passion for the community encompasses the environment, basic needs, mental wellness, public service, and so much more. When they considered downsizing, they knew they had to stay in Deep River, and fortunately for the whole town, they did.

They have now expanded their volunteer efforts and commitment to the community in a very meaningful way by establishing an Endowed Designated Fund for the benefit of the Town – The Friends of Deep River Fund. The Community Foundation, Deep River town government, and regional nonprofits are working with this generous couple to ensure that their fund will benefit that entire community today and far into the future.

That kind of selfless commitment to a town, its environment, and its residents cannot help but have far spreading ripples.

HELPING TO SPREAD SUNSHINE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY
Our world has changed dramatically over the past eighteen months. Yet at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County we are inspired by the generosity and many kindnesses of our friends and neighbors, who go above and beyond in sharing their time and talents. Meet Cathy Weiss, who just added one more accomplishment to her long list of successes and adventures: Heartfelt Donor.

Cathy’s background is a tapestry of caring. Her love of the arts, coupled with her work in health, community, and social services, has led her to give back in creative and innovative ways. Imagine being able to enjoy beautiful art as you travel on a local transit bus around town. Cathy helped create, along with an energetic team, the “Art In Motion Project” and donated an 18 foot “Mood of the Marsh” scene inspired by her home neighborhood to decorate a bus. The idea was two-fold – to brighten patrons’ rides and to help raise money to supply essential transportation services to 10,000 seniors in 23 towns.

Cathy’s care and concern for our seniors is also evident in her support of the “Opening Minds Through Art” program at The Towers in New Haven which helps Alzheimer patients and others with neurocognitive disorders. Cathy’s dedication and fundraising for this program is legendary and did not go unnoticed. The Towers in New Haven renamed its art venue “The Cathy Weiss Gallery at The Towers” for her inspiring efforts on behalf of the “Opening Minds Through Arts”.

We are so pleased that Cathy has partnered with the CFMC to establish the Cathy Weiss Sunrise Fund. The Fund helps those in need, particularly those suffering with physical and mental health issues, as well as single moms who may need extra support during these extraordinary times. She partnered with Community Foundation of Middlesex County to establish her Donor Advised Fund to support our friends and neighbors not only during the pandemic, but well into the future. CFMC works with Cathy to identify programs and services that support basic human needs and underscore her “Heartfelt Donor” title.

As Cathy often says, “There is still light in each day…even if a dark cloud may be hovering.” Her extraordinary photo of a sunrise over Clinton reminds us that Great People Doing Great Things are in every town in Middlesex County.
Your Support + Great Nonprofits = Great Things In Middlesex County

Magic Food Bus at Middlesex Community College

Food insecurity is a crisis affecting universities and colleges across our country – and right here in our community.

In 2016, Middlesex Community College (MxCC) staff and administration chose to address the issue head on and support their college community through a new initiative. Led by Professor Judith Felton (now retired), MxCC took inspiration from other community colleges addressing this issue and set the wheels in motion for their own, very special, food pantry.

Thanks to your generosity through the CFMC Unrestricted Fund, Live Local Give Local, and other funds, MxCC received a grant to establish a food bank on campus. MxCC purchased a bus and partnered with nearby Vinal Technical High School whose students put their new skills to work transforming the ordinary vehicle into The Magic Food Bus.

Since its opening, The Magic Food Bus has provided 8,000 units of food to more than 1,750 students and their families in our community.

Thanks to you and Aras, our donors, are transforming Middlesex County. You have different passions, different perspectives, and different reasons to make good things happen, thus joining the CFMC in our mission.

The generosity of donors like you, and the dedication of ASPW, have given children across Middletown the opportunity to create artwork that gives us all hope for a brighter future for our community.

Your Support Today – Your Visions for Tomorrow

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 – the 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 our county continues to be 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.

The following pages contain the Funds established by individuals and businesses through the years who are just like you – working with the Community Foundation to establish a Fund through which individuals and businesses could support families. CFMC handles all the “back room administration,” and the volunteers join families for the shopping appointment. A Round of Applause for all at Warm the Children Shoreline. Their motto certainly is: Cold hands – no! Warm hearts – yes!

“I WANT TO HELP MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.” UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ALLOW DONORS TO THINK BROADLY ABOUT THEIR IMPACT

These Funds allow the Board and staff to identify compelling community needs through the competitive grant making process and to determine the best use of your investment to address them.

