



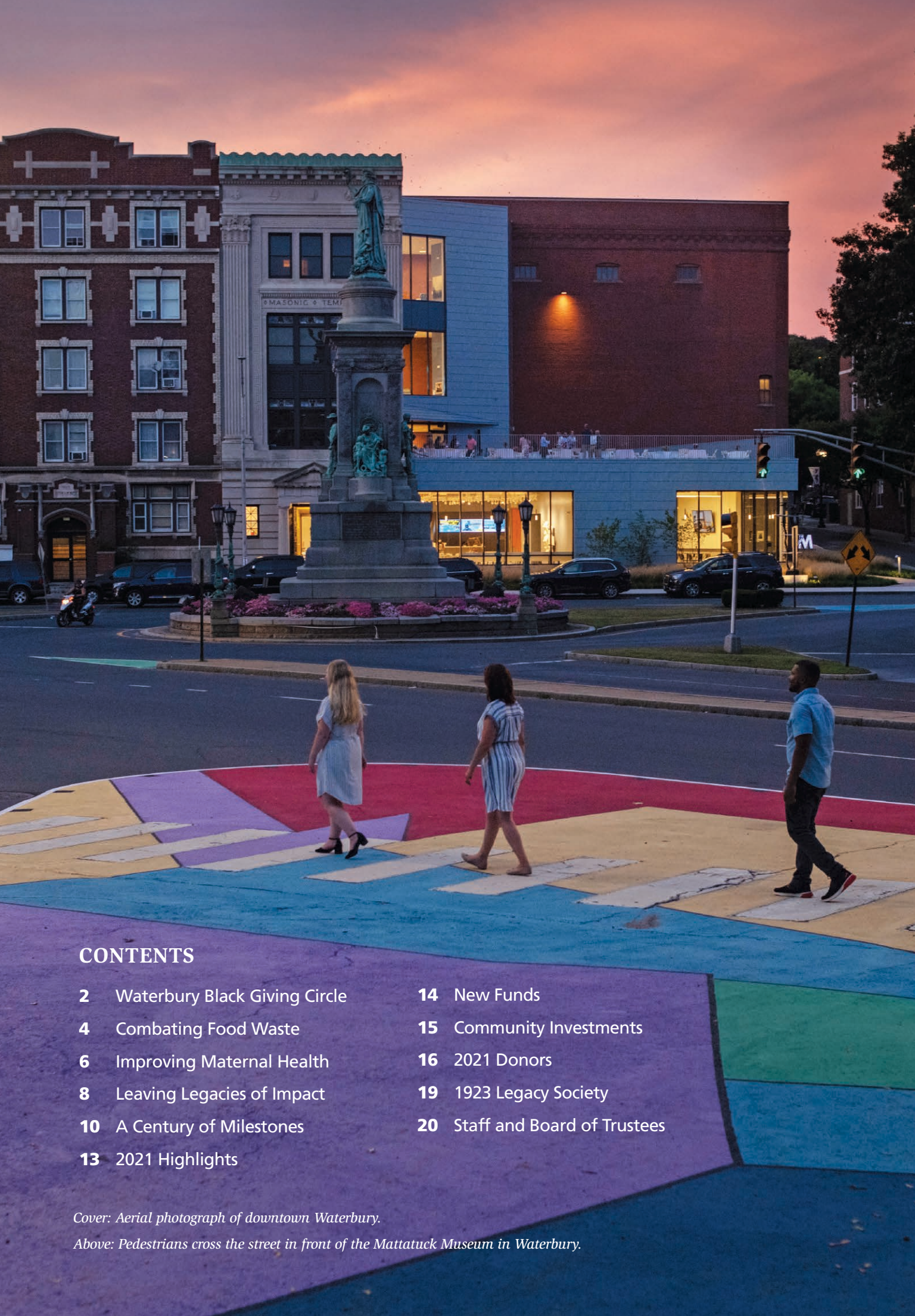
# Let's Build Tomorrow Together

2021 Annual Report

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*Cover: Aerial photograph of downtown Waterbury.*

*Above: Pedestrians cross the street in front of the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury.*



# Two years into a pandemic that has forced us apart in so many ways, we find ourselves amazed and inspired by just how much we can accomplish **together**.

