



Children enjoy one of the many resources of the Florence Griswold Museum, a member of the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition. The Community Foundation is helping local groups work together on such matters as supporting individual artists, creating a common calendar, and joint marketing.

# The cost of leadership

## We're grateful for 'Sustainability Funds'

In 2012, the Community Foundation agreed to serve as fiscal agent for two exciting initiatives: The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition and the New London Community Center Collaborative.

The first brings together cultural groups as diverse as Flock Theater in New London and Mystic Seaport to the Latin Network for Visual Arts in Gales Ferry. Nonprofits from Stonington to Norwich are exploring the benefits of

working together on such matters as supporting individual artists, creating a common calendar, and joint marketing efforts.

The New London Community Center Collaborative includes concerned civic leaders from – among other venues – the City Council, a local bank, and the hospital to answer the desperate need for a multiuse, centralized recreational area for New London youth.

In both cases, the Community Foundation has been

*The Community Foundation is overseeing two major collaborative efforts: one is looking for much-needed recreational space in New London; the other is bringing together cultural groups throughout southeastern Connecticut.*

*Both require time, money, and leadership, which the Community Foundation offers for free. Happily, people have established and contribute annually to 12 "Sustainability Funds" that allow us to serve in that role.*

part of the discussions since they began. We've hosted and coordinated meetings and provided key background. We've collected, managed, and disbursed the dollars for feasibility studies, site plans, and planning support.

We provide all the back office services for free. As a result, coalition members have been able to focus on the tasks at hand, not paperwork.

### Leadership: it's what we do

On any given day, one or more of the Community Foundation's staff will be engaged in a similar activity. In recent months, it could have been collaborating with the United Way to serve Superstorm Sandy victims. Or acting as the "point person" on the Ford Foundation's "TIME" experiment to extend the school day in New London schools. The examples go on and on.

There is no budget for leadership. Thankfully, over the individuals and families have established 12 "sustainability funds" that permit the Community Foundation to exercise our role as a community leader, convener and advocate. Thank you!

### Members of the New London Community Center Collaborative

Chelsea Groton Foundation	Dominion Resources Services, Inc.
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
Dime Bank	Robert G. Youngs Family Foundation

### Members of the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition

Art and Technology Produces & Services	Mystic Aquarium
Chamber of Commerce of Southeast Connecticut	Mystic Arts Center
City of New London	Mystic Ballet
Coast Guard Academy	Mystic Seaport Museum
Connecticut College	Mystic Stage
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	New London Landmarks
Custom House Museum	Norwich Cultural Alliance
Eastern Connecticut Symphony	People's United Bank
Emerson Theater Collaborative	Provenance Center
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	Salt Marsh Opera
Firehouse Gallery	Shoreline Arts Aliane
Flock Theater	Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region
Florence Griswold Museum	The Day Publishing Co.
Gallery at Firehouse Square	Westerly Regional Arts Partnership
Garde Arts Center	
Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce	
Hygenic Art	
Kente Cultural Center	
Latin Network for the Visual Arts	
Lyman Allyn Art Museum	
Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts	
MS17 Arts	

### Our current Sustainability Funds

Rufus Barringer Fund	1999
Harry & Sarah Birenbaum Fund	1998
William G. Booth Fund	2004
Adele Clement Trust	1998
Ann & Karel den Tex Fund	1996
Fitzpatrick Fund for the 21st Century	1998
Priscilla F. Hodges Fund	2007
Marion E. Sanford Fund	2000
Robert E. Shannon Fund	2002
Sustainability Fund	2003
James M. & Alma N. Trench Fund	2010
Helen Vergason Trust	1998