15th Anniversary Endowed Unrestricted Fund (2011)
Bee & Missionary Society of First Congregational Church of Middletown Fund (2003)
Capezio Family Fund (2012)
Couch Family Fund (1998)
Edmund T. Delaney Fund (2001)
Arthur and Edythe Director Family General Community Fund (2016)
Lee and Welles Gulman Fund (2002)
Peter and Helen Harding Family Fund (2002)
Nancy Fischbach and Martin Wolman Endowed Fund for Competitive Grant Making (2014)
Impact Fund (2017)
Live Local Give Local Fund (2009)
J. Guy Lombardi Fund (2000)

Soraya and Jeff Maddow Fund (2004)
William McCarr and Beth Clevenger Fund (2000)
Midlak Specialty Fund (1999)
Middlesex Enhancement Fund (1997)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund (2014)
Ellen and Herb Patterson Memorial Fund (2009)
Colles Family Fund (2002)
River View Cemetery Fund (2001)
Salva Family Fund (2007)
Babs and George Scheir, Jr. Fund for Portland (2021)
Schonbaker Family Fund (2012)
Jean Swenson Shaw Fund (1998)
Patti Anne Vasvassy Fund (2001)
Whelen Family Endowed Fund (2012)

As the pandemic began to change lives and enrich and recreate our communities, we never underestimated the power of a caring volunteers. Case in point: the wonderful people and businesses who wear their hearts on their sleeves and make certain our Shoreline children are warm this winter.

Every fall and winter, a group of volunteers are energized by Beebee Miller of Essex and Mack Stewart, Founder of Warm the Children Shoreline. These leaders and community volunteers raise funds that help families choose winter wear: colorful, warm coats, much needed scarves, gloves, socks and shoes. This “Wonderful Winter Wear” crew works diligently to coordinate everything. Shoppers and families meet to shop and help parents and children select new winter clothing and footwear. Children and youth between the ages of birth and 18 years participate in the program. Oh, and they have fun, too!

Warm the Children Shoreline serves local families in need in Old Lyme, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Essex, Centerbrook, Deep River, Chester, Westbrook, Clinton, and Killingworth. There are even plans to expand to another town in 2022.

Since Warm the Children Shoreline is an all-volunteer organization and they worked with the Community Foundation to establish a Fund through which individuals and businesses could support families. CFMC handles all the “back room administration,” and the volunteers join families for the shopping appointment. A Round of Applause for all at Warm the Children Shoreline. Their motto certainly is: Cold hands – no! Warm hearts – yes!
"I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT MY COMMUNITY"

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS AND GEOGRAPHIC AFFILIATE FUNDS

Your vision for a vibrant, healthy, successful Middlesex County is represented in Field of Interest Funds. These Funds supplement the competitive grant application cycle, providing the Community Foundation with guidance regarding donors’ passions and support of promising projects and nonprofit organizations working in areas of interest such as the needs of young children, or the environment, human services, or the arts... and so much more.

    The Arts Fund (1999)
At-Risk Boys and Young Men Fund (2013)
Chester Leadership Fund (2020)
    The Children’s Fund (2009)
Sherry and Herb Clark Family Fund (1998)
Community Leadership Funds (2020)
Mary JaneV and Javonne JaneV Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature (2017)
Kathleen Colley Conservation Fund (2013)
Hugh L. and Judith R. Cox Field of Interest Fund to Support Basic Human Needs (2013)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family Field of Interest Fund for Human Services (2013)
Friends of Deep River Fund (2021)
    Fund for Education (2013)
Barbara Weeks Hart and George H. Hart Memorial Fund (2011)
    Iveyton Congregational Church Community Enrichment Fund (2019)
Iveyton Congregational Church Human Services Fund (2019)

