

Connecticut Community Foundation



The Power of Giving

2012
Annual Report





We were talking the other day about 2012 and what a great year it had been for the Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF) and for us personally in our respective roles as board chair and CEO. This was Paula's first year at the Community Foundation and the second and final year for Dick's chairmanship of the Board of Trustees.

Such transitions provide an opportunity to improve balance and strengthen the reach of an organization. It was a year in which we changed our filter and reviewed everything we do with fresh eyes with the intention to become more open, transparent and accessible. We also started a strategic planning process with a blank sheet of paper. We went through an intensive process of gathering feedback and refining how we describe our mission and vision for the future. And we fleshed out a new strategic plan which provides a road map that includes some exciting new activities as well as strengthening many of the core services we've provided for 90 years.

We settled on the theme of "The Power of Giving" for this 2012 Annual Report since we love our new vision: "Communities alive with partnerships that demonstrate the power of giving." Did you know that research has actually shown that giving of ourselves and helping our neighbors improves the quality of our own lives while it brings meaning and goodness to our world?

This past year also underscored our appreciation for the fact that everything we do is possible because of our

partners. We're gratified that so many donors trust the Community Foundation to be responsible stewards for their charitable giving and have joined us in leadership roles. That coupled with the grants we award to a cross-section of nonprofits demonstrate how we hope to make our vision a reality.



Sadly many of our nonprofit partners have been severely challenged by the need to do much more, with much less, due to the tough economy and reduction in government funding. More than ever, we've seen the positive impact of gifts, even modest ones, to vitally important organizations across our communities. Just as we're grateful to be able to give, they are immensely grateful to receive. None of that would happen without generous people like you.

On these pages you'll read about the power of giving—stories about some of the Community Foundation's donors and the organizations we are proud to support. We hope you'll enjoy seeing how it all fits together--administering funds, strengthening the nonprofit sector and providing leadership to address issues in our communities.

We are excited about the opportunities of the year ahead and hope you will be inspired to partner with us to make a difference in our community through "the power of giving." Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dick Lau

Paula Van Ness

CCF at a Glance

Founded in 1923 as the Waterbury Foundation, the Connecticut Community Foundation (“CCF”) was the first community foundation established in the state. Today, **we serve the Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills**, a 21-town geographic area.

CCF is a nonprofit organization created to **administer charitable funds** (in lieu of a private or family foundation), to **strengthen area nonprofit organizations** through our grant making and technical assistance programs, and to **provide leadership to address issues** in our community.

In 2012, **CCF grew assets by more than \$9 million, awarded \$3 million in grants and scholarships, administered more than**

420 charitable funds and supported private foundations established by local families and corporations.

Many of our funds are unrestricted and are **permanently endowed to benefit the needs** in our community. These flexible funds allow our professional program staff to address the issues of today, as well as the changing needs of the future.

We invite you to learn more about CCF’s important work and hope you will **partner with us to achieve your charitable goals**. It is easy to make an outright gift or to establish a fund at CCF. Let us know how we can help you make a difference with your giving.



All in the Family

Descendants of a Local Minister, the Whittemore Family Continues Legacy of Deeply-Rooted Devotion

J.H. Whittemore was a successful businessman in the iron industry who partnered with fellow industrialist, B.B. Tuttle to form The Tuttle & Whittemore Company (now The Eastern Company) in 1858 in Naugatuck, CT. When his son J.H. Jr. died at 15 in 1887 of a genetic heart ailment, the grief-stricken father decided to honor his son's memory by building The Howard Whittemore Memorial Library in Naugatuck. "My great-great grandfather was the son of a minister," said Thyrza Whittemore of Middlebury. "It was ingrained in him that you give, share and help – that the community is your family." J.H.'s grandson, Harris Whittemore Jr., Thyrza's grandfather, founded the Salem Foundation in 1953, a private foundation to support charitable giving in Naugatuck and surrounding towns. Harris Whittemore, Jr., along with a few other family members, including Thyrza's father, Robert Whittemore, ran the Salem Foundation on behalf of the family. In 1997, Robert terminated the private foundation and transferred the assets to the Connecticut Community Foundation, creating the Salem Foundation Fund. He found

