CFMC Fall News & Notes

Kicking Off the Fall Season with Respect, Kindness, Care, Partnerships . . . and Special Thank Yous!

Fall is here ... and so is the time of celebrating COMMUNITY at its BEST with a little bit of seasonal magic added to the mix!

It's October ... It's No Bullying Month!

Join CFMC, our Council of Business Partners, Interfaith Golf Open Tournament members, and many other **PARTNERS** continuing in our effort to make all Middlesex County towns Bully Free . . . today and **EVERY** day.



A round of applause for the founding members:

A&A Office Systems, A.R. Mazzotta Employment Specialists, BEST Cleaners, The Black Seal, Brown & Brown of CT, Inc., Connecticut Lighting Centers, Inc., Direct Energy, Essex Printing/Events Magazines, Interfaith Golf Open Tournament (St. Mary's Church, Portland and Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown), Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale, May, Bonee & Clark Insurance, Mahoney Sabol & Co., LLP, Malloves Jewelers, Donny Marshall, Middletown, M&J Bus Company, Inc., The Rossi Group, Elizabeth Shulman, LMFT, and Suburban Stationers, Inc.

campaign for bully-free communities

Council of Business Partners at COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Middlesex County

Please take our pledge (and share it with others)!

I Will Be An Agent of Change:

- **We are all different but we all deserve respect.**
- **Silence is participation.**
- **I refuse to participate in the problem.**
- **No longer will I be silent if you need help.**
- **If you need help, come to me.**
- **If I think you need help, I will get involved.**
- **I've got your back.**
- **I pledge to stand up to bullying and all mean-spirited behavior.**

Click to Pledge

Help local families this holiday season ...
Partner with and join your local Rotary Club through the 2026 Liberty Bank Rotary Club Thanksgiving Project

Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

The Liberty Bank Foundation will #BeCommunityKind and contribute 25 cents for every dollar donated, up to $200,000.

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Partnering to Help Our Friends and Neighbors

CFMC is honored to once again join the incredible partnership of Liberty Bank and Connecticut Rotary Clubs to support our region this Thanksgiving and beyond.

The annual Thanksgiving Drive takes place until November 9, 2026. **The goal?** It's simply to raise money to stock the shelves of food pantries across the state.

Help our Rotary Clubs help others - click HERE to make your contribution today and to find out more! Don't forget to choose your local Rotary from the drop down list!

Summer in Middlesex County is always special, and while it may be over, let's look back and CELEBRATE some fun and impactful summer events!

An evening of Beautiful Scenery ... a Gorgeous Sunset ... and Great People!

For those of you who were able to join us or support the Becky Thatcher Cruise on September 10 of this year, **THANK YOU!**

YOU made this event special! The weather was fabulous and new friends were made, all while helping us raise funds to help our community thrive.

We would like to express our **GRATITUDE** to our event sponsors!

P.S. A very special **Thank You** to Tosh Urbowicz and the staff of the Essex Steam Train and the staff of the Becky Thatcher for their hard work!

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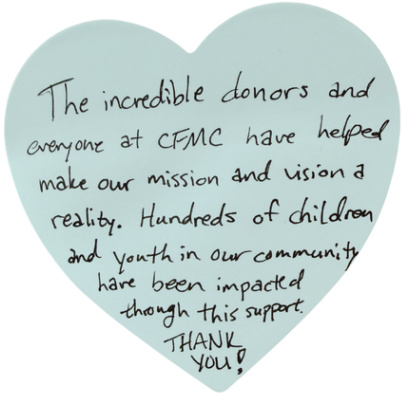
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING GOOD PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS.

Celebrating those who go Above and Beyond ... our 2026 Grantee Reception



Our CFMC volunteers, community partners, and grantees are amazing. Truly, they are. They are the "difference-makers" in our communities! So ... a **CELEBRATION** in their honor was in order!

The 2026 CFMC Grantee Reception was filled with electrifying excitement and a shared passion for partnering to help our communities - oh, if we could only bottle that!

CONGRATULATIONS to our grantees and **THANK YOU** to our volunteers and supporters. You are, indeed, **Good People Who Do Great Things!**






P.S. Special thanks to Bluewater Millwork and Construction for your generous sponsorship of the reception and your support of our nonprofits throughout our region.

BLUEWATER Millwork & Construction

Women & Family Life Center

Thank you for sharing your appreciation for a **FABULOUS** nonprofit!

Women & Family Life Center was a recent pop-up grant winner and had an incredible 31 nominations-**WOW**!

Here are some of the words that were used to describe the Women & Family Life Center!

What a **"Heartfelt Tribute"** to this great organization!

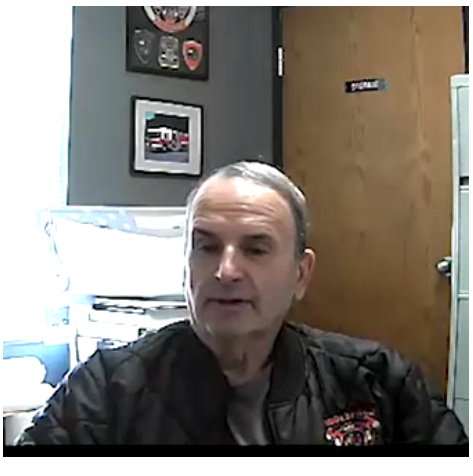




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Take a Listening Break!

We live in a wonderful community full of remarkable individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations working – together – to help make Middlesex County a great place to live, work, and play. Join us and start your day off in a meaningful way as we talk with Good People Doing Great Things.



Peter Tyc

Episode 56 - This week Chief Peter Tyc shares his experiences with the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company, looking back at how he got involved, how the volunteer fire service has changed over time, and what it takes to be a volunteer fire department member in our community

Tune in Here



Grant Sanborn

Episode 57 - Grant shares what drew him to CFMC and how he is using his past business and customer service experiences to connect his local community of Portland many nonprofits throughout our region and with CFMC.

Tune in Here



Aryana

Episode 58 - We're celebrating Community Connections, Community Leaders, and Community Champions. This week, Aryana joins Cynthia Clegg, CFMC, to share how she spends her days – academically and socially – and more importantly, a special project she has launched to help everyone feel "connected."

Tune in Here



Lisa Bousquet

Episode 59 - Lisa Bousquet, photojournalist and portrait photographer, shares how she started as a photographer and what she has learned "through the lens" about people and places over the years.

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