JONES FAMILY FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES (2016)
    JOSE B. KEEF FUND (2016)
    KILLINGWORTH COMMUNITY FUND (2017)
    KIRKPATRICK FAMILY FUND (2002)
    Mary Klaben Fund for Women and Girls (2007)
    Hanna and Gethard Kraland Youth Enhancement Fund (2017)
    LORRAINE L. LIEBERMAN FUND (2019)
    LOFFredo Performing Arts Fund (2006)
    Howard and Yovonne McAliffy Fund (2002)
    Phillys M. McDowell Fund for the Environment (2010)
    Katherine and Willard McRae Fund (2001)
    Mental Wellness Fund (2014)
    MissouriCWA Specialty Field of Interest Fund (1999)
    Middletown Police K-9 Unit Fund (2017)
    ANN and George Petru Fund (2001)
    POMPA Family and Primary Steel, Inc. Fund (1999)
    SARI A. ROSENBAUM Fund for Women and Girls (2002)
    Simply Sharing and Caring Fund (2019)
    Elizabeth Shaum Middletown Fund (2000)
    TOOTI FAIRY Fund (2017)
    WELCOMING MIDDLETOWN Fund (2015)
    WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FUND (2002)
    Chuck and Rachel Welter Fund (2001)

"I WANT A WAY TO HELP MY FAVORITE NONPROFIT – FOREVER.”

DESIGNATED FUNDS AND PROJECT FUNDS

Nonprofit organizations rely on the support of the community to address the issues and meet the needs of our neighbors, now and in the future. When you establish a Designated Fund for your favorite nonprofit organization, you ensure its growth and service to the community for years to come. Designated Funds also support educational awards for our region’s school districts, providing opportunities to support the next generation to pursue their dreams — and help make our community stronger. Project Funds support short-term initiatives with a beginning, middle, and end:

15TH ANNIVERSARY ENDED FUND FOR OPERATIONS (2012)
    Colter Abey Achievement Fund (2012)
    Aidan (2018)
    Angels of Nick Rameke Knitting Circle Fund (2017)
    Richard Anselmi Education Fund (2012)
    Richard Anselmi Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau (TYSB) Fund (2012)
    Ashworth Family Fund in memory of Ronald and Heather Long Ashworth (2005)
    Bill’s Seafood Golf Tournament Athletic Scholar Fund (2009)
    John and Irene Bolden, Sr. Fund (2010)
    Caleb Fuller Building Fund for CFMC (2016)
    Buttonwood Tree Fund (2018)
    Camp Hazen Designated Fund (2020)
    Cless Family Fund (2012)

LEVI E. CEE Library Fund (2017)
    Community Health Center Designated Fund (2020)
    Jack Thomas Condui Memorial Scholarship Fund (2020)
    Cromwell Belden Public Library Fund (2013)
    Sally DeGrado Wright - Alpha Kappa Alpha Fund (2016)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family Connecticut Rivers Council BSA Fund (2011)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family Midtrollot Rotary Fund (2008)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family NUNITM Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund (2007)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family Rushford Fund (2007)
    Arthur and Elyse Director Family YMCA Camp Ingersoll Fund (2007)
    Durham Middletown Youth & Family Services Fund (2019)
    The First Tee Fund (2014)
    Nancy Fischer and Martin Wolman Endowed Fund for Administration (2014)