partnering with CCF to be more cost effective and less of an administrative burden. "My father wanted someone local to manage our family foundation and the Community Foundation was the perfect place," she said. After her father died in 2010, Thyrza and her cousin Karin continue as advisors to recommend grants from the Fund. "It's the perfect partnership," said Thyrza. "We choose what we want to give to and the Foundation finds out the details about the organization or project. They stay in touch with the nonprofit to provide us with updates on the projects we're funding." Since 1997, the Salem Foundation Fund has awarded more than \$781,000 to area nonprofits, including nearly \$184,000 to restore the recently completed rotunda at the Whittemore Memorial Library. "We get to support tangible things that benefit other people," she said. "We are particularly pleased to be able to continue our family legacy of support for the library which is much more than books and quiet studying. It's a hub for the community. Working on the fund gives me a wonderful, deeper sense of family connection with relatives who I never knew but I admire tremendously."



We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill





Grants

In 2012, our donors made it possible for CCF to award \$3 million in grants and scholarships. Scholarship recipients from our 21 town region are shown on pages 14-15. A sampling of grants appears on the following pages; you can see the entire list of grants on our website at www.conncf.org.



Community Conversation on Aging, a Town-by-Town approach

Last May, Roxbury became the first town in our region to hold a Town Conversation on Aging as part of the Foundation's Pathways Services for Seniors Initiative. CCF is making small grants available to each town in our 21-town service area to host individual Town Conversations that explore ways to help older adults age successfully in the community. Through our grant, each town has the opportunity to learn directly from seniors about their priority needs and make plans to address those needs.

The first Town Conversation, held in Roxbury, was well-publicized and included senior participants, the town's First Selectman, members of the clergy, members of the Council on Aging and representatives of many health and social service agencies. The event was facilitated to gather information about resources that are currently working well, service gaps and unmet needs for older adults in town.

After a lively discussion, a clear and defined consensus about three major priorities emerged among participants – (1) affordable housing for seniors who desire to downsize their living arrangements, (2) transportation, and (3) the dissemination of information to seniors. Roxbury has already taken the next steps in each of these areas and used some remaining funds to create an additional transportation option for seniors.

New Milford also held a Town Conversation on Aging in November and developed recommendations to share with the community. Several other towns applied for and were awarded grants in 2012 to hold their Town Conversations on Aging in 2013. These include Bethlehem, Cheshire and Woodbury.

2012 Grants Awarded

Total \$3,019,200



Naugatuck River Website

In May 2012, a group of partners convened by the Connecticut Community Foundation launched www.naugatuckriver.net, a new website that proclaims the revival and resurgence of the Naugatuck River as a recreational asset for the Naugatuck River valley. The Foundation provided funding to a consortium of organizations led by the Housatonic Valley Association for the development and ongoing operation of this website and participated in the design steering committee.

The development of the website is an outgrowth of the February 2011 Naugatuck River Forum that the Foundation convened with Rivers Alliance, in which more than 120 representatives from environmental groups, businesses, federal, state and local governments were brought together to discuss coordinating efforts around the river's revitalization. Keynote speaker Daniel Esty (Commissioner of Connecticut's recently-created Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) noted that environmental preservation of the river can go hand in hand with sustainable economic development for the mutual benefit of both.

The website celebrates the rebirth of the river and also promotes its value as a recreational and economic development asset. What was previously an overgrown and largely forgotten natural resource is now accessed regularly for outdoor activities such as fishing, paddling, kayaking and river walks. The launch of the website is the first in a series of steps toward changing the public perception of this long neglected natural resource, which historically had been one of the reasons for the region's economic success.

The website has increased visibility of the river as an outdoor corridor, and has chronicled the exciting continued development of the Naugatuck River Greenway. It has also attracted subsequent additional attention and resources that have come along with the Greenway's recent federal recognition as an America's Great Outdoors Initiative.



Merger of Hispanic Coalition and La Casa Bienvenida

The Foundation's Nonprofit Assistance Initiative (NAI) is a program that strengthens area nonprofit organizations by providing funding through grants, consulting services with volunteer advisors and professional development workshops that provide technical assistance specific to nonprofit issues. This combination of grants and services helps strengthen our local nonprofit community.