In the face of challenges touching every corner of our region, it has been our connections to one another that have fueled our community's resilience and put us on a path toward a better tomorrow.

The connections that propel us forward today aren't so different from those that created us. When our seven founders gathered 99 years ago in downtown Waterbury to establish Connecticut's first community foundation, they saw formidable challenges not unlike those we see today. While the region was prosperous, the benefits of wealth were not reaching many who struggled to feed families, to maintain health amid challenging environmental and work conditions, and to gain a foothold on a path toward stability and opportunity. Those seven visionary leaders prioritized their neighbors, pooled their resources, and created as their legacy a permanent community asset that would expand opportunities and improve outcomes for local residents for generations after the founders' own lifetimes.

Nearly a century later, the roots of the community's challenges are not so different, though we see and understand them in a modern light. Data reveals clear and deep disparities in both outcomes and opportunities among residents in our region. This is true particularly along lines of race and ethnicity, but also age, gender, wealth, income and geography.

As we steward our endowment—now over \$150 million, thanks to those founding donors and more than 500 others who have followed their lead by establishing funds with us to benefit the community—we know that the resources entrusted to us will have their greatest impact if they are put to work in support of efforts aimed at

reducing those disparities and producing more just and equitable outcomes across our community. To that end, we are focused on equitably expanding educational, financial, and career opportunities; addressing deep disparities in health; strengthening our nonprofit sector; seeking long-term change in systems that simply do not work for everyone; and applying a nuanced racial equity lens to examine and analyze the Foundation's own practices, policies, and everyday work.

The success of this work cannot hinge on Connecticut Community Foundation alone, or on organizations providing services in the community, or on the generosity of any donor. It depends on all of us committing to building a better tomorrow **together**.

The pages that follow celebrate just a few of the many ways people have come together throughout Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills to envision change for our community, and have joined forces to make their vision a reality. We are inspired by their love for their neighbors, their commitment to the community, and the legacies they are creating—together.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy K. Taylor".

Kathy Taylor  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Loughran".

Julie Loughran  
*President and CEO*

# Waterbury Black Giving Circle Invests in the Community's Future



*WBGC member Attorney Sean Mosley, vice principal of Crosby High School.*

**F**or many, the term “philanthropy” conjures images of extraordinary wealth and individuals who act alone to share their resources with others. Community philanthropy reveals a different picture—of engaging community leaders, ambassadors, and donors who bring experience and resources together to address challenges and improve our community.

Among Black donors, there is a long history of philanthropists from across the spectrum of wealth and income giving regularly and generously, often together. In fact, despite a persistent racial wealth gap, a report by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation found that African-American households donate 25 percent more of their incomes to charitable causes than do their white counterparts, and nearly two-thirds of African-American households donate to charitable organizations each year.

Launched on Juneteenth in 2021, the Waterbury Black Giving Circle (WBGC) builds on a long history in the United States of giving together in the Black community. As early as the 1700s, Black mutual aid societies pooled the resources of many donors to meet a wide range of community needs. A similar vision motivates WBGC donors.

“It’s very important to talk about collective giving and how economic sustainability could impact our families and our communities,” said Akia S. Callum, a WBGC member. “This is an opportunity for us to be part of something bigger than ourselves.”

Members of the WBGC—each of whom gives \$365 per year to be a voting member of the Circle—pool their funds and will work together to select local nonprofit organizations to support with grants. The group will prioritize Black-led initiatives aimed at developing and sustaining solutions to economic inequities through education, resources, and coalition-building. Connecticut Community Foundation holds the fund.

“I like the fact that with the Waterbury Black Giving Circle we can have ownership of where the money goes,” said Alicia Pittman, a WBGC Advisory Committee Member, entrepreneur, and photographer. “I think it will be beneficial to the community and small business owners like myself.”