- Children in Placement CT / $5,000.00 / Child Advocate Volunteers
- Clinton Park & Recreation Department / $3,000.00 / Ecology Camp
- Columbus House, Inc / $5,000.00 / Middletown Warming Center
- Community Health Center New Horizons Domestic Violence Services / $5,000.00 / Domestic Violence Shelter Renovations
- Connecticut Association for Human Services, Inc. / $2,500.00 / Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
- Connecticut Audubon Society, Inc. / $3,000.00 / Youth-Directed Webinar and Mentorship Program
- Connecticut Forest & Park Association / $2,000.00 / Foot Bridge Project
- Connecticut Humane Society / $4,195.00 / Free Pop-Up Veterinary Events
- Connecticut River Conservancy / $2,500.00 / Community Science Projects to Maintain and Steward the Connecticut River
- Connecticut River Foundations at Steamboat Dock / $500 / Maintain the Replica of the Orrori
- Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC) / $5,000.00 / Legal Aid for Veterans
- Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) / $3,500.00 / “Know Your Rights” Workshops
- Connecticut, Inc. / $4,995.00 / Essential Goods for Families at Halie House
- Covenant to Care for Children, Inc. / $3,000.00 / Basic Needs and Goods for At-Risk Youth
- Eklessea Contemporary Ballet / $1,000.00 / Innovative Dance Program
- Essex Fire Engine Co. #1 / $2,500.00 / Ward-Entry System for Rapid, Emergency Access to Properties
- Essex Historical Society / $2,000.00 / Mobile Amplification Devices for Outdoor Programming
- Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. / $3,000.00 / Generator Purchase
- Families Helping Families / $5,000.00 / Food for Clinton Program
- Futures Inc. / $1,000.00 / Refrigerator Purchase for “Grab and Go” Food Items
- Gildead Community Services / $5,000.00 / Business Consultant for the Mental Health Resource Center
- Girl Scouts of Connecticut / $4,000.00 / Leadership Development Program
- Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc. / $2,000.00 / Virtual Arts Education Collaboration (AEC)
- Greater Middletown Chorale / $3,000.00 / Virtual Season of Choral Enrichment
- High Hopes Therapeutic Riding / $5,000.00 / Equine Assisted Therapies
- HK Backpack Program / $2,500.00 / Backpack Program
- Hope Alliance for Animals, Inc. / $1,000.00 / Spay-Neuter Program
- HOPE Partnership, Inc. / $3,500.00 / Washers and Dryers for AGA and Family Affordable Housing Units
- Iveyton Playhouse Foundation / $5,000.00 / Live Stream Equipment
- Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center / $3,000.00 / Summer Arts Education Programs
- Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc. / $1,200.00 / Electronic Tablets
- Literacy Volunteers of Central CT, Inc. / $5,000.00 / Computer Literacy and New Technology Access
- Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore / $3,000.00 / Recruit and Train Volunteers
- MARC Community Resources / $5,000.00 / Adult Skill Development and Leisure program

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For the last year, we have focused on helping our constituents, making a difference in the lives of people in our community. We are committed to supporting local organizations that are making a positive impact on the community.

In 2020, we awarded a total of $263,466 to various organizations in the community. The grants were distributed across different categories, including but not limited to:

- Community Health
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Grant making
- Human Services
- Recreational

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Grant Making Is A Team Effort

2020-2021 Competitive Grant Awards

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We subscribe to the same "Think Globally, Act Locally" philosophy. We found CFMC’s commitment to serving our community and building an even better community where we live, work, and play every single day.

We are examples of the many ways that individuals and families can contribute to their favorite causes and develop meaningful legacies for those they love.

JoAnn and I feel very fortunate to have lived in our southeastern CT community. It has been a wonderful gift through the years. We chose to continue to make larger and generous ways with a planned gift through the future. Ever the planners, Lenny and JoAnn want to make a difference and ensure the future for our local nonprofits.

We appreciate the opportunity to give back to our community and lend a helping hand to those in need.

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2020 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

We worked carefully to ensure the completeness and accuracy of this list. We apologize for any mistakes, misspellings, or omissions and ask that you contact Thayer at 860.347.0025 to correct any inconsistencies. An "*" denotes the individual is deceased.

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Joseph and Denise Wollack
Kate and Jef Wolter

Phyllis Bonekemper LeMaire—“But That Isn’t All”
The phrase is the title of a poem crafted by her son, Noah Lemert, just a month before his death in 2020. Phyllis Bonekemper LeMaire used these five (5) words in the title of her memoir; “But That Isn’t All” Memoir of a Mother's Grief and Gratitude.

The sadness and grief of losing Noah and also the loss of Noah’s older brother Matthew in 2000, led Phyllis to search for a meaningful way to honor and remember Noah and Matthew and define their legacies. Attorney Elizabeth Byrne introduced her to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, an introduction that Phyllis calls “surprising and wonderful. I had no idea that it was possible to create a lasting legacy for Noah and Matthew.”

Working with staff, Phyllis has established several designated funds at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Each fund has a mission and purpose that aligns with Noah’s and Matthew’s passions and interests. Each fund will ensure Phyllis’s sons’ legacies continue — forever.

On a recent visit, Phyllis shared that setting up the funds with CFMC is a “great relief.” “The Community Foundation of Middlesex County enabled me to fulfill my goals, and I know my goals are safe.” She graciously presented her memoir with the message “Thank you for your help in creating a lasting legacy for my sons. With warm gratitude, Phyllis.”

Loretta Spencer—Honoring a Kindness
Loretta Spencer’s inspiring story involves a good deal of courage and perseverance and, certainly, many “Random Acts of Kindness.” It also involves a resolve to “Give Back and Pay It Forward.”

