“A thousand strands of hope...
The Community Foundation’s mission is to connect donors with opportunities that promote the common good of the residents of Southeastern Connecticut. We encourage local philanthropy and award grants and scholarships by building a permanent endowment for the community.
“A thousand strands of hope... entwined in a cable of strength”
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Towns served by The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut:
East Lyme
Groton
Ledyard
Lyme
Montville
New London
North Stonington
Old Lyme
Salem
Stonington
Waterford
Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As I reflect on the past year at The Community Foundation and the privilege of serving as its president many images flood my memory. I begin with our own splendid new building at 147 State Street. Then I think of those on our staff who spend their days there making good things happen. Then I ponder on those of us who come and go, helping in various ways and contributing time and money to realize our mission. For me this scene is a microcosm of the larger community of eleven towns which gives this wonderful institution its name.

John Gardner, celebrated civic leader and educator, describes the individuals who comprise our community as “the Responsibles”—active citizens who “carry the burden of our free society” to “find each other, learn to communicate, and find common ground.” I believe Nancie Greenman and Elizabeth Enders, mentioned elsewhere in this report, are “Responsibles.” Mindful of her childhood education in Norwich, Nancie found the common ground in the Mystic Art Association’s programs for children and The Community Foundation’s ability to implement her wishes. Similarly Elizabeth Enders, who grew up down the Thames River in New London, wanted children at the Jennings School to have the same kind education in art and local history she had at the Harbor School. Working with the school system our foundation implemented the program, and a special pleasure for me was seeing the remarkable work the third graders produced. I am hopeful that it might be preserved as a lasting legacy in our new premises.

With vision and imagination both Nancie and Elizabeth assume responsibility for future generations and do something substantial about it. As an educator myself I am especially appreciative of initiatives like these: what is the future if we don’t prepare for it by giving young people the best we can? I know that amongst us there are many other “Responsibles” yet to be heard from, and I want to encourage you to help us “carry the burden.” Together we will make it lighter and brighter. Under the able leadership of Tim Bates, my successor, together with Alice Fitzpatrick and her dedicated staff The Community Foundation will thrive and I wish it well.

George Willauer
President

“It is not enough, of course, this cable of hope, but it is perhaps a beginning. How are your work and the work of your organization helping to weave that cable of hope for our country and our world?”

Paul C. Pribbenow, President of Rockford College
The signature impression that remains of 2002 is the unnerving speed with which world and local events unfolded. We faced a blur of economic uncertainty and a stock market stalled in the shadow of war. Giving to and through The Community Foundation continued at the same high level as the prior year, however, which I surmise reflects hopefulness. We were able to sustain our dual tasks of making it easy for people to give to local causes and responding to emerging community needs.

Despite alarming reports of declines in philanthropy on a national level, ours remained strong. We boldly decided to strengthen our team with a first-rate director of development, Alison Woods; we celebrated the success of our vibrant Women & Girls Fund by dreaming up a very challenging challenge; and we launched a brand new education initiative, called Kids & Books, to respond to our donors’ interest in literacy.

All the while, we kept doing what we do best: giving many people many ways to make good things happen where they live. One way is by making financial contributions. It can be an unrestricted bequest such as the concerned citizen, Bob Shannon, provided; a focused gift like the Enders’ third grade New London: History & the Arts project; a group effort like the Old Black Point Association; or designed as a memorial tribute to a beloved family member like the Eric Evans Scholarship. It is always about hope.

Another way to give is with the gift of time. We now have four dedicated committees working on distributing awards. The Grants Committee deliberates over their decisions for months...we always wish there was more for them to give out! The Scholarship Committee falls in love with their candidates and selects just the right students to match the donors’ requirements. Now we also have specialized teams awarding Women & Girls grants and Kids & Books grants. It’s a big task that requires lots of hope.

Besides time and money, we rely on expertise and vision. Our stellar Investment Committee keeps an eye on the future to guide us through periods of boom and gloom; they are attentive to the winds of change and understand the importance of prudent, stabilizing policies. Our Professional Advisors coach us as well, with many of them serving on our Endowment Committee. They embody hope, balanced with realism.