Building and strengthening networks is another of the giving circle’s aims. WBGC Advisory Committee Member and Naugatuck Valley Community College professor Kathy Taylor explained, “Being in a giving circle involves a good

deal of discussion and collective decision-making—and the connectedness and collaboration is part of the point. We want the school teacher, the contractor, the professor, the construction worker, the accountant, the librarian, the sanitation worker, the police officer, the doctor, the attorney, the sales clerk, and the Amazon driver to join.”

WBGC will build its membership and resources throughout 2022, and plans to make its first grants in 2023. Voting membership is open to donors who identify as Black or African-American. Individuals who do not identify as Black or African-American but who would like to support the Circle’s work may also contribute as non-voting Solidarity Members.

Reflecting on the high rates of giving among African-American households, Taylor said, “It tells me that we are not merely the recipients of aid but we are actively involved and committed financially

to causes and organizations that we care about. Knowing the power of community, unity, and collective and cooperative economics, I am happy to be a founding member and part of the Waterbury Black Giving Circle. I invite others to join us and be a catalyst for positive change within our community.”



*WBGC members Althea Marshall Brooks, executive director of Waterbury Bridge to Success; Cheryl Hilton, owner, Hilton Advocacy Group; and Kathy Taylor, Naugatuck Valley Community College professor and chair of Connecticut Community Foundation board of trustees.*



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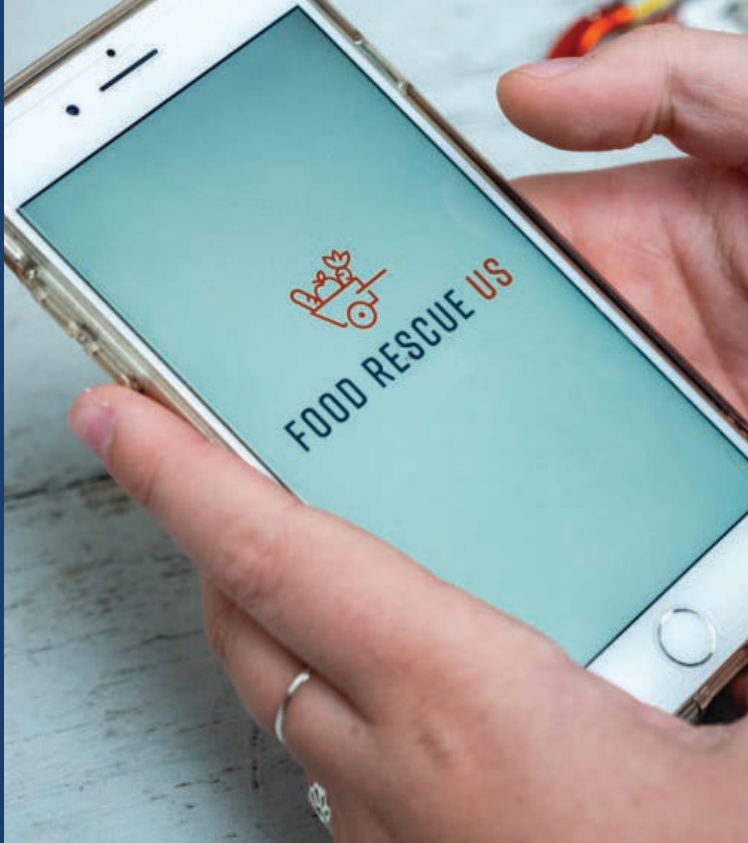
Akia S. Callum, WBGC member

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*WBGC member Akia S. Callum, M.Ed., director of community impact and marketing at Waterbury Bridge to Success Community Partnership.*