Loretta will tell you that she endured obstacles, or as she would say, “challenges and opportunities,” during her life: losing her parents when she was around 14 and encountering a distant adoptive family. Loretta will also tell you that she encountered amazing acts of kindness. She smiles when she describes the unexpected opportunities that came her way and the remarkable people she met. Loretta smiles, too, when she describes that “wonderful person who gave me the money to complete that last year of graduate school. Quite a gift!”

Imagine, that the only stipulation of that gift was an agreement to “Pay It Forward.” Loretta is doing just that ... and more.

As she worked with her attorney on her will, Loretta had reflected on her life, her successful career (despite all odds), and everyone who made a difference in her life. She wanted to give back in a meaningful way. On the advice of her friend, Phyllis Lemaire, Loretta contacted the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Loretta worked with CFMC’s staff to establish two funds that will enable her to keep her promise. She has set up the Loretta Spencer New Beginnings Fund to benefit women and families in need working on “New Beginnings” to thrive and succeed. The Loretta Spencer “Pay It Forward” Education Award Fund will support graduating seniors at Middletown (CT) High School.

We are honored that Phyllis and Loretta chose to establish their Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation.

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Creating a Legacy with the Community Foundation

Your planned gift to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County will have meaning and impact for years to come. Those who remember the Community Foundation through a will, trust, designation, or other planned gifts are respected members of the Community Foundation’s Legacy Society. These future gifts may be unrestricted, restricted to a specific geographic area (your home town or area), field of interest (The Arts, Environment, etc.) or to a designated organization. We are deeply grateful to the individuals who have confirmed us of their intention to include CFMC in their estate planning. Known planned gifts total more than $21 million from 90 individuals (as of October 31, 2021). We welcome you to join them!

CFMC Legacy Society

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Roberta Bobbitt

David and Marilyn Bogg area.

Margaret Coe—Celebrating Community

Margaret was born in Northern Ireland and came to Middletown, CT as an immigrant in 1958. After several years, Middlesex County has become a home base for her. Living and working in the area gave her an appreciation of the many nonprofit groups that thrive in our community of fifteen towns.

When Margaret began working with her partner to prepare her will, she decided that The Community Foundation of Middlesex County would be an ideal choice to fulfill that wish. Margaret has been especially impressed with the work of CFMC over the years, as it provided support to a wide range of those nonprofit groups. She wants to continue the support of future generations by contributing to the resources of the Foundation as it addresses the needs of Middlesex County.

“"The Foundation does so much in so many ways – providing grants, offering advice for nonprofits and donors, and working with others to find solutions for issues and needs. I have always appreciated the support the Community Foundation gives to Middlesex County, and I want to help the CFMC to continue that support and caring into the future by joining the Legacy Society.” Thank you, Margaret, for choosing CFMC to continue your legacy in Middlesex County.
Middlesex County is filled with exceptional people, and CFMC has truly amazing partners, friends, and donors who care about our community.

Every year our Leadership Society gathers to celebrate the donors, funds, and partners who help CFMC support our community. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we couldn’t gather in 2020—what to do? Our friends, Sharon and Bill Griffin and Jessica Griffin Scheff at the Peach Pit Foundation, had a great idea: to provide grants to organizations in honor of our Leadership Society’s outstanding support of CFMC.

Thanks to the support and generosity of the Peach Pit Foundation and our donors, we awarded $1,000 grants to each of our public libraries in Middlesex County. There was just one restriction – spread some joy, have some fun! The results have been incredible! John Boccalatte and Judy Schoonmaker, CFMC Board of Directors, and Sharon Griffin and Jessica Griffin Scheff of the Peach Pit Foundation shared highlights on how these grants brought joy in so many ways through a virtual Leadership Society get together.

You can see the fun and hear the stories at MIDDLESEXCOUNTYCF.ORG/VIDEOS/CELEBRATION-OF-YOU/.
CFMC Leadership Circle

Community foundations take time to build. The Foundation is well on its way with its funds and known planned gifts. However, it needs operating support until such time as its capital base can fully support its modest administrative costs.