Merging two organizations into one is always a challenge, whether in the for-profit/corporate or nonprofit world. But sometimes, a merger is the right thing to do. The Hispanic Coalition and La Casa Bienvenida were the largest organizations in our region serving the Hispanic/Latino population. Both provided similar services ranging from case management to translation services and activity centers. The main difference was that the Hispanic Coalition worked with youth and adults while La Casa Bienvenida specialized in services to senior citizens. Case management was a big piece of each organization's budget (an expensive service to provide given its individualized client-centered focus) and the two already shared a building along with some part-time employees, so there were many advantages to becoming one agency providing a complete spectrum of services.

In 2010 a NAI volunteer advisor convened representatives from both boards to discuss the pros and cons of merging, and by 2012, both boards agreed that merging made sense: to centralize services for all age groups and to be more efficient and effective. The NAI advisor worked with both boards to prepare for and implement the merger, and a NAI grant helped finance the legal and accounting costs of finalizing the merger.

The newly merged organization combines two major agencies serving the Hispanic/Latino population in Waterbury. Its services are much needed as Waterbury has the fastest growing Hispanic population in the state, showing 47% growth in the most current 2010 census. The new organization retains the name Hispanic Coalition, while the name La Casa Bienvenida lives on as a program within the organization.

NAI is a collaboration of CCF and the United Way of Greater Waterbury.



"Cool Waters" Mosaic

Community is our middle name, so when CCF heard that the City of Waterbury and the Arts and Culture Collaborative of Greater Waterbury were chosen by the CT Department of Economic and Community Development and the CT Office of the Arts to participate in the state's City Canvases initiative, we knew we had to be a part of it. The State initiative provided lead funding and advisory support for a "one-time program to enhance public spaces through the commissioning of large-scale works of public art which help shape dynamic spaces and create livable, vibrant communities that attract economic development."

The project in Waterbury was the 900 square foot porcelain mosaic that is located downtown, on the side of the building at 90 South Main Street. Designed by Connecticut artists Joanne and Bruce Hunter, the visually striking mural is composed of 60 panels. Each panel contains thousands of individual colored tiles which were assembled by over 1,000 community volunteers on the stage of the Palace Theater over eight days in June. The Foundation contributed a grant for the mosaic, support on the project steering committee, as well as a volunteer team of CCF staff, trustees, and committee members who joined in the actual fabrication work.

The mosaic, named "Cool Waters," features brook trout – the only species of trout native to the Naugatuck River – and serves as a reminder and celebration of the miraculous revitalization that has taken place in the Naugatuck River system over the past 30 years, thanks to the dedicated work of many individuals and groups. The unveiling event in late June drew hundreds of city residents, demonstrating the community's interest in public art opportunities.

Kids, seniors, and everyone in between came to the unveiling... on one of those magical early summer nights. It triggered a sense of comeback momentum in Waterbury that goes far beyond the mural ... It's a metaphor for the resurgence of Waterbury itself."

Kip Bergstrom, deputy commissioner of CT Department of Economic and Community Development

A New Behavioral Training Program: SEEDS at Wellspring

Wellspring is an established multi-service behavioral health organization based in Bethlehem, CT whose mission is to assist children, adolescents, young adults, and their families in working through the emotional, psychological, and educational issues that prevent them from establishing and maintaining healthy and meaningful lives.

Wellspring has seen a major increase over recent years with respect to the number of clients served and with the number of sessions provided. At the same time, schools (a major source of referrals to Wellspring) are often challenged by their lack of resources to adequately address the needs of children with significant behavioral issues, and their families. Studies have shown that enhanced preventive services and early intervention, diagnosis and treatment can significantly improve behavioral health in young children. Furthermore, these skills can be taught and strengthened in teaching staff, who work both in general and in special education classrooms.

The Foundation provided Wellspring a \$30,000 grant over two years for its new SEEDS (Special Education Enhancement and Development Series) program, so that experienced Wellspring staff can work with local school teachers and administrators to strengthen their communication skills and classroom management approaches. The goal is to optimize behavioral competencies and academic improvement among students with serious emotional disturbances. Wellspring staff is developing comprehensive behavior management curricula and is helping schools to create behavior and/or crisis plans for students.