# Food Rescue US Uses Technology to Decrease Food Waste and Food Insecurity in Litchfield County

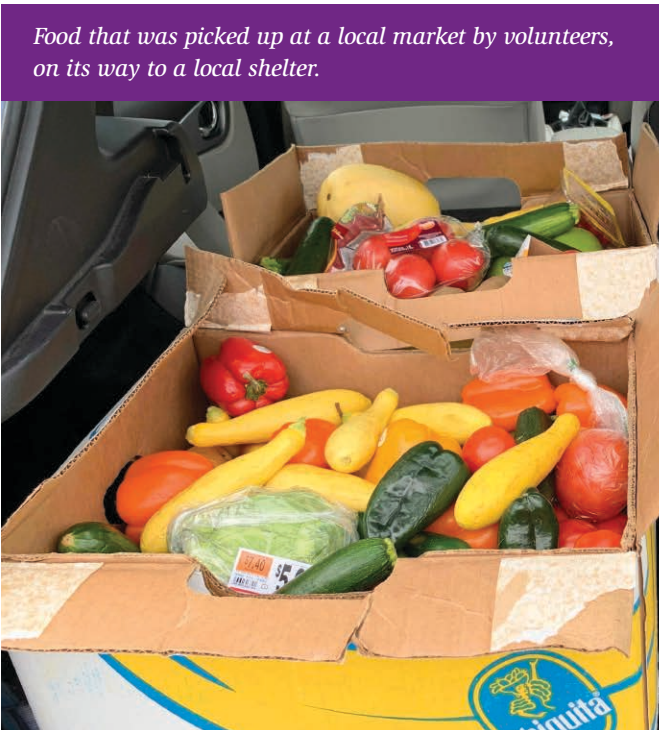


*The Food Rescue app is used by hundreds of volunteers to connect food donations to organizations that need it.*

The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. The ranks of the food insecure skyrocketed during the pandemic, with 17 million more Americans experiencing food insecurity in 2020 than in the previous year. When food insecurity jumped to

13.5% in Litchfield County in 2020, Food Rescue US – Northwest CT stepped up to help.

“Ten years ago, the Food Rescue US founders had a groundbreaking idea that would decrease food waste while combating food insecurity. It would unite and empower communities comprised of residents in need of help, volunteers,



*Food that was picked up at a local market by volunteers, on its way to a local shelter.*



local businesses, and receiving agencies to serve themselves with the support of technology,” recalls Kathy Minck, site director for Food Rescue US – Northwest CT. Believing that they could use technology to connect excess food that would otherwise be wasted with local agencies that could ensure the food reached people who need it, Food Rescue US created the first-ever food recovery app. “With this innovative technology, communities have the resources to mobilize hundreds to thousands of volunteers to distribute surplus food on a micro to macro scale,” explains Minck.

Relying on the app, Food Rescue US created a network in northwest Connecticut that connects farmers, restaurants, and supermarkets with social service organizations that work with individuals experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers sign up to “rescue” the food and deliver it to nonprofit agencies, creating a win-win situation: farmers



*Zak Richie, Prime Time House clubhouse manager, and Kathy Minck, site director of Food Rescue US – NWCT, deliver fresh produce from The Market CT in Bantam.*

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Kathy Minck, site director,  
Food Rescue US – Northwest CT

and restaurants are glad to donate their excess food before it goes to waste, and local residents are able to access the nutrition they need.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Connecticut Community Foundation has supported Food Rescue US – Northwest CT with more than \$30,000 in grants to sustain its work and expand its reach. This support has enabled the organization to recruit more food donors, volunteers, and local distributing agencies, which translates into more meals provided each year. Today, Food Rescue US connects food from 60 farms, stores, restaurants and other businesses with 40 social services agencies serving people experiencing food insecurity across the region.

Among Food Rescue US’s partners is New Milford-based Camella’s Cupboard, a food pantry that serves children, older adults, and other vulnerable populations.

“We are so thankful for our collaboration with Food Rescue US and are constantly amazed by the amazing opportunities provided for area pantries,” says Camella’s Cupboard founder and executive director Angela Chastain.

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# Advocacy, Collaboration and Culturally Responsive Interventions Seek to Improve Maternal Health in Waterbury



*The #Day43 campaign on Black maternal health, led by Waterbury Bridge to Success, included a free citywide “Calling Black Mamas Photoshoot” event — a day of education, self-preservation, and joy.*

**A** staggering fact: The risk of maternal death is three to four times higher for Black women than for their white counterparts. Even accounting for differences in income or education, Black mothers are significantly more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes. While proper prenatal care can improve maternal health outcomes, 18.6% of pregnant women in Waterbury receive late prenatal care or none at all.