Trustees and staff intentionally braid together the essential fibers of attracting supporters, stewarding their gifts, and making their dreams for southeastern Connecticut come true. We’ve woven a durable cable of hope that holds together, even when external elements fray the edges a bit in turbulent times.

2002 was a year of uncertainty for the region, the state, the country and the world. For the Community Foundation, it was a year of new and reinforced links to the homegrown time, treasure and talent that has become our stock in trade. The rope held! Hope prevailed.

 Alice F. Fitzpatrick
 Executive Director
For more than 50 years Elizabeth Enders has remembered the excitement she felt as a third grader at the Harbor School. There were history lessons disguised as puppet shows, trips to historic sites, and Memorial Day parades under the watchful eye of principal Stanley Hall.

“The school really instilled a great deal of civic pride,” says Enders, who with her husband Anthony, divides her time between New York City and Waterford. Because of the lessons learned in elementary school, Enders grew up to appreciate the history and beauty of her home city.

Today, the Enders are offering third graders at Jennings School the same chance to appreciate their surroundings through a gift from their donor advised fund at The Community Foundation. The Enders’ third grade New London: History & the Arts program allows teacher Mike Podeszwa to expand upon the standard curriculum by integrating hands-on experiences at local cultural sites into his lesson plans.

“We’ve always studied New London history and architecture,” he says. “The unit took about a month, and we really were limited financially in the places we could visit. The gift from the Enders allowed me to create a yearlong plan of activities that brought New London history to life for the students and at the same time strengthened their literacy skills.”

Sparking Opportunities

“This grant has really opened doors for us,” says Podeszwa. From writing poems about the history of New London with the help of a Connecticut College professor, to recording songs about the city’s maritime heritage, to keeping journals written as if they were children in colonial times, the students were constantly learning new skills while studying the past.

“It’s amazing how the students took to this and made it a part of every day,” he says.

Students also ventured further afield, taking trips to the Hempsted House, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, and Mystic Seaport, among other spots. In the past, many of the students would not have been able to afford the admission costs.

It also sparked opportunities in unexpected places. At the Hempsted House, the students planted a heritage garden this spring and will tend and harvest the plants over the summer. “It’s amazing how one grant has fostered ongoing collaborations between school and community,” he says.

An Investment

Some people believe that philanthropy is seeing the world as it could be. Through their vision the Enders saw what could be for this class of third graders and made it happen through their support. Next year, they hope to expand the program to all third graders at Jennings.

“The Community Foundation removed all the administrative burden from us,” says Elizabeth Enders. “And there was a network in place to connect to the school. There are enormous resources in New London. It’s a very interesting place, and I think it’s important that students grow up connected to that.”
**2002 HIGHLIGHTS**

**BRINGING ART TO THE COMMUNITY**

*When Nancie Greenman moved to Mystic* in 1979, she was intrigued by the neighbor across the street. Artistic, intellectual, and charming, Greenman’s new friend was a spry 70-year-old known as the Mystic Art Association.

“It was a small organization that had a real place in the community,” says Greenman, who promptly became a member. Today, as it celebrates its 90th anniversary, the Mystic Art Association has become a major regional cultural center, with a strong emphasis on education. And although Greenman no longer lives across the street, she’s still very interested in the Association’s well-being; she recently made a substantial gift to start the Mystic Art Association Education Endowment Fund, an agency endowment held at The Community Foundation.

**Art Speaks**

Over the past 20 years, Greenman has watched the Association grow from a small unheated building to a state-of-the-art gallery with studio space, classrooms, and an art reference library. But it is the educational outreach program that has touched her the most. With classes for students from preschool to college level, as well as training programs for teachers, the Association’s Visual Thinking Curriculum recognizes that art is fundamental to a well-rounded education.

“The program really sharpens children’s power to communicate what they see, think, and feel and it also teaches them tolerance and respect for other people’s observations,” says Mystic Art Association Executive Director Joanne Newman. “Because there is no one correct answer when discussing art, students learn to trust their own judgements, developing a new vocabulary with which to communicate, self assurance, and a love of the museum experience.”

