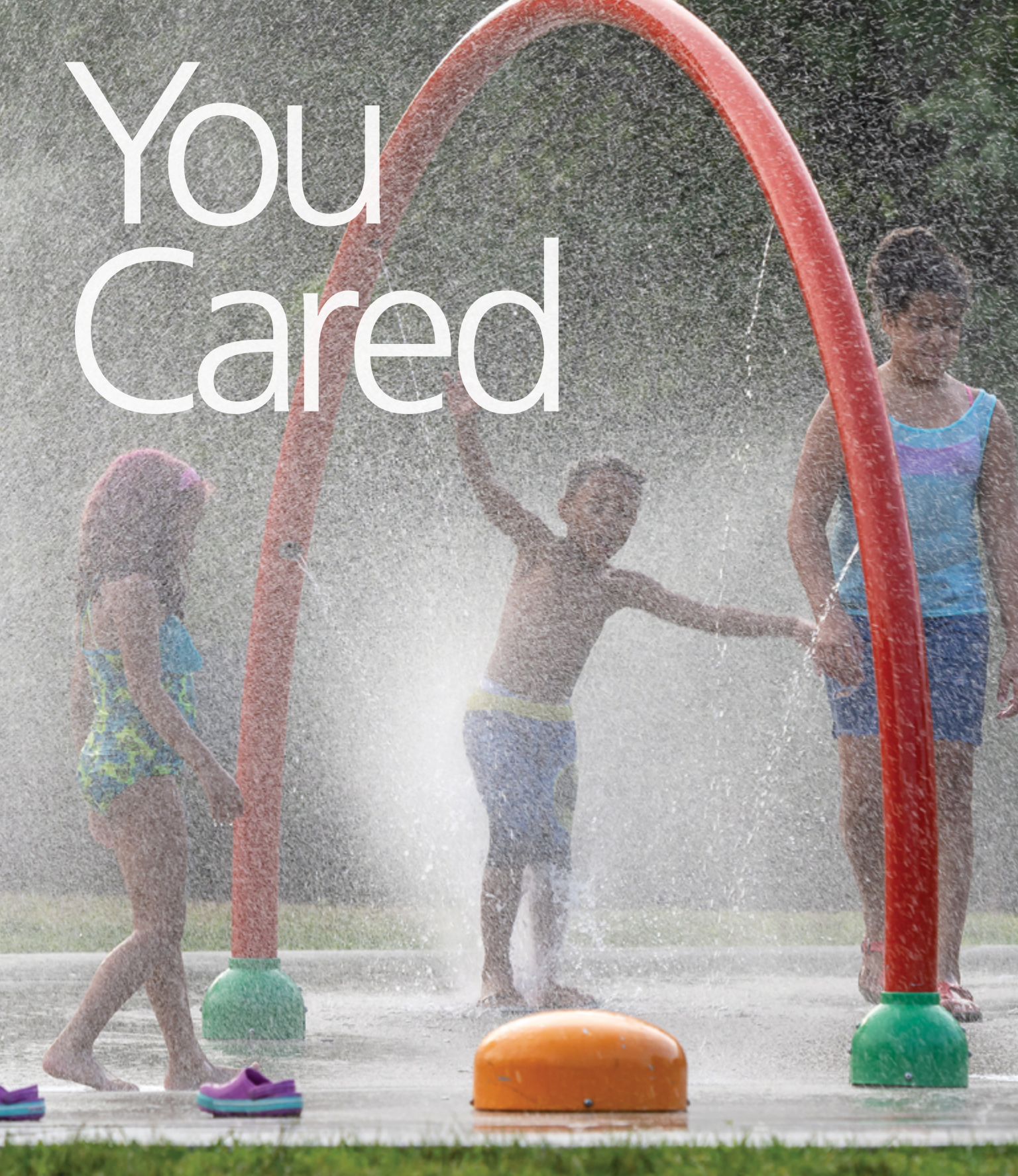


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and the Litchfield Hills*



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Above: Greater Waterbury YMCA preschool

On the cover: Children enjoy Chase Park in Waterbury

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Those words by Margaret J. Wheatley succinctly tell the 2018 story of you—donors, board members, volunteers and grantees of Connecticut Community Foundation.

Your actions and your stories powerfully and movingly emerged to shape your Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills communities for the better.

You responded when you saw need.

You organized and sought solutions in the midst of tough challenges.

You invested in your communities.