Against this backdrop, and with grant support

from Connecticut Community Foundation, Waterbury Bridge to Success Community Partnership, Greater Waterbury Health Partnership, StayWell Health Center, and Woman’s Choice Perinatal have formed an Infant and Maternal Health Workgroup. The partners are working together to forge connections across sectors among clinical providers, community-based organizations, childbirth educators, doulas, and others involved in patients’ care. The group’s

work focuses particularly on improving outcomes for Black and Hispanic mothers, who are disproportionately affected by the shortcomings in existing systems.

Increasing access to and awareness of doula services is a top priority. A doula is a trained, non-clinical professional who supports a pregnant person before, during, and after childbirth—support that research has shown reduces rates of adverse birth outcomes. Woman’s Choice Perinatal, founded and led by doula Ashanti Rivera, will facilitate doula training for StayWell home visiting staff in order to increase the number of trained doulas serving women of color in



*Women are awarded birth doula certificates by Ashanti Rivera (center), doula and founder of Woman’s Choice Perinatal Services.*



Waterbury. To Rivera, the collaborative nature of the initiative's work and the tradition of women helping other women through pregnancy are linked. "True maternal health is guided and rooted in a spiritual legacy and ancestral guidance. It takes a village. If there are no villages, my hope is that I can help create one."

For its part, Waterbury Bridge to Success is focusing on education, outreach, and advocacy. As executive director Althea Marshall Brooks explains, "Our objective for this project is to provide ongoing education to broaden awareness of the holistic support doulas can provide women of color. A crucial factor in ensuring the welfare of a mother and her baby is providing access to quality prenatal and postnatal care." To that end, Bridge to Success launched the #Day43 educational campaign, prompted by a study that found the burden imposed by pregnancy and birth on a woman's body can extend beyond the six-week period after birth—the point at which most women cease to receive postpartum obstetric care. The same study found that late maternal deaths—those occurring more than 42 days postpartum—were 3.5 times more likely among Black women than white women.

In helping to coordinate the varied efforts of the Infant and Maternal Health Workgroup's members, Greater Waterbury Health Partnership

executive director Angie Matthis highlights the importance of ensuring that those most affected by poor health outcomes both inform the work and are able to access the care and connections the partners provide. Said Matthis, "It's important to elevate organizations led by people of color to lead the charge of outreach to and input from residents across the diversity spectrum who are suffering disparities." Through their work, the partners aim to establish new models of maternal health care for Waterbury women of color, with the ultimate goal of reducing stark racial disparities and ensuring that more births end in joy, promise, and good health.



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Althea Marshall Brooks, executive director,  
Waterbury Bridge to Success



*#Day43 committee members and volunteers, convened by Waterbury Bridge to Success (BTS) at the citywide "Calling Black Mamas Photoshoot" event held at North End Recreational Center in celebration of Black moms and birthing people in Waterbury, to raise awareness of the #Day43 campaign and Black maternal health.*





# Local People with Heart and Foresight Leave Legacies of Impact

**W**hat legacy will you leave in your community?

As Connecticut Community Foundation approaches its 100th anniversary, we are grateful to the generous people whose gifts have touched countless lives and continue to have impact in our communities. Generations of legacy donors—individuals who have included gifts to the community through the Foundation in their estate plans—have built the Foundation into a permanent community asset and ensured that it will be here to meet community needs for the next century and beyond.

While legacy donors have a wide range of backgrounds and motivations, they share common qualities. They are connected to their community. They understand and embrace their values. And they have a vision for how their own gifts can build a better tomorrow by driving change, finding solutions for community challenges, and helping people thrive.

In the past 99 years, more than 200 legacy donors have partnered with Connecticut Community Foundation to make their visions for the community a reality. We are grateful for their trust and proud to share three of their stories.