Because most of the Association’s programs are conducted for little or no charge, they can deliver art to an audience that might otherwise never experience it. For Greenman, that’s a big part of the Association’s appeal, and a main reason behind her gift.

“As a child in the early 1920s, my parents enrolled me in art classes in Norwich, Connecticut,” says Greenman. “It’s an experience I liked very much, and something that stayed with me throughout my life.”

**Home is where the art is**

A former professor of occupational therapy, Greenman has lived and taught in states from Massachusetts to Kansas, and has always sought out the arts centers in those communities.

“I don’t think I’ve ever lived where there hasn’t been such an organization. It’s hard for me to imagine what it might be like to grow up without those opportunities,” she says.

Greenman’s gift to the education endowment fund will ensure that children of future generations will have a chance to appreciate and enjoy art. “Unless an effort is made to make art available for children, some won’t have the opportunity,” she says. “And I don’t know who would do it if not the Mystic Art Association.”

“The Association and Greenman chose The Community Foundation to establish the endowment because the Foundation has such an incredible reputation throughout this region,” says Newman. “Its emphasis on helping organizations build a permanent source of support to meet their needs appeals to many donors when they are considering a gift or bequest provision.”

This partnership of a vibrant community-based organization, committed donors, and The Community Foundation ensures that the Mystic Art Association will continue to bring art to people of all ages in our region.

"The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut"
How best to observe a centennial? This was the question facing the Old Black Point Association (OBPA) as the 100th anniversary of its founding approached. Members of the OBPA, a summer association, had already agreed to publish a hundred-year history, stage a musical revue, and hold a dinner dance. But in early 2002—the year of the centennial—several members thought that it would be meaningful also to make some kind of charitable donation to benefit the citizens of southeastern Connecticut. One member, Sidney Whelan, was a retired New York City foundation executive who identified The Community Foundation as a potential vehicle through which the Association could do so.

With information from the Foundation’s Development Director Alison Woods, Sidney and the OBPA’s president met with the membership to explain how such a gift would work. The reaction was highly enthusiastic, and the decision was made to designate individual contributions to two recipients: an East Lyme nonprofit group, and The Community Foundation. “We felt there was an opportunity to do something important for the community in which OBPA resides, as well as to have celebratory events for the Centennial. We chose The Community Foundation as one of two organizations that best allowed us to accomplish this,” says Gordon Douglas, president of the Association at the time of the Centennial. In September 2002 the Old Black Point Association Fund was established. Since then, additional gifts have increased the fund to approximately $10,000.

In May 2003 the fund’s first distribution was made, with a grant in support of the keynote speaker for the annual Coalition for Children conference. The coalition is a collaboration of schools, institutions, and community organizations that informs the public about issues concerning children and parenting. Each year it presents a speaker—typically a well-known expert on raising children—who discusses practical ways to improve the well-being of southeastern Connecticut’s families.

As an unrestricted fund, the Old Black Point Association Fund enables OBPA members to address the region’s most pressing needs. It also offers them a way to honor an organization that has provided a century’s worth of irresistible summers.
David and Muriel Hinkle came to southeastern Connecticut because of the Navy. They stayed because of the community—what Muriel Hinkle describes as ‘green, open spaces, water, and great people.’

The couple received the prestigious William Crawford Distinguished Service Award in 2002 for their work in the community. Given by the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce to those who exemplify community spirit, the award comes with a donation to charity.

“We were flattered and flabbergasted to receive the award,” notes Muriel Hinkle. The Hinkles promptly decided to match the amount given, and were pleasantly surprised when Sonalysts, the company they founded in 1973, offered to donate a matching gift as well.

The resulting $15,000 has been used to create a donor-advised fund at The Community Foundation, dedicated to meeting the emerging needs of the community.

Flexible Funds
Creating a fund that would stay flexible was an important goal of the Hinkles. “The things that are needed today may not be the same things that are needed years from now,” notes Muriel. The Hinkles view the fund as a long-term investment in the community, not a quick fix.

The Community Foundation makes giving easy, says daughter Janet Hinkle, who sits on the Foundation’s grants committee.