In the first year of this grant, Wellspring provided special education teachers/administrators support and workshops in three school districts – Litchfield, Region 14 (Bethlehem), and Region 15 (Southbury/Middlebury). In 2013, Wellspring will be working with school districts in Region 12 (Washington, Roxbury, and Bridgewater), Naugatuck, and Watertown.

“The response from the teachers, administrators and professional staff in the districts has been tremendous. Our shared goal of meeting and minimizing mental health and emotional challenges in young people provides us clear direction and great energy in going forward... to help the youngest and most vulnerable students in our local districts”

Daniel Murray, Psy.D.
Wellspring CEO



wellspring

Community Build Playground at Chase Park

KaBOOM! is a nonprofit dedicated to “saving play for America’s children” by constructing innovative, kid-inspired playspaces, using a community-build model that improves the well-being of children as well as the neighborhoods in which they live.

In June 2012, CCF staff and volunteers joined more than 200 community members to construct a KaBOOM! playground in Chase Park in Waterbury. The playground provides a safe space that is within walking distance for more than 2,500 children in the Town Plot neighborhood. The project was funded by the Foundation’s Margaret M. Hallden Fund, in collaboration with the American Heart Association.

The process began with a Design Day, in which children and parents shared their ideas and dreams to help design an ideal playground. An advance team then helped prepare the site for building the playground by breaking up and removing the concrete, weeding and clearing the landscape of the 50 year-old rusted equipment that was no longer in use. On building day, a huge team of volunteers moved a mountain of mulch, then assembled and constructed each piece of playground equipment. The Waterbury Observer reported, “it was one of the most positive community events the Observer has covered in the past 18 years. There has always been a lot of talk in this community, but this was a day of action, and community empowerment.”

The playground construction helped to build the increasing momentum of a city-wide interest in revitalizing city parks to help increase youth fitness by providing recreation opportunities and creating community in urban areas that are otherwise underused.



Leave your Legacy

Recognizing the year the Foundation began, The 1923 Society honors individuals who have included Connecticut Community Foundation in their estate plans. A legacy gift to CCF enables you to support, in perpetuity, the causes you care about today. If you have already arranged to make a gift to CCF in your estate plans, we thank you and invite you to join The 1923 Society by contacting Ann Merriam Feinberg, vice president at 203-753-1315, or amerriamfeinberg@conncf.org.



Noted Woodbury folk artist leaves estate gift to establish Fund to support health issues

Linda Nelson 1938-2011

Linda Nelson was an accomplished folk artist who found her inspiration from her childhood days on a farm in Illinois, which was home to five generations of her family. As a child, her days were spent exploring the farm and its fields - something interesting was always waiting to be discovered.

Ms. Nelson, also known by Linda Nelson Stocks, never took an art lesson and didn't start painting seriously until her mid 30's. What was once simply a hobby, became an international business. For nearly 30 years, she created more than 200 paintings, many of which have been used on calendars and others products. Collectors across the country and the world sought her art, limited edition prints, posters, and other products exhibiting her art images.

Her artwork depicts charming scenes of rustic farmhouses, barnyard animals, horse drawn carriages and hoop skirts of days gone by – amid a backdrop of rich loamy soil and winding creeks running through fields of wildflowers.

A Woodbury resident, Ms. Nelson left her estate, including paintings, to the Connecticut Community Foundation to establish the Linda L. Nelson Fund, a permanently endowed field of interest fund to support health related issues and causes. Her fund will support current health-related needs, as well as emerging issues around healthcare as they change over time.

Members of The 1923 Society

Doris Abramson
Joel Abramson
Eleanor G. Akers
Elizabeth H. Andersen*
Nina E. Andersen*
Helen C. Angevine*
Fred L. Baker
Charles B. Barlow
Lillian Berland*
Max Berland*
Bertha K. Brod*
Robert Brod*
Christopher A. Brooks
Ann M. Burton
Orton P. Camp*
Miriam Camp*
Nancy H. Camp
Craig S. Carragan
George Chadakoff
Helen Chadakoff
Frederick W. Chesson
William Cohen
Alice Cruikshank
Robert B. Dannies
Priscilla Dannies
Joyce S. DeCesare
David DeNicolo
Bart DePetrillo
Barbara H. DeRosa*
Frank Devorken*
Mary J. Devorken
Eleanor DiCorpo*
Anna M. Famiglietti*
Richard N. Faro*
Ann Merriam Feinberg
William Finkelstein*
Lynn M. Franklin-Henry
Helen Frisbie*
Raymond Gamby*
Helen Garvey*
Phyllis G. Gebhardt*
Lynn A. Gorman
Milton Greenblatt*
Jane Gsell
John Gsell
Janet Hansen
Nelson P. Hart*
Jane Wynn Hay
Charles W. Henry
Jeanne C. Hughes*
Peter J. Jacoby
Susan B. Jefferson
Lucille Johnson
Helen A. Johnston
Alfred Joyell
Everett E. Kaelber
Stephen Ketterer
Augusta Kramer*
Raymond A. LaMoy*
Angela C. LaMoy