## **Selim and Linda Noujaim**

Longtime Waterbury residents Selim and Linda Noujaim understand that building community equity starts with a positive attitude, so they spend their lives enthusiastically diving into volunteerism to learn about the needs of their neighbors.

The Noujaims explain, “We hope that when we depart this earth, we will leave a legacy that continues to contribute to the betterment of those who remain here and need a boost during difficult times.”

Grounded in these priorities, the Noujaims have established a fund at Connecticut Community Foundation that will be funded through their estate and ensure that the work they have supported during their lifetimes continues. In line with their passions and priorities, their fund will support the arts, educational programs that emphasize civics and citizenship, programs that provide services and education to people with developmental disabilities, and job training and education for people who are economically disadvantaged.



*The Noujaims have established a legacy fund to support a wide range of community services.*





*Isabelle Curtiss has established a fund to award \$5,000 scholarships to Oxford students every year, forever.*

### **Isabelle V. Curtiss**

"Education is critical to me," proclaims Isabelle Curtiss. "It has made a tremendous difference in my life and helped me be successful in my career. Now it's my turn to make a difference in young people's lives by helping them build solid foundations through education."

Curtiss established the Isabelle V. Curtiss Education Fund at Connecticut Community Foundation to give the gift of education to students from Oxford, where her family has lived since the 1600s. Thanks to her legacy gift, the fund will award \$5,000 scholarships to Oxford High School graduates each year, in perpetuity.

Curtiss also has created a fund that supports music education for students to potentially become performers with Waterbury Symphony Orchestra. Isabelle's gifts during her lifetime and beyond will enable her to share what she believes is the transformative power of music and education to countless people for generations to come.

### **Maurice B. Mosley**

Waterbury native Maurice B. Mosley handled child protection and delinquency matters as a superior court judge before retiring after a long legal career. For many years, he has also played an important role in Waterbury as an educator and mentor for local students—work that reflects his passion for helping young people overcome barriers and find opportunities through education.

Mosley's personal mission is to build a better and more vibrant Waterbury community by inspiring students to seek higher education. He reflects, "God has blessed me beyond my imagination. I want to be remembered as someone who tried to be a blessing to others." He is doing so through a legacy fund he has established through Connecticut Community Foundation. Funded through his estate plan, Mosley's fund will contribute each year to the scholarship program at Waterbury's Grace Baptist Church.

He notes, "My ultimate goal is to prepare urban students for higher education so they can make our city, state, and country more competitive, expand our Gross National Product and make the pie bigger for everyone."



*The Honorable Maurice B. Mosley's scholarship fund will benefit student members of Grace Baptist Church in Waterbury.*

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Since 1923, Connecticut Community Foundation has worked with individuals and families to create charitable legacies that will have lasting impact. Please contact Cynthia Merrick at [development@connccf.org](mailto:development@connccf.org) or 203.753.1315 x112 to talk with us about your vision for the community, and how we can help make your charitable vision a reality. See page 19 of this report for a listing of all of the Foundation's legacy donors.



# A Century of Building Tomorrow Together

## A Long Legacy of Women's Philanthropy



**1924:** Visionary donor Katherine Pomeroy, one of seven founders of the newly created Waterbury Foundation (now Connecticut Community Foundation), makes a \$5,000 gift to the Foundation—its first contribution.

**1993:** Kay Campbell and Peggy Lawlor launch the Women's Fund, recruiting an initial group of 100 donors to join them. This endowed fund holds more than \$650,000 today and has made hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to support women and children.



**2017:** Dozens of women form the Women's Giving Circle. Together, they pool their gifts, explore issues affecting local women and girls, and make impactful grants that benefit local residents.

## Supporting Local Leaders



**2016:** The Foundation launches the Grassroots Leadership Program to support residents and community-based organizations working to make positive change in Waterbury.

**2021:** Five years after its founding, the Grassroots Leadership Program has distributed more than \$200,000 to support and strengthen grassroots efforts in Waterbury. Funding supports equitable efforts to revitalize communities, influence local systems, organize local residents, and expand the capacity of community leaders.