“As an individual, how do you choose where to give? There are so many different organizations, and they are all worthy,” she says. “The Community Foundation takes a very balanced approach to giving. It looks at the whole area, not just one town or one beneficiary. It is also careful to choose vibrant organizations, so that money isn’t going somewhere where it won’t make a difference.”

The other benefit to using the Foundation to set up such a fund is ease of use, according to Janet Hinkle. “My parents trust The Community Foundation to do as good a job maintaining the fund as they would. And with the Foundation, the fund will grow enough to help the community with whatever the future may bring. That’s a lasting legacy.”
## Arts & Culture

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### 2002 GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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### TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE | $77,850

## Civic

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### TOTAL CIVIC | $43,397

### 2002 Grants and Scholarships

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### “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

Albert Einstein
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**TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES** $145,216

**TOTAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS** $533,854

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**Collaborative Initiative for Management Assistance (CIMA) Grants**

For a fourth year, the Foundation, along with the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut and the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund of Fleet Bank, made grants for capacity building. The Collaborative Initiative for Management Assistance has made nearly forty grants to help local organizations with board development, strategic planning, marketing and other areas.

- Literacy Volunteers of America: $3,750
- New London Maritime Society: $2,500
- Stonington Community Center: $3,000

**TOTAL CIMA GRANTS:** $9,250

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**Donor Designated Grants**

- American Red Cross: $600
- B.P. Learned Mission: $600
- Children's Museum: $580
- Eastern Connecticut Ballet: $700
- Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut: $500
- Lawrence & Memorial Hospital: $1,200
- Mystic & Noank Library: $350
- New London United Methodist Church: $100
- Noank Historical Society: $500
- Old Lyme Day Care: $350
- Public Library of New London: $1,750
- Salvation Army: $100
- St. Paul's Church: $580
- Town of Lyme, Hartman Park: $1,000
- United Way of Southeastern Connecticut: $6,732
- VNA of Southeastern Connecticut: $15,000
- Waterford Public Library: $15,000
- West Farms Land Trust: $535

**TOTAL DONOR DESIGNATED GRANTS** $47,177

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*Above: Some of the participants in the Waterford Senior Services Intergenerational Project*
**WOMEN & GIRLS FUND 2002 GRANTS**

Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut .............................. $2,050
“SMART Girls” health program for 25 adolescent girls

Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut ......................... $1,220
“Baby Think It Over” pregnancy prevention program for NL girls

Connecticut Legal Services .......................................................... $2,050
Legal services for women in residential treatment program

Covenant Shelter of New London ................................................... $2,000
Funded in part by the Lewis Female Cent Society
Program to help homeless women attain economic self-sufficiency.

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center ............................................. $2,600
In collaboration with Centro de la Comunidad, hiking program
to foster leadership, teamwork and appreciation of outdoors.

Garde Arts Center ................................................................. $2,250
Arts and mentorship program after-school for at-risk girls

Hygienic Art ................................................................. $2,750
Expansion of Women’s Voices program and exhibition in collaboration
with Kente Cultural Center

New Life Program .............................................................. $200
Housing and support for women released from prison

New London Adult Education ...................................................... $5,000
Mental health worker to help remove obstacles to family literacy

New London Community Boating ................................................ $2,000
Sailing scholarships for disadvantaged New London girls

Project Oceanology ................................................................. $2,400
Scholarships for marine science institute for middle school girls

SCADD ................................................................. $1,500
Group therapy for women in detox program

Women’s Center of Southeastern Connecticut ............................... $2,143
FACES art therapy project for victims of domestic violence

**TOTAL WOMEN & GIRLS FUND GRANTS** ................................. $26,163

*The Challenge of the Year!*

In June 2002, friends of the Women & Girls Fund gathered for Conversations, a series
celebrating local women of accomplishment. With 20 to 30 attendees at each lovely
home, we showcased a few notable women around the topics of Women of Wisdom,
Women in Politics, Women Adventurers, Women Pioneers and Women in the Arts. In
each instance, the speakers sparked a lively exchange.

