Together We Do Better
In 2019, the Community Foundation awarded $5.9 million in grants and scholarships in Eastern Connecticut to organizations providing solutions to community challenges and to students pursuing college education and training.

These grants and scholarships aimed to help residents of 42 communities across New London, Windham and Tolland counties reach their full potential—and succeed in life.

The astounding generosity of donors—many of whom have established charitable funds at the Community Foundation since 1983—made it all possible.

We recognize that structural obstacles hinder the road to success for many people. Society has historically pushed them to its margins because of class, race, gender, or ability.

Their road is a steeper climb. We believe it should not be so.

In that spirit and with fierce determination, we strive to understand and address the root causes of inequity that make philanthropy necessary in the first place. We pledge to work in collaboration with many partners like you toward a just society for all.

You made this work come alive in 2019, and we are deeply grateful to you.

Within these pages, see the lives you’ve changed.
Choose Between Health and a Paycheck?  
Not Anymore

After Michelle Hart had surgery for a collapsed lung, she went back to work the very next day. Another time, the homecare worker cracked a disc in her back while lifting a client. Again, she forced herself to keep working. As a mother of four living in Baltic, Michelle felt she had no choice. Her job caring for older people offered no paid sick time and she needed to support her family. The possibility of eviction also worried her.

She told her agonizing story in testimony to a Connecticut legislative committee in 2019. The committee was considering a bill to create an employee-funded system of paid family and medical leave in the state. A coalition of organizations led by the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) had worked for years to change the law so people like Michelle would no longer need to choose between their health and a paycheck.

According to Madeline Granato, policy director at CWEALF, low-wage workers are the least likely to have paid leave benefits provided by their employers. And, women of color get hit the hardest—they make up 67% of Connecticut’s low-wage workforce.

“Everyone, at some point in their lives, gets sick. A family member may get sick or they may choose to welcome a child into their lives. When they need to take time off, what do they do? They’re forced to miss paychecks or quit their jobs. That often starts a spiral into debt and poverty,” Granato said.

In 2019, CWEALF led the charge to push the bill over the finish line. An $11,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and the energies of a task force on public policy formed by its four Women & Girls Funds furthered the work. The new law will take effect in 2022—after the administrative structure is set up. “CWEALF coached the women of Eastern Connecticut to use their voices, stories and experiences to influence change at the state level,” said Granato. “Their excitement to work for paid leave gave us a new sense of energy and purpose,” she added.

“Never underestimate the power of advocating for systems-level change. It’s how you make many people’s lives better for the long-term,” she added.

Indeed, for generations to come, people like Michelle will have better choices—and better health.
A Family Tradition of Giving Back

Hailing from a family of Pennsylvania dairy farmers, Rebecca “Becky” Crosby grew up wearing her sister’s hand-me-downs.

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Frederick “Ted” Crosby’s grandfather was a leader in the thriving milling industry in Minneapolis. His family embraced the idea, promoted after World War II, that people and businesses had a responsibility to pick up communities when government couldn’t.

“To bring back many of the supportive agencies in society, it meant a personal investment,” he said.

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Twenty-seven years of marriage and seven grandchildren later, they’re rooted in Old Lyme—“a generous community,” said Ted. They support more than 30 local nonprofits, including High Hopes Therapeutic Riding and Musical Masterworks, where Ted serves on the Board.

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A typical school day? Hardly.

Sixth graders from Windham Middle School scooped frogs from ponds, cradled snails, rolled logs, peered at crickets, and tiptoed around caterpillars and slugs. They shrieked in delight at odd-looking insects, created forts using sticks, and built a campfire.

For four hours, the forest was their classroom. And for many students, it was their first time at James L. Goodwin State Forest in Hampton. Only a 10-minute drive from Windham, the forest seemed like a world away for many of the town's middle-schoolers. Most had never been to the 2,000-acre forest, which boasts three ponds and 17 miles of hiking trails.

"Many families don't have the time or the capacity to take their children out to the forest," said Beth Bernard. She's the education director and Goodwin program director at the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. She created the learning adventures for the students. Many Windham parents are working to overcome poverty. More than 82% of the students district wide are eligible to receive free or reduced lunches. And, national research shows that the decline in outdoor time takes a toll on kids' mental and physical health and behavior.