The Leadership Circle is a committed group of Community Foundation supporters supporting our work in the community. President's Society donors contribute $1,000 or more annually to Operations. A second leadership level, the Chairman’s Circle are donors who make annual gifts of $2,500 or more to Operations. In recognition of several long time CFMC supporters, a third level was established, the Community Benefactor. These generous donors make contributions of $5,000 or more annually to support our work in the community. This support has allowed the Community Foundation to increase its much needed financial and other (Beyond the Grant) support to local nonprofits.

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Edmund W. McRae, Jr.

Katherine B. McRae

Susan Melchior

Marina Melendez and Joseph Virgudala

John and Rosemarie Mendes

Jean and Marshall J. Menzes

Meriden Hyundai

Paula A. Merrick

Joseph N. Meucci

Nancy and John Meyers

Kenneth and Joyce Mukilski

Anne R. Mikus

Catherine Miller

Clara Miller

Len and Catherine Miller

Susan and Douglas Miller

Renwick L. Minchin

David Miner and Stephanie Robinie

Janice Minberg

Jane Moen

Shirley H. Malcare

Deborah and Roy Moore

Jessica Morgans

TANJA B. MORTARY

CYNTHIA Morris

Bevery R. Morse

Robert E. and Henrietta Mounitz

Nancy and Tom Mueller

Tracye and Charles Mueller

Janet P. Mufford

Michelle A. and John P. Mulligan

Russell Munson

Gordon Murphy and Tracy Hammei Murphy

Virginia and John Murphy
Your Generosity In Action

When our neighbors are having difficulties, organizations such as Operation Fuel are there with compassionate assistance. Thanks to your generous support of the Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund, CFMC was able to provide a grant to Operation Fuel to support Middlesex County residents trying to make ends meet during the pandemic.

One Middletown resident, Amanda, sought out Operation Fuel for help. She shared her story with us:

“I’m a single, hard-working woman who takes a lot of pride in being self-sustaining. COVID-19 changed that whole dynamic for me. I went from working 55 hours a week to working from home as a full-time secretary and lost my waitress job that I’ve had for 15 years,” she said. “My parents helped me stay afloat more than once; they did as much as they could within their own limited means.”

Amanda said that because she only lost one income, she was unable to collect unemployment, and debts began to pile up.

Because of caring supporters like you, Operation Fuel was able to provide financial assistance to Amanda to help her pay her electric bill. Operation Fuel also worked with Eversource to stop a shut-off order and work out a payment plan that allowed her to temporarily make small or no payments during the pandemic.

Grants Awarded to support essential needs and services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

A Little Compassion Inc.
A Place Called Hope
Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services
Bare Necessities, Inc.
The Buttonwood Tree
Clinton Human Services
Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
Columbus House
Community Health Center
Congregation Adath Israel
Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc.
Connecticut Health
Education Foundation
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock
Town of Durham Social Services
Earp Arts
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.
First Congregational Church of Essex
Futures Inc.
Gilead Community Services
HK Backpack Program
HOPE Partnership, Inc.
Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc.
MARC Community Resources
Macy Homeless Program
The Nature Conservancy
Town of Old Saybrook Social Services
Operation Fuel
Ray of Light Farm
Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.
St. Vincent de Paul Place
The Towers Foundation
Tri-Town Youth Services
ValleymiddlesexCountyCF.org
860.347.0025
A Community’s Generosity in a Time of Great Need

In times of need—of great need—you reach out and ask, “How Can I Help?”

These are “interesting” times, indeed, and our nonprofits whose work puts them on the frontline to meet the most critical needs of our neighbors, needed our help. You joined together and put your hearts and dollars to work for the benefit of all in Middlesex County.

We know that when friends and neighbors join together to help each other, we will succeed. You proved this when you supported the Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund to help our local nonprofits.

We are extremely grateful to Guilford Savings Bank and Pratt & Whitney for leading the charge to ensure our nonprofit organizations and essential personnel had the tools and resources to meet the ever-changing issues of the COVID-19 pandemic. So many stepped forward to answer the call—Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who stepped forward to support our community in its time of need...

Anonymous (4)
Corinne and Robert Gill
Sharon and Bill Griffin

Nancy and Michael Bell
Guilford Savings Bank

John Biddiscombe and Gail Gorton

Vincent and Tina Capece
John V. Hayner

Carlos A. Cardoso
Janice P. Holland
Huisking Foundation

Carlson Family Foundation
N. Jean Chatfield

William A. Childress
Killingworth Lions Charity

Cynthia and Randall Clegg
Joyce and Robert L. Kirkpatrick, Jr.