You cared — and you tackled local issues with passion and tenacity to illuminate the places you love.

In these pages, see the lives you and so many like you have touched.

Your caring made lives better. Thank you.

You cared...

TO HELP WOMEN AND GIRLS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

*Women's Giving Circle Grantee:
Waterbury Youth Services, Girls Who Code program*



Women's Giving Circle

They were 86 women—many strangers to each other.

Beginning in living rooms across Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills, they discovered their shared concern for women and girls and determined to do something about it.

In late 2017, the Women's Giving Circle at Connecticut Community Foundation was born.

Chairperson Kathy Bower of Southbury reflected, "It was a unique time in history for women and perfect timing for the launch of the Women's Giving Circle. Many women were wondering what they could do to make a difference, to be part of the change and to energize, support and empower women and girls."

She continued, "The Circle reflects the power of women coming together when our voices are really being heard in more meaningful ways than I've ever seen in my lifetime."

The Circle members (teens through those in their 90s) pooled their dollars, studied the issues, listened to each other and local leaders, and broke bread together.

In 2018, they voted to award their collective donations via grants—totaling \$34,000—to seven nonprofit organizations working to help women and girls in the region get a leg up, move through crises, or better their career options through education. Funding covered mentoring, training in computer coding, alternative therapies for survivors of sexual assault, empowerment workshops and nature-based learning.

"The Circle's grant to Butterflies With Voices was especially meaningful to me," said Linda Strange of Southbury. "They are a local group of women who had pulled themselves up by their bootstraps without any particular help and got together to mentor younger girls who were in the same situation. I have mentored girls and I know how critical that additional support is."

“You meet people with kind eyes. People who want to help—who want to be involved not just in writing a check (though that is important, too!) but also in reaching out to learn about and support new organizations and programs. And you hear of other members’ interests, like funding programs in rural areas in our region, where poverty and its challenges can be even harder since there isn’t a safety net, or sometimes even an understanding of poverty’s existence.”

Sharon Houle Randall, Middlebury

Bower hopes the Circle continues to grow and give together, particularly through the richness of experiences and insights of women across generations.

“My definition of success includes a very healthy dose of philanthropy. I don’t view success as a financial thing. I view it as ‘what mark did you leave on the world?’” she said. “For my three daughters and for women and girls across the region, my hope is that their futures will be better at the workplace, at the marketplace and in the community.”

Learn more about the Women’s Giving Circle at connct.org/womens-giving-circle.

“With the Giving Circle, I feel like the impact is personal and immediate. And to meet so many wonderful women with the same passion as mine was overwhelming and rewarding. I found I wanted to jump right in and get my heels wet.”

Paula Baron, Southbury

“As a Waterbury resident, I can see the challenges of underserved communities. I understand the need to invest in community and programs specifically designed for girls that promote health and empower boldness, confidence and the skills to take control of their lives and their futures.”

Kimkelly Myers, Waterbury



You cared...

TO FREE YOUR NEIGHBORS FROM ADDICTION AND ITS STIGMAS



Connecticut Community Foundation's grant delivered medical equipment, exam tables and computers to Wellmore Behavioral Health's new Promoting Integrated Care Clinic in Waterbury.

“This place saved me.”

For Keion, the losses piled up.

His partner of 27 years walked away. Relationships with his kids disintegrated and he was let go from the job he had held for 12 years. Legal issues and physical pain dogged him. Family members' trust in him frayed.

Keion's drinking had started young and the downward spiral of addiction had taken hold. He realized he had to make a change.

Today, he credits Wellmore Behavioral Health in Waterbury for compassionately guiding him toward sobriety—and a new lease on life.

Intensive counseling during an extended stay at Wellmore's supportive recovery house created deeper self-awareness, coping skills and strength.

And for the pain? Keion became the first patient treated at Wellmore's new Promoting Integrated Care (PIC) program in Waterbury.

Novel PIC programs—where medical, dental, and behavioral health services are all provided under one roof—operate around the country and were commissioned by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to address the soaring numbers of opioid overdoses in underserved population centers.

SAMHSA's dollars covered the renovation of Wellmore's space for the clinic, and a timely grant from Connecticut Community Foundation's Healthy Communities Fund delivered new exam tables, furniture, computers and wall-mounted medical testing equipment.

The collaboration of Wellmore and StayWell is key to the project's success. At Waterbury's PIC, barriers to care fall away because Wellmore's behavioral health staff teamed with StayWell Health Center's medical and dental professionals to provide services in one place; patients aren't sent around the city or region to get treated for different issues.