As a direct result of these stimulating conversations, four founding members stepped
forward with a $100,000 Challenge to inspire other women to share in the spirit of the
Fund. The challengers promised to match all new and increased commitments dollar
for dollar. By the end of 2002, close to $70,000 of the challenge had been earned,
underscoring the Fund’s motto ‘Together we can do it!’.

Participants in the
Women’s Voices
program and exhibition
Kids & Books is a dynamic new initiative based on our donors’ desire to elevate education throughout the region. It is a grass roots effort to fuel effective literacy efforts that are happening right under our noses.

We held a donor forum at Pfizer one magical night in the Fall of 2001 and heard a clarion call for more and better local education. Reid MacCluggage challenged us to turn kids on to a lifetime love of books. Ricardo Ochoa urged us to lower the dropout rate. George Milne committed Pfizer to help enhance the science offerings in area schools. The audience pushed education to the top of the heap of local issues. We had our marching orders.

In 2002, Kids & Books became a reality. Reid designated a portion of the gift The Day made in honor of his retirement as seed money for a literacy endowment. Other donors contributed $25,000 for our first grant awards. Donors of all levels can help us in getting this great initiative raised to new heights.

Kids & Books adds a new dimension to our on-going educational focus. YouthNet continues to bolster after school programs. And scholarships grow each year to encourage higher education for many local students.

“A Coast Guard cadet tutors a New London elementary student

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”

Dale Carnegie
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2002 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Marjory B. and Laurence P. “Jim” Smith Scholarship Winner ($30,000)
Joyce Chen, East Lyme High School

Runners-up ($2,500 each)
Rachel Lindenthal, Waterford High School
Joseph Vincente, Montville High School
Kelly Dyer, New London High School

Citizens Bank Scholarship ($2,000)
Sarah Servidio, Ledyard High School

Tuneski/Sheflott Heritage Scholarship ($6,000)
Kathryn Roy, Fitch High School

Di Cesare-Bentley Engineering Scholarships ($5,000)
Rachel Lindenthal, Waterford High School
Dean Ljubicic, Fitch Senior High School
Mark Brissette, Stonington High School
Kelly Dyer, New London High School
Jonathan Simmons, East Lyme High School.

C. Francis Driscoll Citizenship and Public Affairs Scholarship ($500)
Michael Hileman, New London High School

John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship ($2,000)
Lauren Potter, Waterford, Rhode Island School of Design

Fletcher Family Scholarship ($500)
Kara Donnelly, Lyme/Old Lyme High School

Dr. Edward Gipstein Scholarship ($3,500)
Christopher Antoszek, East Lyme High School

Harvey Family Scholarship ($1,000)
Ross Donovan, Stonington High School

Hendel Family Association ($2,500)
Ramel Murphy, New London High School

Dr. Isadore Hendel Scholarship ($1,000)
Tracy Liu, Waterford High School

Rita and Myron Hendel Scholarship ($4,000)
Megan Morrell, New London High School

Mark Klotz Memorial Scholarship ($2,000)
Stephanie Soares, Stonington High School

Dr. Charles K. Lee Rotary Scholarship ($8,000)
Daniel Cruz, New London, Williams School

Beverly G. and George P. Letz Scholarship ($2,500)
Danielle Rouchon, Fitch Senior High School

Rose and Abraham Lubansky Scholarship ($1,800)
Gregory Miller, New London High School

Gunvor Lund Scholarships ($15,500)
Swati Deshmukh, East Lyme High School
College Students:
Samuel Burlingame, Groton
Zachary Stewart, Groton
Ariella Hanner, Ledyard
Lauren Collins, Ledyard
Michael Wu of East Lyme

Maloof Family Scholarship & William B. Pedace Scholarship ($1,000)
Brenda DeLos Santos, New London High School

William and Evelyn Mehman Scholarship ($1,500)
Stella Krayter, New London, Williams School

Gilbert Mead Scholarship ($3,000)
Judy Holder, New London

The Edythe and Harold McNulty Scholarship ($1,500)
Kristin Kenny, New London

Pat Patterson Music Scholarship ($2,500)
Steven Shewbrooks, Waterford, Berklee School of Music