Gertrude K. Larson*
Herbert W. Larson*
Margaret J. Laurencelle
Irene J. LaVigne
Marita A. Lawlor*
Carolyn Lieber
William A. Lieber
Margaret T. Llano*
Betsy Manning
Ecton Manning
Ingrid Manning
Jeanette W. Matzkin*
Elizabeth McCormack
Wayne P. McCormack
Josephine P. McMillen*
Russell G. McMillen*
Daniel Millett*
Mary A. Millett
Marcea A. Morgan
Dorothy F. Murnane
Joann Narkis
Robert J. Narkis
Mary Greene Nelson*
John Palesty
Christopher R. Parker
Molly A. Parker
Frederick H. Perry*
Victor L. Persbacker*
Jean M. Peterson
W. Scott Peterson
Kyungsook K. Petrahai
Antonio Paulo Pinto
Lisa A. Powers
Edith Reynolds
Sarah Robin*
Vera R. Robin*
Marjorie M. Ross
Dorothy E. Rowland*
Ella Emery Rutledge*
Philip G. Samponaro
DeBare Saunders
Justine A. Smith*
Sylvia Sprecker
Lydie Strobidge*
Patricia B. Sweet
Stedman G. Sweet
Adele S. Taylor
Norman C. Taylor
Marcia L. Tejada
Donald J. Thompson
Walter F. Torrance*
Paula Van Ness
Fern Verriker
J. David Veselsky
Stanford Warshasky
Leslie White*
Edmund J. White
Zemma M. White
N. Patricia Yarborough*
*deceased

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No one has ever become poor by giving.

Anne Frank



Lois Gho



Like Everybody Else

Scholarship Honors Progressive Teacher That Provided Equal Learning Opportunities for Cheshire Students With Special Needs

It was awards night at Cheshire High School several years ago, and Donna Notti, the Birth-to-Three coordinator at the Darcey School in Cheshire, proudly watched her own son receive a scholarship award. “When I got home that night, it struck me that we don’t give awards to our graduates with special needs,” remembered Donna. She and her colleagues decided to make a change by creating a scholarship to encourage these students to continue to learn and grow after high school. They named the scholarship after their mentor Lois Rho, a teacher and principal at Darcey School, whom Donna describes as a “genius ahead of her time.” In the 1970s, Lois had a vision of providing equal educational opportunities for Cheshire’s children with special needs. She recognized that traditional teaching environments and methods didn’t work. While at Darcey School, Lois instituted a Birth-to-Three at home program to enhance a child’s development; the Stephen August Early Intervention Center which provides a therapeutic environment of specially designed classrooms that promote hands-on learning; a Parent Center in an early childhood setting designed for parent and child interaction; and



a Community Outreach program with information to support other early childhood programs. When Donna presented her idea for the scholarship to the Darcey Leadership Committee and then to Lois; she recalled that the leadership committee was very excited about the concept and Lois was overcome with emotion. Lois helped determine the criteria and select recipients until she became sick with cancer and passed away in 2009 at age 80. Since 2008, a total of 15 recipients have

received a scholarship and were able to buy adaptive equipment like an iPad to help them communicate, purchase clothes for a new job and books for college. “It’s such a thrill to see them receive their awards along with their peers. It makes them just like everyone else,” said Donna. This past summer the Lois Rho Memorial Scholarship was transferred to the Connecticut Community Foundation. “We

liked the idea of making this a permanent scholarship,” said Donna who wanted to create a legacy in Lois’s name. “Working with CCF, we are pleased that students with special needs will receive these awards in her honor, forever.”