Gary Steck, CEO of Wellmore, said, “During my 20 years, this is the third project that the Foundation funded for Wellmore from the get-go. Of course, there’s strong data that integrated care will make things better, but mostly it’s a leap of faith...If there aren’t community foundation resources, it just doesn’t happen because no one ever lets us start, experiment, struggle, fight with it.”

“One of the most exciting pieces about the project is that we’re developing a whole new approach to working with this clientele,” Steck said.

He points to the “open access” clinic hours requiring no appointments and to StayWell’s uniquely skilled primary healthcare providers trained to work with people with addiction and mental health concerns.

PIC also offers dental cleanings and screenings, diabetes management and health and wellness groups including smoking cessation, nutrition and healthy living. The clinic has some evening hours so employed patients don’t need to take time off.

“The key piece is that a generous amount of time is allocated to relationship building with one’s medical provider. It’s not some stranger that they only see once,” said Steck.

“Addiction is the most treatable chronic disease. We always encourage people to call for help, because always there is hope and you can recover.”

Gary Steck, CEO
Wellmore Behavioral Health

Of PIC, Keion said, “It was really convenient to have a primary doctor so close. If I had any questions, I didn’t have any problems—they were right there. I don’t have to schedule an appointment; I can almost get an answer or get a script filled immediately.”

Keion has been sober for seven months and his pain has improved. He’s focused on “small goals”—renewing his driver’s license, updating his resume, rebuilding relationships with his kids and being patient with recovery.

“This place saved me,” he said. “They gave me confidence and they built me up... I can see the difference so that keeps me motivated to keep doing what I need to do.”

Wellmore Behavioral Health,
Promoting Integrated Care Clinic



You cared...

TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



The Staver Fund will help the Greater Waterbury YMCA expand the breadth and quality of its preschool.

John Staver's Legacy of Love

It wasn't quite Valentine's Day, but it might as well have been.

When John "Jack" Staver of Watertown, Connecticut passed away at the age of 80 in January 2018, he left a valentine for the local places he loved.

It was delivered in the form of a \$4 million bequest to establish a permanent charitable fund at Connecticut Community Foundation. It was the largest gift by an individual in the 96-year history of the Foundation.

Staver designated the fund to benefit the performing arts in the Greater Waterbury region, the maintenance and improvement of the Town of Watertown's recreational facilities, and the general operations of the Greater Waterbury YMCA.

Recipients of Staver's gift were floored upon hearing the news, since they perceived him as living modestly and "under the radar."

He checked in at the Greater Waterbury YMCA nearly every evening for more than fifty years carrying an old battered gym bag, recalled employees Paula Labonte and Jim O'Rourke and former employee Angie Matthis. As Staver pumped up and down on the elliptical machine, he always wore the same faded denim shirt and denim running shorts, knee-high white tube socks and an old-style headphone radio with protruding antennas. The staff respectfully called him "Mr. Staver," and while he kept to himself, he'd sometimes banter at the front desk with the staff well after the Y had closed for the evening.

O'Rourke, chief executive officer of the YMCA, reflected, "He was so humble and so quiet...and just a genuine, good person. For him to think about the Y in such a special way is so powerful and I'm just so happy we had an impact on him. I would say that we were an extension of his family. We were his family."

O'Rourke indicated that Staver's extraordinary gift can help the YMCA expand the breadth and quality of its programs for preschool and school-aged children, and

help more families access them regardless of ability to pay.

Staver spent most of his life in Watertown and was a fixture for many years on the public tennis courts or ice skating on the Annex Pond in town, according to Lisa Carew, director of Watertown Parks and Recreation. She recalled Staver tooling around town in an older-model car as Watertown's first recycling coordinator, and said that Staver also helped older people at the senior center improve their driving skills or prepare their taxes.

"He was very, very reserved, very quiet, low-key and methodical," she said.

Yet he often stopped by Carew's office—they had known each other for more than thirty years—to lightheartedly air a persistent grievance: the tennis courts had no park benches. Carew would playfully respond that they didn't have the money; he would have to buy one himself.

Carew and Bill Donston, the chair of Watertown's parks and recreation commission, said that they are committed to fulfilling Staver's legacy through improvements to the town's recreational facilities. Big ticket items on their lists include adding lights to playing fields, rehabilitating the tennis courts, adding fencing for a dog park, completing sections of local greenways and building a park pavilion.