A grant from the Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature at the Community Foundation covered busing, educational supplies, and teacher training costs for the program led by Bernard and her team. They led 250 sixth graders through activities designed to teach them about habitats, chemical reactions involved in fire, conserving the environment, and more. They built on the program the following year when 250 seventh graders took part. Principal Marcus Ware was an enthusiastic supporter.

"For many students, there was a level of uncertainty, a bit of fear in going into the woods. Some who were quiet in school became leaders in the woods. And some had behavioral issues in school, but not in the forest," said Bernard. "It's the magic of learning outdoors," she continued. "You can leave your comfort zone and engage with the world in a completely different way than you can at school."

Afterwards, the students shared what they learned:

"Chop down a tree only if you need something to do with it, or if it's sick."

"Trees help us breathe."

"If the forests are unhealthy, then we're gonna be."

"There's more to life than my phone."
Forging Community Connections, One Story at a Time

How do people build trust? How can neighbors understand or appreciate each other’s differences? How do those most affected by community decisions feel emboldened to get involved and make change?

One answer, says Su Epstein, Ph.D., library director at the Saxton B. Little Free Library in Columbia, is to give people information and stories to understand government and the voting process. That’s why, with a “civic engagement” grant from the Community Foundation, the library purchased 27 nonpartisan library materials suitable for all ages. Now, with picture books such as *The President of the Jungle*, even preschoolers can begin to learn how elections work.

Sharing stories can also create deeper understanding among people living in communities, according to Kate Richards, Ph.D. She teaches anthropology and human rights at UConn’s Avery Point campus in Groton. The starting point? The person next to you, she says.

So, Richards and her colleagues organized structured conversations for the Avery Point campus community. The topics: the #MeToo movement, a video titled “This is America,” and a story exchange developed by Narrative 4, a group now working in 16 countries to use stories as a means to build empathy. A civic engagement grant from the Community Foundation helped underwrite costs.

The goal was for participants to practice deep listening skills to understand how things may look from another’s perspective.

The story exchange, created by Narrative 4 co-founder and author Colum McCann, started off and retreated to quiet spaces—outdoors, stairwells, a corner—and told their stories to their partners. The partners had to listen without interrupting, except for clarifying comments.

Then, during the gathering, participants paired off and retreated to quiet spaces—outdoors, stairwells, a corner—and told their stories to their partners. The partners had to listen without interrupting, except for clarifying comments. Then they switched roles.

Later, to the larger group, each person told their partner’s story as if it was their own.

That’s Narrative 4,” said Richards. “To gain empathy, you use ‘I’ when telling another’s story. You say it like it happened to you and you take on their feelings, like you’re walking in their shoes.”

“What happens is we become aware that the person sitting next to us in class isn’t the person we thought they were. It’s very eye-opening.”

The commonness of anxiety, for example, is often only willing to look at things through one lens, we are missing out on all kinds of other possibilities. And, if we can understand our connections with all the people around us, we also support each other in much better ways.”

A grant to the University of Connecticut at Avery Point helped defray costs to host a “story exchange.”

Photo courtesy of the University of Connecticut, Avery Point campus
Amanda Ingalls was puzzled.

Her mentee, a girl at Teachers Memorial Middle School in Norwich, was late for homeroom nearly every day of the school year. Yet, Ingalls found out the student was in the school building on most days before homeroom. During their weekly check-ins, the truth emerged.

Said Ingalls, “It turned out she was being bullied by a girl in her homeroom. So, she was afraid to go. As a mentor, it wasn’t about being corrective. It was about getting to the ‘why,’ helping her figure out what she could do, and empowering her to choose what happens next.”

“I was so proud of this girl—and she was so proud of herself! Because once she said it out loud, it broke that hold over her. Then, we could toss ideas back and forth about what she wanted to do about it. The student ended up deciding how to connect with her best friend before homeroom and distance herself from the bully. It worked.”