Clodhna and Philip Coles
Maine Community Foundation

Connecticut Water Services, Inc.
Moira and Sean Martin

Cheryl Cruba
Joanne and Michael Masin

Sally and Sal D’Aquila
Paula Merrick

David and Mary Delaney
David Miner and Stephanie Robiner

Donna and Bill DiBella
Virginia and John Murphy

David and Carol Director
Renee and Carvin Pallenber

Craig and Marilyn Douglas
E. Terry Parkinson

Nancy Fischbach and Martin Wolman
Liz Petry Riley

Timothy and Melissa Geelan
Scott D. Phillips

Thomas and Evelyn Gezo
Martin and Lynn Podskoch

Barbara Arafah
Jeanette Archer-Simons
Janice and Tip Atkeson
Matt Atkinson

Laney Bank
Steve Bank

Nancy Bell
Bonnie Bennet

Robin and Greg Ellis
Dan Eley
Elizabeth Emery

Barbara Edelstein
M. E. Ellis
Robin and Greg Ellis

Jane and Rik Caron
Susan Carpenter
Shanti Carter

John Evans
Isabelle Kinsolving Farrar

Janice Farrar
Andrea Fasser

Fassler Women
Fischbach

John Carlsson
Maggie Clark

Sherry and Herbert Clark
T Clark

Cynthia and Randy Clegg
Margaret Cohn

Abby Cole
Laura and Kevin Colebank

Cooper

Cliona and Philip Coles
Libby Cook

Nancy Cronin
Amy DiMare

Sally and Robert Boody
Mary Boone

Sandra Bowie
Susana Cohn

John Biddiscombe
Sarah Bird

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Sallie and Robert Boody

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Grateful.

Thank you for working through and with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County as our amazing Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff continue their collective efforts to build a community where everyone can thrive. You make everything we do possible. We are proud to be your Community Foundation. We are profoundly grateful for you, our “Care More” friends and neighbors.

With best regards,

John L. Bocalatte
Chairman, Board of Directors

Cynthia H. Clegg
President & CEO

PS. Our Report to the Community is later than we’d like. It also has a slightly different look than in past years, but it contains many of the usual pieces – such as our 2020 Financial Statement, the grants approved by our Board of Directors during 2020, our generous supporters, and many Funds working on your behalf throughout Middlesex County.

Thank You.
Dear Friends,

What an amazing journey we’ve traveled together over the past 18+ months ... no road maps, no GPS to guide our path forward, just our collective and unwavering willingness to pull together and move forward. While it was (and is) a time of uncertainty with many challenges, let’s pause and reflect on the special, unexpected ACTS of KINDNESS and GENEROSITY that, quite frankly, “made – and continue to make - our day”.

A Constant in Uncertainty - You

As change became the norm and as needs were “unmasked,” you expanded your hearts beyond all expectations. You realized that if there were ever a time to “care more,” it was NOW! You responded so generously to our Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund in 2020. You made it possible for the Community Foundation to provide our hardworking nonprofits with much needed emergency funding, allowing them to carry out their work and support our most vulnerable friends and neighbors. Quite honestly, in the midst of chaos, you were the calm. You helped the Community Foundation strengthen community safety nets for our friends and neighbors just when it was needed most.

EXPANDED, CARING PARTNERSHIPS

In a heartbeat, when “PAUSE” became the norm and life stopped, you did not. You continued, as you always do, to go above and beyond and then some. Your support of the Community Foundation’s work made it possible for our Board and staff to reach out and strengthen current partnerships and establish new ones, all to support those who, through no fault of their own, needed an extra boost. TOGETHER we were able to make a difference in our community. While you worked behind the scenes, YOU became the super heroes. Imagine, because of you and your support of our work, the Community Foundation was able to:

• support the purchase of essential equipment – from generators to tablets – so that our neighbors need never go without food and basic necessities as well as access to social service and education programs;
• increase access to food, supplies, and daily lunches through our local food pantries, public school meal programs, multiple backpack programs, and social service organizations;
• develop and distribute wellness packages, offering information in multiple languages on health and disease prevention to underserved communities;
• help arts and cultural organizations obtain the necessary technology and equipment to continue to connect and serve our community and enrich our lives;
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Our Community At Work—Thank You to our Board of Directors and Volunteers for Your Work on Behalf of Middlesex County.

