

New Canaan Community Foundation  
2019 Grant Award Summary

Organization	Funding Summary	Impact Area	Board Directed	DAF	Total Funding
ABC Inc. of New Canaan	To support the organization's mission to support minority students who, because of their desire to learn and participate in a strong and successful secondary education environment, will bring their talent, energy and diversity to the high school and to our community as a whole.	Youth & Education	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Abilis, Inc.	To support a new Life Skills satellite office in New Canaan, providing employment placement and supports for individuals with special needs.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Americares Free Clinics, Inc.	To support the Bob Macauley Americares Free Clinic of Norwalk, ensuring that low-income uninsured patients are able to receive medical care.	Health	\$ 7,000		\$ 7,000
Arts For Healing	To support the continuation and expansion of music or dance/movement therapy to clients with Alzheimer's/dementia at Waveny, Cannondale and Brightview Senior Living Centers.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
Building One Community Corp	To support its Workforce Preparation and Placement programs providing immigrants with research-based services that are proven to help them gain the English language and job skills that increase their employability leading to self-sufficiency.	Human Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,500
Carriage Barn Arts Center	To support the organization's mission to promote the visual and performing arts, and to enrich the community through exhibitions, education, and cultural experiences.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500
Carver Foundation of Norwalk	To support the Youth Development Program, which takes place at the Carver Community Center, Norwalk's four middle and two high schools, and at Side by Side Charter School, helping seniors graduate high school on time and become first generation college students.	Youth & Education	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
CASA of SW Connecticut (Formerly Child Advocates of SW CT)	To expand volunteer advocacy services, including the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. Connecticut's CASA law became effective January 2017 and Child Advocates has successfully begun the first and only CASA program in Connecticut with plans to expand the program in Fairfield County. The CASA Legislation makes it possible for 100% of abused and neglected children to be appointed a CASA volunteer as an advocate.	Human Services	\$ 7,000		\$ 7,000
Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut	To support high-quality mental health services for children and teens in New Canaan and surrounding communities, regardless of their families' ability to pay.	Health	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County (CLC)	To support its early childhood education (birth to five years old) and support services for low-income families in Stamford and lower Fairfield County.	Youth & Education	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,500
Circle of Care for Families of Children with Cancer	To support the Lifeline Emergency Fund, a financial assistance program that alleviates some of the financial difficulties families experience when their children are undergoing treatment for cancer. With 70% of families experiencing a financial crisis during treatment, and 50% of those the organization supports living below the poverty level, Circle of Care provides help by paying for expenses directly, like mortgages or utility bills, so that no parent has to choose between caring for a sick child and providing for their family.	Human Services	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (Formerly IIOC)	To support affordable, high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, naturalized citizens, and foreign-born victims of serious crimes in lower Fairfield County. Many cases include domestic violence victims and are referred by partner organizations including the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.	Human Services	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County	To support the Alliance's peer networking programs, that benefit the professional development of more than 260 arts and cultural organizations serving Fairfield County.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Domestic Violence Crisis Center	To support DVCC's Center for Legal Services and Center for Economic Empowerment, or SustainAbilityCT. Court and Legal Services attorneys and advocates ensure that victims of intimate partner violence are informed about their rights and remedies within the courts and supported in their interactions with law enforcement. The SustainAbilityCT program assists survivors to find safe, affordable housing and achieve economic security.	Human Services	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 25,000
Domus Kids, Inc.	To support the organization's family advocate program, which helps high-need students overcome non-academic barriers to academic success. The role of a family advocate combines elements of the traditional school counselor with those of outreach worker, family liaison, mentor, health educator, and social-emotional skills trainer. The family advocate program serves every student in the organization's two schools for vulnerable young people--Trailblazers Academy alternative charter middle school and Stamford Academy alternative charter high school--as well as the highest need students in two Stamford Public Schools, KT Murphy Elementary and Turn of River Middle.	Youth & Education	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
Earthplace	To support Harbor Watch's expansion of the water quality monitoring program in the Silvermine River in New Canaan and also for support of five experiential education programs for high school and college students, including New Canaan students. Water quality monitoring will provide municipal officials in the Silvermine River watershed with the data necessary to locate and fix pollution sources. Due to budget limitations, most municipalities do not have the funding, laboratory space, or qualified personnel to collect this critical data.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000