The Raymond V. Payer Scholarship ($1,300)
Katherine Canning, Stonington, Williams School

John F. O’Brien, Jr. Scholarship ($3,000)
Katherine Gassman, Lyme/Old Lyme High School

Alcino Almeida Scholarship ($500)
Ross Donovan, Stonington High School

Antone “Billy” Roderick Scholarship ($2,000)
John Papp, Stonington High School

The Joan and Bob Rutman Scholarship ($500)
Rosa Diaz, New London High School

Marjory Bradford Smith Scholarship ($2,000)
Laura Fontaine, New London High School

Laurence P. Smith/Mitchell College Scholarship ($2,000)
Bethany Carter, Groton

Dr. Thomas Soltz Scholarship ($2,500)
Daniel Dykes, Montville High School

The Stonington Historical Society Scholarship ($800)
Robin Johnston, Stonington, Yale University

The Fannie Stubblefield Scholarship ($2,000)
Debra Rudd, Wheeler High School

James Torrance Scholarship ($500)
Joseph Vincente, Montville High School

Waterford Scholars Awards ($11,000)
Irina Lisker and Jeremy Griffin,
Waterford High School College Students:
James McShane
Emily Emanuel
Kaylin Emanuel
Brendan Egan

Cornelius and Mary Jane York Scholarship ($3,000)
Tanya Wescovich of New London

Beatrice McEwen Scholarship ($61,500)
Karen Molkenthin
Madeline Larkin
Renee Lenihan
and Kevin Scott, Stonington;
Juana Elias
Emilie Girton
Rachel Harrington
and Steven Schick, Groton
Meagan DeWolf
Leslie Potts
and Rachel Potts, Waterford,
New London: Elizabeth Facchini
Kerry Stephenson
Anne Johnson
Jiang Zheng
and Sai Fang Zheng, New London:
Ariel Falconer
Laura Ashley Martin
Brianna Carbonneau
Mikaela Cunningham
Katie Griffiths
and Michelle Scott, East Lyme

Kyle Gardiner
and Joanna White, North Stonington
Anthony LaMesa,
Lauren LaMesa,
Jessica Wolfert
and Megan Jensen, Old Lyme
Jonathan Keeling, Lyme
Anastasia Holly, Ledyard
Jenna Nechamens, Salem

Additional monies were awarded from this fund to supplement Foundation scholarships.
The following is a listing of the Foundation’s named endowment funds, indicating the year established and the fund balance as of December 31, 2002:

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2002 The Andrew and Elaine McKirdy Fund ..................1,833
2002 Old Black Point Association Fund ....................6,788
2002 The Robert F. Shannon Fund .........................192,791

**Designated Funds**

1984 Florence & Raphael Shafner Charitable Fund ..............$59,164
1986 Rose & Sigmund Strochitz Fund .......................... 9,508
1988 Jane W. Williams Fund .................................30,100
1991 Martha H. Griffis Fund ................................. 9,604
1994 Walter V. Baker Fund ..................................13,252
1996 Anonymous III Fund ...................................562,855
1996 Ann & Karel den Tex Fund .............................. 14,299
1997 Hartman Park Endowment Fund .........................22,670
1998 Josephine Lanzalotta Allen Fund ....................... 45,163
1998 The Dyanne M. Rafal Fund ................................16,906

**Donor Advised Funds**

1984 Gildersleeve/White Fund .............................$1,195,760
1996 The Leatherman Fund ................................ 3,517,580
1997 Howe Charitable Fund ................................ 263,081
1998 Lewis Female Cent Society ............................. 31,770
1999 The Beaumont Family Fund ............................ 54,770
1999 Gross Family Fund ...................................... 4,520
2000 Richard E. and Marjorie E. Rowe Family Fund ..........132,061
2001 Toulmin Family Fund ................................... 3,820
2002 The Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund ..............25,733
2002 The David and Muriel Hinkle Fund ...............14,990