## Envisioning a Healthier Community

**1920s-1950s:** In pursuit of its mission "to improve the social and living conditions of Waterbury and vicinity," the Foundation devotes a significant portion of its resources in its early decades to efforts to address health challenges. Grants support mental health providers, efforts to combat tuberculosis, a nonprofit health clinic, and children's psychological services. In 1929, Alice Morton Chase establishes the Jennie H. Memorial Fund in her mother's honor, and the Foundation awards grants every year thereafter to support visiting nurse services.



**2021:** Today, improving health outcomes remains among the Foundation's top priorities. We support programs, advocacy, and system change efforts that address health disparity and expand equitable access to quality health care. We distribute more than \$500,000 each year to address the community's health needs. And we still make an annual grant from the Jennie H. Morton Memorial Fund to support visiting nurses—just as Alice Chase trusted we would back in 1929.



## Laying Powerful Foundations for Future Legacies



**1972:** Waterbury native and Holy Cross High School graduate Don Thompson receives the Charles F. Mitchell Scholarship, which enables him to attend Central Connecticut State University.

**2019:** Don—now the president and CEO of Staywell Health Center in Waterbury—establishes the Thompson Family Scholarship Fund to help graduates of Waterbury's Kennedy High School attend Central Connecticut State University, as he did. Don also becomes a legacy donor, meaning he will build his fund with a future gift from his estate.



## Strengthening Nonprofits



**1998:** In partnership with the United Way, the Foundation launches the Nonprofit Assistance Initiative (NAI), which matches nonprofit executives with volunteer mentors with the aim of strengthening organizational governance and increasing management skills. NAI also offers nonprofit training opportunities and grants to build nonprofit capacity.

**2021:** Today, the Foundation continues to support nonprofits throughout the region to become stronger and more effective. Offerings include connections to skilled, pro bono volunteers through the nationwide Catchafire platform; learning opportunities and professional development for nonprofit staff, volunteers, and boards; long-term, small group learning cohorts; and more than \$100,000 annually in grants that invest in organizational infrastructure in the vital areas of financial management, technology, fund development, communications, and leadership.



## Expanding Opportunity



**1989:** The Foundation announces the first awards from its regional scholarship program in a ceremony at Waterbury's Mattatuck Museum. Thirteen scholars receive a total of \$10,450 in the program's inaugural year.

**2021:** Nearly 400 local students receive more than \$976,000 in scholarship awards. Connecticut Community Foundation administers more than 150 scholarship funds established by donors eager to expand opportunities for students and support them on their paths to a bright tomorrow. This photo shows 2017 scholarship recipients at a reception held in their honor at Naugatuck Valley Community College.









# In 2021:

Connecticut Community Foundation distributed

**\$6.6 million** in grants to more than **624** different organizations

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The Foundation received

**\$6,097,328\***

in charitable gifts to be used today and long into the future

\* Excludes nonprofit agency funds; includes Give Local

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We welcomed **16 new funds** established by donors to support the organizations and causes they care about

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**Give Local** raised **\$2.1 million** for **282** participating nonprofits from **6,753** individual donors

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**The COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Fund** distributed over

**\$484,000** to meet critical community needs, improve systems, and support a recovering community

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**Scholarships** totaling nearly

**\$1,000,000**

made college more affordable for nearly **400 students** for the 2021-2022 academic year

*Photos on facing page: A. Rock Yer Block Buskers perform at the Litchfield Hills Creative Festival; B. St. Vincent De Paul Mission's new culinary training program will enable people experiencing homelessness to develop in-demand skills; C. Graduates from the Working Cities English as a Second Language and Vocational Education Program at the RIBA Aspira Career Academy in Waterbury's South End; D. The Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Institute (CIRI) provides legal, social, and educational services to immigrants in greater Waterbury; E. Save Girls on FYER Liberation Arts Program offers girls of color programming in filmmaking, media, marketing, public speaking, and leadership; F. Gaylord Hospital's Milne Institute for Healthcare Innovation is researching the use of touchscreen technology for local patients with visual impairments; G. Naugatuck students participate in a local community cleanup event; H. A Financial Opportunity Center operated by Local Initiatives Support Corporation in partnership with Naugatuck Valley Community College provides financial coaching, career counseling, and more to low- and moderate-income residents.*



# New Funds

**Thank you to the individuals, families and organizations listed below who established new funds at Connecticut Community Foundation in 2021.**

Your generosity is an investment in the future of Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills.