LifeFAQs, a New London-based nonprofit founded in 2001, developed Ingalls’ approach. The organization improves the lives of vulnerable young people in Eastern Connecticut through coaching, mentoring and tutoring by caring adults.

Students in Norwich and New London schools got help from LifeFAQs thanks to grants from the LifeFAQs’ unique approach involves students creating ten weekly goals with their one-on-one mentor. Students have the opportunity to earn up to $200 in rewards of their choosing by the end of the year if they meet all the goals, including meeting their BHAG—“Big Hairy Audacious Goal.”

Ingalls credits incentives and getting buy-in from students and parents before the program even begins, starting with high-energy assemblies to invite students to take part in LifeFAQs. Now, said Ingalls, students think it’s “cool” to participate.

Someone to talk to every week, to encourage you, to make you feel safe. That’s what students say their mentors are to them, according to Ingalls. To help young people succeed in school and in life, mentors matter.
IN 2019, YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE

Students Pursued the Careers of Their Dreams

Scholarship awards from the Community Foundation totaling $725,489 made college and vocational training more affordable for 283 students. It was all thanks to the extraordinary generosity of scholarship fund donors through the years.

Shane and Shawn Brooks were two scholarship recipients. Shane received the C. Francis Driscoll Scholarship and Shawn received the RADM David M. Goebel Leadership Award to support their studies. Graduates of the Science and Technology Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut, the twins are both double-majoring at Morehouse College in Atlanta—Shane in applied physics and engineering, and Shawn in Africana studies and sociology.

Donors Built Better Futures for Women and Girls

On the 20th anniversary of the Southeast Women & Girls Fund, we celebrated a remarkable philanthropic legacy: more than $1.4 million awarded through 283 grants to nonprofits since the fund was founded.

Thanks to many fund donors, over the years mothers got childcare, aging women got support, young people went to college, victims of physical and sexual violence got new leases on life, and more.

And, the successful completion of a $215,000 fundraising challenge pushed the fund’s permanent endowment over $4 million, ensuring it will be there to support future generations of women and girls.

Looking ahead, the fund contributors intend to be more vocal and influential on policy issues related to women’s lives.

Barbara Sahagan (pictured) established the Barbara Sahagan Fund for Women & Girls to mark the milestone anniversary. She reflected, “We need to ‘pay it forward’ and help women all around us, from all backgrounds, just as many of us were helped as we were coming up in the world.”

People Struggling to Overcome Hunger Found Nourishment and Compassion

Many people in Connecticut don’t know where their next meal will come from. Through a grant from the Community Foundation, Connecticut Food Bank’s mobile pantry made it easier for Willimantic residents who lacked transportation to get the fresh food and nutrition they needed.

Nonprofit Leaders Got the Tools They Needed to Grow and Empower Diverse Boards

Through workshops run by the Minority Inclusion Project, nonprofits serving Eastern Connecticut designed plans to build boards that better reflected their communities—and their organization’s values and beliefs. Individuals serving on boards are entrusted to make their organizations’ most important decisions. By giving voice and power to community members from all walks of life, nonprofits became better equipped to understand their community’s needs—and more effectively fulfill their missions.

Local Teams Stepped Up to Lead Their Communities Toward Better Health and Inclusion

Some communities in Connecticut are disproportionately harmed by poor air and water quality and an unhealthy environment. A $40,000 Community Foundation grant to Sustainable CT helped train 63 leaders from local towns, nonprofits and universities on strategies to recognize and address the historical drivers of racism and inequity in communities across Eastern Connecticut. And, 11 towns in the region joined the ranks of communities certified for implementing sustainable practices.
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New London Partnership for Student Success coordinator, Randall McCray (pictured with Community Foundation President & CEO Maryam Elahi), led a workshop and helped forge connections and partnerships with New London Schools—all aimed to improve the life outcomes and well-being of New London students.

The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society honors those people who have included the Community Foundation in their estate plans. Through bequests, charitable trusts and gift annuities, retirement plans, or life insurance, they plan to make gifts to causes important to them after their lifetimes. We are deeply grateful to each and every member of the Legacy Society for the care and compassion they will put into action through their future gift.

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