New Funds

Thank you to the donors who established these individual funds in 2012. CCF administers more than 420 charitable funds established by individuals, families and corporations.

Malcolm Baldrige School of Business Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Post University when it named the school of business after former Secretary of Commerce and Connecticut businessman, Malcolm Baldrige. In keeping with the Baldrige legacy, the scholarship will be awarded to students at the Post Business School, which is committed to creating a community of best practices focused on continuous learning and business excellence.

Malcolm
Baldrige
(portrait)



Breanna Joy Hayes Memorial Fund

Patrick Hayes, Jr. established this designated fund in memory of his daughter, Breanna, who was a veteran. The Fund provides support for Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes program at Home for the Brave located in Bridgeport. Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes is the first community-based transitional home in Connecticut dedicated to homeless female Veterans and their children who are five years of age or younger. It provides transitional housing with case management services and refers residents to additional specialized services that address the unique needs of female Veterans.

Breanna
Joy Hayes



Rachel D'Avino Memorial Fund

Established by family members in memory of Rachel D'Avino, a teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School, who died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 protecting the children she loved so dearly. Her presence and tremendous smile brightened any room she entered. Rachel loved animals, cooking, baking, photography and karate. Her passion, however, was her occupation as a behavioral therapist working with children within the autism spectrum. This donor advised fund will support Rachel's interests. Read more about Rachel on CCF's website, www.conncf.org.

Rachel
D'Avino



Reynolds-Gaeta Endowment Fund

CCF trustee Ede Reynolds and her husband Dan Gaeta established this unrestricted fund in honor of Ede's 60th birthday. They hope in the future that family and friends will choose to make contributions to the fund over the years rather than buying gifts.

Dan
Gaeta
and
Ede
Reynolds



Hal McCauley Fund for Sherman Youth

The trustees of the Hal McCauley Memorial Fund established this designated fund to provide annual support to the Sherman Higher Education Fund, which is dedicated to helping young people and adults, who reside in Sherman, in their pursuit of higher education by providing financial assistance through grants and loans.

Hal
McCauley
Fund





**Middlebury
Lions Club**



**Linda L.
Nelson**



**Ryan
VerNooy**



**Lois
Rho**



**Jane
Sendzimir**

Middlebury Lions Club Scholarship Fund

Established by the Middlebury Lions Club, carrying on their tradition, this scholarship fund supports students who are graduating from high school, residents of Middlebury, and have demonstrated above average involvement in community service.

Southbury Lions Club Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund, that had long been part of the Southbury Lions Club, was transferred to CCF and continues to support graduating high school seniors residing in Southbury who demonstrate significant community service.

Linda L. Nelson Fund

This fund, established through Ms. Nelson's Will, is a permanently endowed field of interest fund to support health related issues and causes. Her fund will support current health-related needs, as well as emerging issues around healthcare as they change over time. Read more on page 9.

Ryan's Superhero Run Fund

Ryan VerNooy, a young man with an incredible spirit, lost his life in a car accident in December 2010. He graduated from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and worked for Quest Global Services in East Hartford. He was a certified EMT, volunteered at the local soup kitchen, Wickum Park and at Hole In the Wall Gang Camp (which was established by Paul Newman to give kids with serious illnesses their dream of attending camp for a week). Ryan was always available to lend an ear, share a smile or give a hug. He loved the notion of Superheroes; good triumphing over evil. His family and friends hold an annual Memorial 5K Superhero Race to honor him and add to this donor advised fund which currently supports the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp.

Lois Rho Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donna Notti established this scholarship fund to honor her co-worker and mentor Lois Rho who was a leader in special education in the Cheshire schools. This scholarship will be awarded to students with special needs who are graduating from Cheshire High School. Read more on page 11.

The Jane Harkness Sendzimir WSO Music Director's Fund

On the eve of its 75th season, a longtime Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) supporter made a gift she hopes will have a lasting impact. Jane Harkness Sendzimir of Woodbury, a former professional singer, gave WSO a significant donation to establish a fund that will endow the music director's position, now held by Maestro Leif Bjaland, in perpetuity. In turn WSO established an agency endowment fund at CCF with that gift. Sendzimir wants others to follow her example by contributing to the fund, which she hopes will further solidify the WSO's future.