So many incredible individuals give generously their time and their talent as our Board and Committee members to the help the Community Foundation and Middlesex County. Our Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, Fund Committees, Giving Circles, and many Subcommittees are essential to everything the Community Foundation does in the community.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who offer their time and expertise on one (or more!) of the many committees and groups at CFMC.

We are particularly appreciative for all of our volunteers who didn’t blink as the world changed in March, 2020. They rallied around CFMC and Middlesex County, adjusted to meeting virtually, and continued to ensure our nonprofits had the resources they needed and that the Community Foundation could continue our work as a resource to our community.

2020 Board of Directors

John L. Boccalatte, Chair
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Susan Martin, Treasurer
Cynthia H. Clegg, President & CEO
Brian J. Abely
Laura M. Colebank

2020 Volunteers Serving Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, Fund Committees and office volunteers

Chaleen Abely
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Maris Wacs

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Bill McKinney
Penny Robiner
Gary Wallace

Herb Clark
Bill Guerra
Lee McQuillan
Dave Royston
Bill Walsch

Randy Clegg
Jennifer Hadley
Kathy McRae
Bill Russell
Christina Walsch

Nancy Cronin
Chris Hall
Mary Meixell
Mary Anne Salemni
Dave Williams

Christine Cummings
Jane Harris
Susan Merrow
Dave Sams
Joe Wollack

Susan Daniels
Clyde Hartson
Nancy Meyers
Joe Santaniello

Steve Denison
John Hennelly
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Melissa Schilke

David Director
Cathy Iino
Scott Nardozzi
Biff Shaw

Alex Donovan
Tony Irving
Connie O’Brien
Dave Shulman

Marilyn Douglas
Mike Joslin
Sophie Ohaus
Liz Shulman

Mel Ellis
Bob Kirkpatrick
Tracey Ohaus
Theresa Sistare

Matt Fleury
Sigrid Kun
Jason Otrin
Annie Stirna

294 Funds established and supported through the generosity of caring people like YOU have awarded 3,361 grants totaling $8,749,829, 1997 through October 31, 2021

“Middlesex County” community

Particular characteristics: caring, kindness, generosity

Synonym: Good People Doing Great Things

Synonym: Middlesex County

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Noun: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

Particular characteristics: caring, kindness, generosity

Synonym: Good People Doing Great Things

Synonym: Middlesex County

Project / Fiscal Sponsorship
Agency
Designated / Geographic Affiliate
Field of Interest / Unrestricted
Donor Advised
Education (Community/Art, Music/Personal Development, Education/Arts/Culture/Heritage)
Community Health
Henry/Recreation, Positive Youth Development/Spinal Care, Public/Other/Spinal Care, Public/
A Better Today and a Brighter Tomorrow

Through support for local nonprofits who make our towns a little better every day ...

Through partnerships with businesses who want to make a difference ...

Through volunteers who reach out and give a hand up ...

Through community members who put their hearts and dollars to work to improve the quality of life for all, now and forever.

You help our local communities thrive through Your community foundation.

Thank You.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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| **LIABILITIES** | |
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| Agency Funds | $1,100,229 | $992,820 |
| Grants Payable | 404,536 | 429,918 |
| Split-Interest Agreements | 261,954 | 283,885 |
| Expenses Payable | 12,362 | 13,669 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **$1,779,081** | **$1,720,292** |

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| **Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** | 3,264,977 | 2,902,179 |
| **Total Net Assets** | **$30,566,193** | **$27,656,219** |

| **REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS), NET** | 2,429,259 | 3,653,684 |
| **(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS** | **$2,909,974** | **$4,906,209** |

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| **Planned Gifts** (Approximate Known Revocable Gifts) | $19,342,800 | $19,875,000 |

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THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Middlesex Chapter of NAACP, Middlesex Health, Ministerial Health Fellowship, YMCA of Northern Middlesex County, and CFMC partnered to provide the Family Wellness Fun Program to families in Middletown and the surrounding region.

The program, held once a month at the YMCA Family Center, is free to children in grades 2 to 5 and offers fun and creative projects for children to be Wellness Detectives.