## **The David D. and Susan C. Beatty Fund**

Designated fund to support the Silas Bronson Library, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Connecticut, and the Foundation's grantmaking for the arts and mental health in Waterbury, to be funded by bequest

## **Yolanda and Lester Brooks Designated Fund**

Designated fund to support Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust in Woodbury and the Greater Waterbury Campership Fund, to be funded by bequest

## **DeVorken Family Fund**

Unrestricted fund, to be funded by bequest

## **Elim Park Place Resident Association Employee Scholarship Fund**

For Elim Park Place employees and their children to pursue two- or four-year undergraduate degrees or licensed vocational training

## **Fou-Lou Fund**

Donor advised fund established by Brendan Foulois and Julie Loughran

## **The Valerie Friedman Fund**

Unrestricted fund, to be funded by bequest

## **Dr. Alfred J. Joyell Fund for Animals**

Field of interest fund to be funded by bequest, to support no-kill dog and cat shelters in Connecticut, with preference to small organizations in the Foundation's service area

## **Dr. Alfred J. Joyell Scholarship Fund**

For students planning to study nursing, psychology or biology, to be funded by bequest

## **The Margaret J. Laurencelle Scholarship Fund**

For students planning to major in teaching, to be funded by bequest

## **John A. and Shirley S. Michaels Fund**

Donor advised fund established by John and Shirley Michaels of Southbury

## **Linda & Selim Noujaim Fund**

Field of interest fund established by Linda and Selim Noujaim, to be funded by bequest

## **Second Century Fund**

Unrestricted fund established in celebration of Connecticut Community Foundation's 100th Anniversary and to support its ongoing work in the community in its second century and beyond

## **Sylvia and Isidor Sprecker Scholarship Fund for Sciences and Math**

For graduates of Wilby High School (Waterbury) pursuing study in the sciences and mathematics, to be funded by bequest

## **The Norman and Adele Taylor Fund**

Unrestricted fund, established by bequest

## **Denise DeVault Trevenen Memorial Endowment Fund for the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens**

Agency endowment fund for support of the charitable purposes of the Washington Park Foundation

## **The Waterbury Black Giving Circle**

Donor advised fund established to cultivate charitable giving within the Black community, build capacity and financial sustainability of Black-led nonprofits, and address the most pressing needs facing Waterbury's Black community

# Community Investments

Connecticut Community Foundation serves donors and nonprofits through sound financial management that aims to build the charitable resources available to the community.

	2021
<b>Assets</b>	
Investments	\$164,129,023
Other Assets	3,404,387
Total Assets	\$167,533,410
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 587,332
Liabilities Under Split-interest Agreements	196,971
Funds Held as Agency Endowments	7,762,776
Net Assets	158,986,331
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$167,533,410
<b>Revenue</b>	
Contributions	\$ 6,097,328
Investment Return	19,578,763
Other Revenue	199,053
Total Revenues	\$ 25,875,144
<b>Grants and Expenses</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 6,662,800
Program Support	1,273,568
Supporting Services	1,053,295
Total Grants and Expenses	\$ 8,989,633
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Beginning of Year	\$142,100,850
End of Year	\$158,986,331

For a complete copy of Connecticut Community Foundation's 2021 audited report and tax return (IRS Form 990) visit our website at [www.conncf.org](http://www.conncf.org) or contact the Finance department at 203.753.1315.



# Thank you!

**We are deeply grateful to the following donors who entrusted us with their gifts in 2021 to help build a more equitable and inclusive Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills.**

## **Gifts of \$1,000,000+**

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## **Gifts of \$100,001 to \$1,000,000**

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## **Gifts of \$50,001 to \$100,000**

The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens  
Children's Community School

## **Gifts of \$10,001 to \$50,000**

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