But—in honor of Staver—new park benches will be installed first, they said.

"To know that you made the kind of impression on somebody that they would think of you and entrust you to make our community better...

It's really amazing and it's an incredible thing for Watertown. Thanks to Jack, we're going to be able

to ramp up everything we do here," said Carew. "The positive things that can come from this gift are immeasurable...It's forever."

"Jack had the people of Watertown in his heart and he wanted the town to know it."

Bill Donston, chair of Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

John Staver helps a woman with her taxes.



You cared...

TO EQUIP NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE TOOLS TO MAKE CHANGE



A patron enjoys reading at the Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury.

Catchafire Sparks Change (and Stronger Organizations)

Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury opened its doors 149 years ago, but rich history aside, it didn't want to look like a 19th century relic.

The library, the largest in the area, serves 110,000 people and is a modern, vibrant hub of activity for people of all ages. Community conversations, story times, and chess and coding clubs are just a fraction of the activities offered, and the library hums daily with people doing research and job searches or indulging in the simple pleasure of reading.

"The people who live in Waterbury need us," said the library's director, Raechel Guest. "The library is not a luxury; it's a necessity. But our budget is about half of what it should be and we have a bare-bones staff."

Guest and municipal leaders managed to secure outside funds to upgrade much of the library's physical space, but Guest knew a refreshed marketing look—from logo to website—would improve the library's image and help it raise critical funds.

Guest turned to Connecticut Community Foundation, which provided access to the national online platform, Catchafire, for a skilled volunteer to create a new logo for the library.



In 2018, Catchafire volunteers for nonprofits serving Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills:

- **Hailed from 25 states, Canada and the United Kingdom**
- **Donated over 1,900 hours of time**
- **Completed 107 projects**
- **Provided services valued at \$350,794**

“We don’t have the staff or knowledge to do a comprehensive technology plan...Everyone who saw the technology report prepared for us by the Catchafire volunteer was ecstatic. It was comprehensive, extremely professional and tailored to our organization and its individual technology needs.”

Kathi M. Crowe, Executive Director,
Waterbury Youth Services

In 2018, the Foundation invested heavily in Catchafire in order to connect its nonprofit grantees with volunteers from all over the country who offered skills and expertise—for free!—that the organizations couldn’t typically afford or access.

Recognizing that technical assistance, especially at the organizational level, is critical to helping nonprofits deliver on their missions and serve the community over the long term, the Foundation made Catchafire available to 150 nonprofits serving Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills in the pilot year.

Powered by Catchafire, organizations broadcast potential projects that further their mission to 50,000+ talented professionals around the country. Volunteers apply through the Catchafire website to take on the work, highlighting their respective

skill sets, areas of expertise and passions. Nonprofits interview and choose volunteers who best fit their needs.

Through Catchafire, Guest found Gabriel, a Seattle-based graphic designer with a growing portfolio that included Amazon and Starbucks. He ran with Guest’s vision of a logo that reflected the rejuvenated library. From Gabriel’s many design drafts, the library settled on three finalists, which they put to a vote of library users. The winner: a design based on the brass whale that graced the library plaza for more than 35 years.

Guest estimates that the logo design process has already saved the library a few thousand dollars, but they’re not done. Soon she’ll post another project to Catchafire to find a volunteer who can revamp the library’s dated website. The savings will be thousands more.

As Guest explained, “We need to grow our own funds to operate and support our programs since municipal funding is insufficient. Catchafire is an amazing resource for us to progress from refreshed imagery to a new website to fundraising more effectively.”

“As a not-for-profit school and as dollars get tight, we needed to improve our efforts to ensure that donors understand the value that the school is bringing to the students and to the city of Waterbury. A Catchafire volunteer professionally designed a brochure for us and it was fantastic.”

Tim Mellitt, Board member,
Children’s Community School
(Waterbury)



Silas Bronson Library’s children’s room



Loryn Ray (middle) shares Woodbury's resource guide for older people at the Woodbury Senior Center.

Aging Well in Woodbury

When the call came to meet about the needs of Woodbury's older residents, even the local grocer showed up.

The concerns were many. Requests for fuel and food assistance by the town's older people had never been higher, social service caseloads were climbing and more resources were needed to help people age at home.

