

*Working
together
to build a
stronger
community —
now and
forever.*

Great things happen when we work together

The Community Foundation, as a public trust, acts as a steward for thousands of local individuals, families, nonprofits and businesses — a “wealth” of personalities and interests that reflect the diversity of Greater New Haven. These partners in philanthropy share one thing in common — a desire to make Greater New Haven a great place to grow, live and explore.

Donors’ charitable intentions are carried out through The Foundation when they:

1. establish permanent funds,
2. make gifts to existing funds that support a broad variety of issues and nonprofit organizations, and
3. join other community-minded individuals to learn about and support the good works of nonprofits throughout the region.



Your partner in charitable giving

When you create a fund at The Community Foundation, you get as much or as little assistance as you wish to build a charitable giving plan with an impact that lasts for generations. This personal service is one of the great advantages to working with The Foundation to achieve your charitable goals. You also gain access to 90+ years of accumulated knowledge about our region and its nonprofit sector. When working with The Foundation, you join a vibrant network of caring individuals dedicated to strengthening our region, just like you. Grants from your fund go to nonprofits and programs meeting the highest standards of performance. These are the organizations that get great results, have brilliant ideas and demonstrate good governance and financial controls.



An experienced and knowledgeable expert

Building a stronger community starts with knowledge. The more we know about our region, the better we are able to engage with each other in meaningful conversations about how Greater New Haven is doing and what needs to be done. The Foundation is committed to working in partnership with its donors, local residents and institutions so that the larger community embraces a vision of Greater New Haven as a place of opportunity for all. It achieves this aspiration through small donor briefings and large public convenings on a variety of important topics. It commissions reports about our community’s health and well-being. It assesses, identifies, prioritizes and funds activities to achieve positive outcomes for the region.



A leader and grantmaker

The Community Foundation’s grantmaking fuels programs that make a positive difference in the lives of the more than 640,000 residents who live in The Foundation’s service area. Much of The Foundation’s grants and distributions (\$30+ million yearly) is directed to local nonprofits to help them meet today’s challenges and continue their work into the future. Grants range from those that are made to specific organizations, year after year, to those made through competitive application processes, to those made on the recommendation of donors.

From the arts to student achievement, to supporting maternal health and families, to growing support for nonprofits through The Great Give®, The Community Foundation plays a central role in creating a future of opportunity for Greater New Haven’s residents.



AT A GLANCE

For over 90 years, The Community Foundation has been Greater New Haven’s permanent charitable endowment. It is the region’s largest grantmaker to nonprofits, serving a 20-town community.

Core Values: Integrity, Diversity, Vitality, Collaboration, Long-term Vision, Service, Accountability and Excellence

Local Communities Supported: Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge

Assets: The Community Foundation manages over \$600 million in charitable assets. It uses a long-term asset allocation model to provide a predictable and increasing amount of revenue for grantmaking while maintaining the endowment’s purchasing power against the effects of inflation.

Funds: The Community Foundation is home to more than 900 charitable funds, established by individuals, couples, families, nonprofits and for-profit businesses. Funds start at \$10,000 and can be built over time.

Grants & Distributions: The Community Foundation made \$34 million in grants and distributions in 2018, including organization fund distributions and grants from funds of our partner in philanthropy, the Valley Community Foundation.

Governance: Eleven community leaders each serve a single seven-year term in a volunteer capacity on The Community Foundation’s Board of Directors. Board members are selected for their knowledge of the community by six outside appointing authorities and the Board itself. The Board is supported by a professional staff led by The Foundation’s President & CEO.

To learn more about creating a fund, visit cfgnh.org/startmyfund or call Liana Garcia at 203-777-2386.

ANYBODY CAN DO IT



“We’re at a point in our lives when we want to start thinking about a legacy and how to plan for our retirement and thereafter. We’re new to more formalized philanthropy. We never realized this was something that was open to us. That’s been exciting to realize; anybody can do it. We’re looking forward to having a greater influence within The Community Foundation and within the community. We really feel a part of The Community Foundation family, and we want to help share that and make sure others feel the same.”

John D. Allen, Ed.D., Founder, New Haven Pride Center & Keith E. Hyatte, Director of Paint (ret.), Long Wharf Theatre

The John D. Allen and Keith E. Hyatte Fund for LGBTQ+ Interests

LATINO MATTERS... BECAUSE LATINOS MATTER



“We decided to create the Progreso Latino Fund to point the light on the experience of Latino members of our community — be it in education, politics, the judicial system, healthcare or in the economy. Perhaps together we can come up with some new solutions and reaffirm ourselves to some things we all know work but need sustained support and attention.”

Frances and John Padilla, Founders The Progreso Latino Fund

AN ESTATE PLAN THAT KEEPS HER VALUES ALIVE



Having grown up in the Jewish faith, adhering to the basic precept of tikkun olam (repair the world), Lindy Lee Gold’s belief in focused philanthropy and collaboration inspired her to include The Foundation in her estate plans. “The Foundation’s priorities reflect my values. Of course, I enjoy making my own choices with charitable giving, but I know that there will be a time when I cannot. The Foundation is the best option in which to invest for the social return that I want for my hard-earned money.”

Lindy Lee Gold, Member Nettie J. Dayton Circle

LEADING BY EXAMPLE AND DEED



“Our goal is to encourage young African American men and women to seek higher education and professions. We also connect scholarship recipients with members of the Beta Tau Boulé (the New Haven chapter of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity) for mentoring and tutorial support and, where appropriate, give them an advantage to the wealth of talent possessed by these successful men and their families.”

Alvin Johnson, Chairman of the Board The Promising Scholars Fund

ADVANCING GENDER EQUITY



In 1995, a group of committed women established the Community Fund for Women & Girls at The Foundation. Many donors have since joined them to build the endowment and create individually named funds that are a permanent resource for women and girls’ programs in Greater New Haven. The Fund regularly holds convenings and events, inviting inspirational women to Greater New Haven to impart their knowledge and give local advocates a chance to meet and discuss regional, national and global issues affecting us all.

The Community Fund for Women & Girls — Greater New Haven’s only endowment dedicated to promoting the social and economic advancement of women and girls

SO THAT OTHERS MAY EXPERIENCE THE SAME JOY



“As a cancer survivor, I’m passionate about funding patient education, patient services, patient treatment and research in cancer and blood disorders. A donor advised fund allows me to select the local and national projects and services that have the most potential and impact.”

Alfredo Axtmayer, Founder The Axtmayer Family Cancer Fund

Helping you do good work, forever

A Community Foundation fund is like an investment account for organizing your personal charitable giving. Your initial gift — and all future earnings from your gifts — become a permanent source of community capital, helping support the causes that matter most to you both now and in the future. There are two ways to establish a fund — the first is during your lifetime, the second is through estate planning. Funds can be built over a period of time. You can gift cash, appreciated stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement assets, real estate or other non-cash assets to start your fund. Or, you can retain lifetime income for yourself or a loved one through a deferred gift such as a charitable gift annuity.

The Foundation’s professional staff can work with your professional advisor to help you determine the best option for you.

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