Scholarships

In 2012, more than 300 students received scholarship awards totaling over \$700,000 from funds established by area donors. CCF was also happy to provide \$10,000 to Naugatuck Valley Community College to support students in the Advanced Manufacturing Machine Technology Certificate program at the college's newly-opened Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center.

Oxford High School and Chase Collegiate scholarship recipients, from left to right: Jennifer East, Kathryn Dennen and Nicole Arrato with CCF Trustee, Wayne McCormack.



Scholarship Recipients by Town

Beacon Falls

Elyssa Malota

Bethlehem

Benjamin Goldstein, Zachary Jasensky, and Serena Pitt

Bridgewater

Matthew Carlson, Mary Dillon, Luke Gellatly, Cody Luongo, Andrew Stern, and Stacy Sullivan

Cheshire

Lucian Boyd, Bria Caso, Stephanie Coppola, William Guo, Sean Kinyon, Loan Le, Elaina Milici, Lucette Moran, Brittany Shpak, Jessica Sudock, Michael Thomas, and Megan Walton

Goshen

Kevin Brown, Katherine Koley and Leanna Scaglione

Litchfield

James Assif, Braden Benge, Dominique DiMaria, Daniel Dichter, Jaime Gerst, Emma Hauer,

Austin Hernandez, Kathleen Lavoie, Rebecca Matson, Monet Meter, Megan Oullette, Mitchell Pelkey, Philip Simonin and Joseph Wihbey

Middlebury

Rebecca Barolli, William Bivona, Jessica Bonaventure, Rebecca Gordon, Jaclyn Goulet, Dana Gramolini, Rachel Marotte, and Christopher Mulhall

Morris

Ian Ward and Megan Woodruff

Naugatuck

Alexandra Cote, Rebecca Dube, Nicole Himmelberger, Ayse Hursid, Abigail Janneke, Sara Johnson, Melissa Leggett, Kelsea Mucherino, Fejiro Okifo, Andrinna Riley, Dayna Seeger, Ina Shule, Tania Wichlinski, Dazjavia Williams and Kristin D. Zavodjancik

New Milford

Kara Gabriel, Carly Gasiewski, Gabrielle Gaynor, Alexandra Goetjen, Brianna Goetjen, Amanda

Groccia, Edward Kelly, Anastasia Kouloganes, Riva Martin, Evan Mills, Thomas Morse, Maria Del Carmen Paredes, Holly Rehm, Jacob Scott, Shayna Sexton, Carlie Silva, Carly Strelez, Corinne Sullivan, Ana Vargas, Michael Vita, and Johnny Zheng

Oxford

Nicole Arrato, Kathryn Dennen, Jennifer East, and Rachel Narowski

Prospect

Connor Chura, Eric Dietz, Alexa Fermeglia, Karlyn Greene, Timothy Korzinski, Carolyn Luddy, Kathryn A. Patrick, Juan Quintero, Ashley Riley, Michael Torselli, David Trapp, Michael Vaccarelli, Shanna D. Walla and Kendra Wright

Roxbury

Elyse Andrews

Southbury

Angelica Aconfora, Lauren Baranowski, Rebecca Beilinson, John Ceccolini, Taylor Ellsworth,

Colleen Francke, Spencer Freund, Samuel Frohlinger, Tayler Goldstein, Sara Greco, Anna Kang, Victoria Madsen, Samantha A. McCloghry, Nicole Mendelson, Catrina Meyer, Christine Pinnkathole, Kelsey Roche, Ethan Rodriguez-Torrent, Jack Saleeby, Tiarra Swanson, Jessica Verzello, Seth Warner and Jennifer Weber

Thomaston

Brian Burr, Ronald Foshay, Erik Gundersen, Sarah Hafele, Madeline Jacques, Elizabeth Mendola, Emily Normandin, Cassandra Rogers, Max Tanguay-Colucci, Brianna Tortora, Patricia Vigeant, and Taryn Vigeant

Warren

Anne Carlson, Jenna Downs, Shannon Litke, Bethany Simmonds and Helena Tiedmann

Washington

Jamie Davenport, Elizabeth Eichen, Matthew Griffith, Colleen Koslosky and Jesse Steinmetz