So, at the public invitation of the Woodbury Senior Center for a "Town Conversation on Aging," 62 people streamed in: clergy members, realtors, insurance brokers, physical therapists, the First Selectman, town commissioners, librarians, social workers and many older residents of Woodbury.

Loryn Ray, director of senior services for Woodbury, framed the questions. What were the needs of the town's older residents? What was Woodbury doing

right—or not? What might be needed by the town's older residents in the next five, 10 or 15 years in order to remain living in Woodbury—where most of them had lived for decades?

Funded by Connecticut Community Foundation's East Hill Woods Fund, the town's 2018 conversation on aging was Woodbury's second in six years. The Foundation's grants covered the costs of convening the community for a structured conversation and undertaking one or more action items that emerged from the discussion.

According to Ray, Woodbury's initial conversation on aging, held in 2013, "ended up guiding our work for five years. It gave us direction; a bit like a strategic plan. It told us, 'this is where our efforts are needed' and where we could begin to make a dent in the issues."

Three key needs emerged from that 2013 discussion: to increase on-demand transportation options, broaden affordable and suitable housing and create sustaining social ties to the community.

All of that didn't surprise Ray, but the creative solutions that bubbled up did.

Woodbury rolled up its collective sleeves and got to work following its first town conversation—with impressive results. Some faith communities established transportation networks to drive people to worship services, an in-depth housing study was completed, and a comprehensive guide to services in Woodbury supporting older people was published.

“One of their monikers is to become a master in aging, and do it mindfully and with real intent, so that you can make the most of your life now and as you continue to age, instead of constantly being surprised by what’s coming next.”

Loryn Ray, Director of Senior Services,
Town of Woodbury

The booklet is chock-full of useful information, such as which stores deliver groceries and prescription medications, locations of local bereavement groups, where to find rental properties, and even how to get free eye exams and glasses.

In 2018, the Town Conversation on Aging again revealed transportation and housing to be the top challenges for Woodbury's older residents (“We are constantly working on those,” said Ray), and the town's residents are thinking creatively again.

An “Aging in Place” series will include teaching older people how to use Uber and other driving services, and digital displays at the senior center will soon convey news and information to better inform older people about local resources.

Another boon for Woodbury's older residents: Ray credits Connecticut Community Foundation for providing pilot funding to bring the National Council on Aging's acclaimed Aging Mastery Program® to Woodbury's Senior Center. The 10-week evidence-based series gave 58 participants an invaluable “deep dive” into issues pertinent to aging well—medications, fall prevention, sleep, financial fitness, relationships, and more. Classes are ongoing.

Woodbury's residents, with a boost from the Foundation, are planning to make the most of their longer lives.

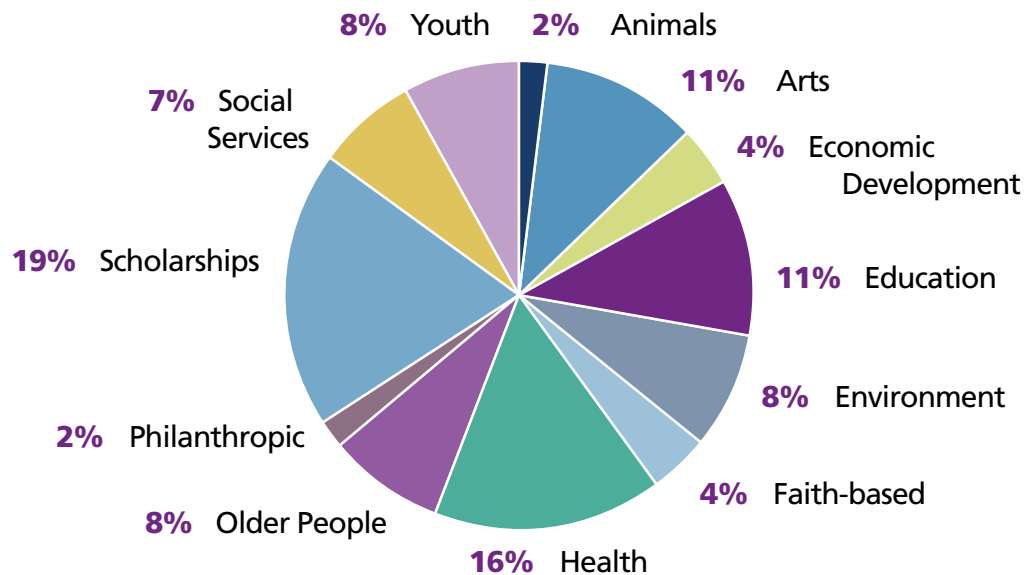
Woodbury Senior Center expanded its transportation services as a result of the Town Conversation on Aging.