**Field of Interest**

1986 Elvia Enders Richards Fund ............................$128,264
1989 Elisha and Lena J. Burt Charitable Trust ............165,013
1990 Henry C. White Memorial Fund ......................... 17,225
1996 Anonymous II Fund ...................................20,534
1998 The Daniel and Rose Hendel Fund .......................24,802
1999 Carl Clark Graves Fund ................................ 6,554
1999 Women & Girls Fund ..................................293,972
2000 Beaver Brook Fund .................................. 4,743
2000 The Avery Russell Morgan Children's Literacy Fund ....3,205
2002 Arts Endowment Fund ................................ 1,559
2002 The Education Initiative ................................20,553

**Scholarship Funds**

1983 Hendel Family Association Scholarship Fund ..........$50,332
1983 Rita & Myron Hendel Scholarship Fund ...................92,895
1983 Marjory B. & Laurence P. “Jim” Smith Scholarship ....386,402
1987 Elie Wiesel Humanitarian Award & Scholarship Fund .8,361
1988 Rose & Abraham Lubchansky Scholarship Fund ........32,331
1988 William & Evelyn Mehlman Scholarship Fund .......31,296
1989 George and Beverly Letz Scholarship Fund ..........45,245
1989 Mallove Family Scholarship Fund ......................12,601
1991 Antone “Billy” Roderick Scholarship Fund ..........18,897
1993 John Ostrom Enders II Memorial Scholarship Fund .67,950
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1993 James H. Torrance Scholarship Fund ....................7,565
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1994 Raymond Vaughn Payer Scholarship Fund ...........27,209
1996 Fletcher Family Scholarship Fund .......................11,858
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1996 Dr. Isidore Hendel Memorial Scholarship Fund .......11,273
1996 Beatrice McEwen Scholarship Fund ..................1,649,212
1996 Gilbert W. Mead Memorial Scholarship .............. 5,267
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1997 Gunvor Lund Scholarship Fund .........................296,808
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“We need a leader who will give us hope. For hope is the only thing that makes life worth living.”
Thorton Wilder

Wenseday July 10, 2002

Today I am going boating. I am really happy. It is my first time going. I want to learn a lot to day. I want to have fun. I’m going to get a doorag. I’m going to get red. I am going to learn how to flip the boat over. I am going to swim back. I am going to get a life jacket. I am going to get wet. I am going to swim to the dock. I am going to have fun. I am going to swim good. I am going to steer a boat. I will put my head in the water. I will have so much fun. I will tell my Mom, Dad, and brother about my day. I hope they like it. I will be happy so much. It is going to be a good day.

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### ASSETS:

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**Total Investment Return**

(1,694,177)

### TOTAL NET ASSETS

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For a complete copy of the audited report of the Foundation’s finances for 2002, visit our Website at www.cfsect.org or contact the Foundation at (860) 442-3572.

To view a copy of our tax return for 2002 (IRS Form 990) visit www.guidestar.com or contact the Foundation.

Or, for further information on the Foundation’s investment strategy and results, contact Ed Wozniak, finance officer, at (860) 442-3572 or ewozniak@cfsect.org.

**GROWTH IN TOTAL ASSETS**

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<th>Year</th>
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BECOMING A DONOR

Giving Now
Giving is easy. You can start small or start large. Give to something you know or something you care about. The Community Foundation stands ready to help you realize your charitable goals.

You can contribute to any of the Foundation’s 175 permanent endowment funds benefiting a range of issues and organizations in southeastern Connecticut. Or you can support the Foundation’s ongoing work with an unrestricted gift.

You can create a fund during your lifetime or through a will or a trust, or through planned gifts which provide income to the donor during his or her lifetime and establish an endowment upon his or her death.

Funds are pooled for investment purposes as part of a professionally managed, diversified portfolio. Your receive annual statements which detail gifts to, grants made from and investment returns to your fund.

Types of Funds
Discretionary—allows the Foundation to meet the most pressing needs in the community through grant making
Field of Interest—identifies particular areas of interest or geographic area to which to direct grants
Designated—benefits a particular organization(s) for perpetual support
Donor Advised—enables a donor and successors to remain actively involved in giving by recommending grantees
Scholarship—Awards are made to students based on guidelines established by the donor
Administrative—supports the ongoing work of the Foundation
Agency Endowment—a non-profit organization establishes an endowment at the Foundation to take advantage of economies of scale and investment experience

Connecting with the Community
Or you can establish and name a new endowment fund and direct its purposes for a contribution of at least $5,000 (payable over a time period, if you prefer). You choose the type of fund that is best for your situation and choose how the fund will be named—perhaps for yourself or your family, or in honor or remembrance of a friend or loved one.