Waterbury

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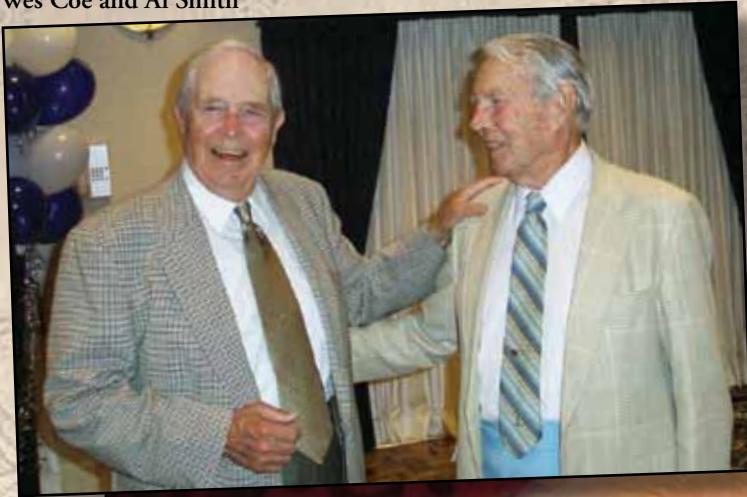


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Wes Coe and Al Smith



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Although I don't have a prescription for what others should do, I know I have been very fortunate and feel a responsibility to give back to society in a very significant way.

Bill Gates



Friendly Advice

Wes Coe learned about giving through his local community foundation from his best buddy

Growing up on a farm in Iowa in the midst of the Great Depression, Wes Coe remembers that he and his parents had very little, but others had even less.

“We were poor but we didn’t know it,” he remembered. “My parents were always trying to help other people and were a great example to me. I always believed in doing something for others.”

Wes went on to earn a Ph. D. in chemistry at University of Illinois in 1936 where he also met his best friend, Al Smith. “We were bosom buddies from day one.” Al and Wes went on to successful careers in chemical engineering and business at DuPont and Uniroyal respectively.

Raising his family in Naugatuck, CT, Wes became interested in philanthropy when he joined the YMCA in town and helped raise money for the needy in the borough. “It got me involved with the spirit of giving,” he said.

By the 1970s, both men retired: Al moved to Jacksonville, FL., while Wes and his wife, Helen moved to Heritage Village in Southbury. Despite the geographic distance, the two friends remained close. For many years Wes and Helen made annual winter visits to spend time with Al and his wife in Jacksonville.

“Al and I often talked about finances and stocks,” remembered Wes. “I wanted to do something for my community with my appreciated assets and he said the perfect way to do that was through a community foundation.”

Al referred Wes to the Waterbury Foundation [now named the Connecticut Community Foundation] in 1998. A Yankees fan, Wes says that working with the Foundation has provided a “triple play” of benefits to him. He found creating a fund at CCF was more cost-efficient than creating a private foundation. “I would rather use my money to help my favorite charities. Second, I like that I can determine where I want my money to go,” said Wes who created the Wesley S. Coe Family Fund in 1998.

Through this donor advised fund, Wes was able to support a variety of nonprofits. He appreciated that the Foundation informed him of other local deserving charities. “I learned of causes and organizations in the community that needed my help that I wouldn’t have known about otherwise.” Recently, Wes supported several Foundation-led initiatives from his Fund that benefit seniors, improve early education and support basic needs.

It is with great sadness that we learned of Wes’s passing in February, shortly after our interview with him. He was nearly 101 years old.



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Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

Revenue, support and other changes	
Contributions and gifts	\$3,402,126
Investment income	2,518,858
Miscellaneous income	83,882
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	6,625,834
Change in value of annuity payable	(34,365)
Total public support and revenue	<u>12,596,335</u>

Expenditures:

Program services:	
Grants	3,001,395
Other program services	59,296
Total program services	<u>3,060,691</u>
Supporting services	1,329,408
Total expenditures	<u>4,390,099</u>

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets 8,206,236

Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Contributions and gifts	\$1,083,275
Change in value of split interest agreement	21,359
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>1,104,634</u>

Change in Net Assets 9,310,870

Net Assets - Beginning of Year 70,294,722

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