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COMMUNITY

2018 Grants and Scholarships by Program Area \$4.9 million



Figures include competitive grants, grants designated by donors through charitable funds they have established, and gifts through Give Local.

Vod Vilfort, a graduate of Wilby High School in Waterbury, now attends Yale and is majoring in economics. He is a recipient of two scholarships from the Foundation: The Louis, Mary, Rose and Dr. William Finkelstein Scholarship and the In Search of Excellence Scholarship.



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(Table below includes all giving through donor-advised funds.)

	2018
Assets	
Investments	\$ 99,204,278
Other Assets	3,880,699
Total Assets	\$103,084,977
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts Payable	\$ 93,838
Grants Payable	109,400
Liabilities Under Split-interest Agreements	174,570
Funds Held as Agency Endowments	3,828,485
Net Assets	98,878,684
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$103,084,977
Revenue	
Contributions	\$ 6,176,405
Investment Return	(6,418,352)
Other Revenue	274,936
Total Revenues	\$ 32,989
Grants and Expenses	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 4,885,568
Program Support	1,266,581
Supporting Services	920,111
Total Grants and Expenses	\$ 7,072,260
Net Assets	
Beginning of Year	\$105,917,955
End of Year	\$ 98,878,684

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Donor-advised fund established by Joyce S. Schwartz

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Tina Bernacki, Western Connecticut Leadership's 2018 Program Chair, kicks off the history session.

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In 2018:

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256

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THE FOUNDATION
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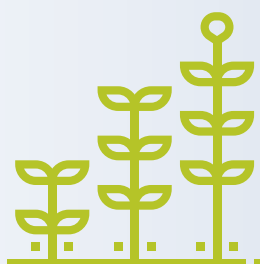
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1,467

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AND NONPROFITS

CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF

\$7,419,927*

TO BE USED TODAY AND
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COLLEGE WAS MORE AFFORDABLE FOR

420

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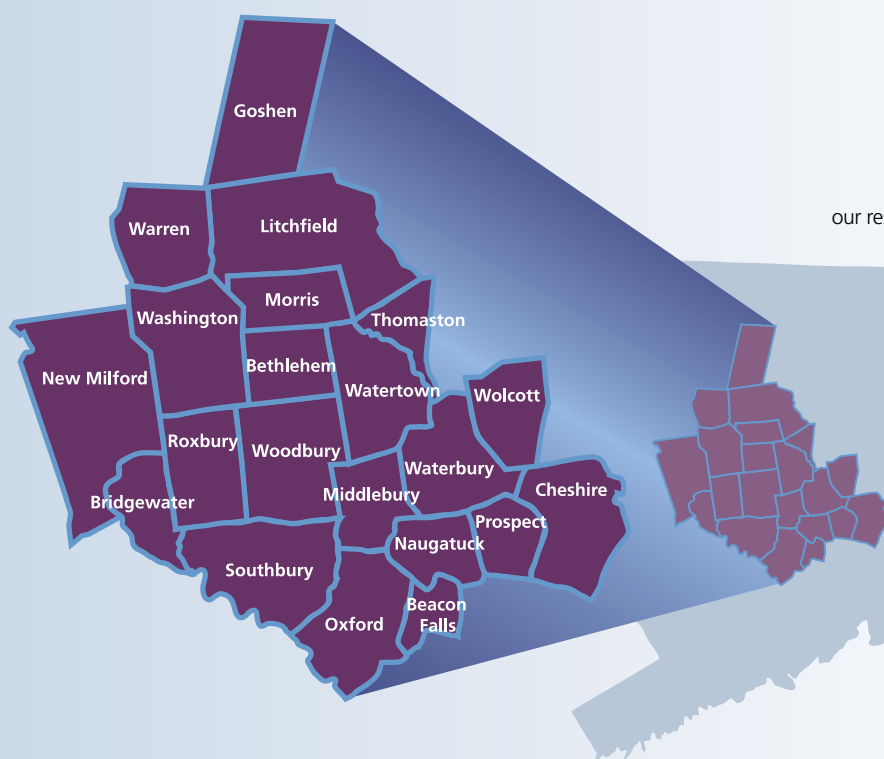
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