Giving Later
Many donors prefer to leave charitable assets upon their deaths after ensuring that they and their loved ones have been cared for. It also may be that other estate assets such as life insurance or house sale proceeds, only then become available for charitable purposes. Some ways to make a future gift include:

• BEQUESTS IN WILLS AND TRUSTS
• RETIREMENT PLAN DESIGNATIONS
• LIFE INSURANCE A donor may make a gift of a life insurance policy by irrevocably designating the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Or, a donor may name the Foundation as a percentage beneficiary of a life insurance policy owned by the donor.
• LIFE TENANCY Donors may deed their real estate such as a personal residence or vacation property to a charity and retain use of the property for the rest of their lives.

Life Income Gifts
A giver can realize the tax advantages of making a gift now, especially of highly appreciated assets, while still receiving income from that asset. Life income gift options include:

• CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS
• POOLED INCOME FUNDS
• CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES
• CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS
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HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut awards grants to federally recognized 501 (c) (3) organizations and to other charitable, educational and civic organizations serving the towns of New London, Groton, Waterford, Ledyard, Stonington, North Stonington, Salem, Montville, East Lyme, Old Lyme and Lyme. Grants are made in the areas of arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health and social services. Grant application guidelines are available for each of the grant programs listed below. The Foundation encourages applicants to discuss their proposal ideas with the program officer after reviewing the grant guidelines.

General Grants

The majority of the Foundation’s grants are made in this annual grant cycle. The deadline for grant submission is November 15th. Grants are made to a variety of community organizations and typically range from $2,000 to $20,000 for a single year. High priority programs include those that: strengthen families; improve access to area resources especially for under-served populations; enable residents to participate in the cultural life of the community; demonstrate collaborative efforts and inclusive practices; reinforce best practices or show innovative approaches; add to the general well being of our region.

The Women & Girls Fund

The Women & Girls Fund was designed to harness the vitality of women living and working in our region for the purpose of uplifting other women and girls who face challenges in their lives. The Women & Girls Fund supports programs that address the health, safety, educational and cultural needs of women and girls; develops opportunities for them to flourish at home, at school and in the workplace and raises awareness and resources for leadership and higher aspirations among women and girls in southeastern Connecticut. Grant applications are accepted until August 1st each year. Maximum awards are $5,000.

The Education Initiative: “Kids & Books”

The Foundation has undertaken a new initiative to improve literacy skills among children from birth to age 18. Grant awards range from $500 to $2,000 and are made to libraries, schools and nonprofit organizations in the Foundation’s region. Preference is given to proposals that: target disadvantaged or under-served audiences; emphasize multi-age relationships through tutoring and mentoring programs; promote enrichment and experiential learning initiatives in schools and libraries; foster school-home connections; or promote learning and reading readiness for the birth to age five population. Please check with the Foundation for the application deadline.

Collaborative Initiative for Management Assistance

The Community Foundation, the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut and the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund have joined together to offer grants to local organizations for capacity building. The Collaborative provides funds for organizations to work with nonprofit consultants in the areas of organizational assessment, strategic planning, board development and other areas. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Scholarships

The Foundation manages 36 scholarship funds that make nearly 100 student awards annually. Scholarship candidates must be residents of the Foundation’s eleven-town region and plan on attending accredited educational institutions. Applicants may be high school seniors, college or graduate students. Awards range from $500 to $30,000 over four years. The deadline for applications is April 1st.

Guidelines and applications for the grants and scholarship programs may be obtained online at www.cfsect.org or requested from the Foundation at 860-442-3572 or via e-mail at JennOB@cfsect.org. Applicants may also call Jennifer O’Brien, Program Officer, to discuss application ideas or with any questions.

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