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ElderHouse, Inc.	To support the Subsidy Program, which ensures low-income seniors have access to its adult day services, providing aging seniors with a safe, nurturing environment where they can share time with others while receiving the care they need to continue living at home.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern CT	To support the HELP for Kids program, serving families with children ages 0-18 who are victims of child abuse or neglect and living at or below the poverty line. Interventions ensures that a family's basic needs for food, shelter, clothing, and medical care have been met, then help parents learn positive parenting skills and access community support to assist them on an upward path.	Human Services	\$ 8,600	\$ 3,400	\$ 12,000
Fairfield County Hospice House	To support the Volunteer Program which engages and sets into action direct and indirect hospice care volunteers to serve the organization's residents.	Human Services	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Family & Children's Agency, Inc.	To support expansion of social work/case management services for seniors served by the organization's home care program.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 10,500		\$ 10,500
Family Centers, Inc.	To support for the Den for Grieving Kids, which provides an array of programs that enable children ages 3-18 to process and cope with their grief.	Human Services	\$ 14,350	\$ 650	\$ 15,000
Family ReEntry, Inc.	To support the organization's Re-entry, Domestic Violence, and Youth & Family Programs which support the safety and self-sufficiency of families impacted by crime, violence/abuse, and incarceration.	Human Services	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Filling in the Blanks	To support the Weekend Meal Program, which provides food for students facing food insecurity, and to specifically expand the organization's partnership with fellow grantee Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County, from serving 40 students to 65 early childhood students each week.	Human Services	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Food Rescue US Inc.	To support the organization's volunteer-driven, community-based food rescue platform in Fairfield County.	Human Services	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Future 5	To support the organization's mission serving motivated, low-income high school students in Stamford, so that they graduate with an actionable plan and the necessary resources to move on to a four-year or two-year college, trade school, professional job, or the military.	Youth & Education	\$ 3,650	\$ 1,350	\$ 5,000
Getabout Inc.	To support the organization's mission of providing transportation services to seniors and anyone with special needs in the New Canaan community.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
Glass House	To support "Glass House Presents" at the New Canaan Library, an on-going series of free public talks about architecture, design, and Modernism in New Canaan and beyond. Audiences have an opportunity to interact with prominent writers, curators, and others who engage with topics related to New Canaan's history as well as international developments in architecture and design.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Horizons at New Canaan Country School	To support the Horizons program at New Canaan Country School, that provides close to 400 low-income students, primarily from Norwalk and Stamford, with a full year of academic and enrichment programming aimed at closing the achievement and opportunity gaps experienced by Fairfield County's low-income students. Once enrolled in the program, the majority of students continue to participate through high school graduation. The program is anchored by a six-week intensive Summer Program serving children in Kindergarten through 8th grade, and is supplemented by school year programming, including tutoring, academic coaching, enrichment classes, and college readiness workshops and activities.	Youth & Education	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500
Human Services Council	To support Children's Connection, a Nationally Accredited Child Advocacy Center, which provides wrap-around case coordination, support, education and treatment services to children who have been sexually and/or physically abused and their family members. Services are available completely free of charge to individuals who live, work or were victimized in the communities of New Canaan, Norwalk, Wilton, Weston and Westport.	Human Services	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500
Inspirica, Inc.	To support the Family Housing Program, Jumpstart Career Program, Early Childhood & Parenting Program, and Children's Services Program. Inspirica's mission is to shelter the homeless and to fundamentally break the cycle of homelessness by addressing not just the physical component, but also its underlying root causes. To this end, they have developed a unique two-generation approach to ending family homelessness that addresses all components of the family: adults and children alike.	Human Services	\$ 11,500	\$ 500	\$ 12,000
INTEMPO	To support the organization's Music School, Literacy Initiative, and Summer Music Camp. Intempo provides high-quality music education to low-income children predominantly from immigrant or first-generation backgrounds and from communities underrepresented in the arts, helping them build critical emotional, cognitive, and behavioral skills, and empowering them to leverage these skills to achieve life success.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Kids In Crisis, Inc.	To support the Safe Haven for Kids, the only program available to children and families in New Canaan or the rest of CT that provides free 24/7 crisis prevention, counseling, and comprehensive emergency shelter to children under 18. Referrals come through families, friends, neighbors, schools, agencies, police, hospitals and others concerned about a child's safety and well-being.	Human Services	\$ 4,050	\$ 10,950	\$ 15,000

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Laurel House, Inc.	To support a Youth Resource Specialist for the Resources to Recovery website (www.rtor.org), a free online service that helps families and individuals connect with "Family-Endorsed Providers" for personalized mental health treatment and services. The new Youth Resource Specialist can virtually "follow" on-campus Fairfield County students ensuring a smooth transition, provide periodic counseling and connect the student to disability accommodations and nearby counseling and treatment, with a goal to create greater self-sufficiency and vocational progress.	Health	\$ 9,700	\$ 300	\$ 10,000
Liberation Programs, Inc	To support the organization's behavioral health services, specializing in evidenced-based treatment of substance misuse of all kinds including alcohol, opiates, depressants and stimulants, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Services include counseling, medication assisted treatment, and relapse prevention.	Health	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
LiveGirl	To support LiveGirlTalk (at Saxe Middle School and the New Canaan Library) plus five summer Camp LiveGirl scholarships for New Canaan residents. LiveGirl provides year-round leadership development and girl empowerment proven to build social emotional intelligence and self-esteem. The summer camp, a life-changing experience, fosters connections with a diverse population of girls from across Connecticut.	Youth & Education	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
Meals On Wheels of New Canaan	To support an increase in meal delivery services for the growing number of New Canaan seniors aging in place.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 4,350	\$ 150	\$ 4,500
Mercy Learning Center	To support the Literacy and Life Skills Tutoring Program which provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women. Using a holistic approach within a compassionate, supportive environment, services available to all program participants include social services, counseling, childcare, and food assistance.	Youth & Education	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000
Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center, Inc.	To support the delivery of comprehensive behavioral health services to children and families from New Canaan in the organization's Outpatient Children's Clinic. Evidence-based interventions are offered in an outpatient setting and available to all children regardless of their family's financial circumstances.	Health	\$ 9,750	\$ 250	\$ 10,000
New Canaan Athletic Foundation	To support new bleachers for the recently constructed Water Tower 2 Field.	Youth & Education	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
New Canaan CARES	To support the organization's mission to advance the health and well-being of youth and families through responsive educational programs that support and strengthen parenting skills, positive youth development, and healthy lifestyles.	Health	\$ 12,000		\$ 12,000
New Canaan Conservation Commission	To support a full landscape survey of the 17-acre BristowBird & Wildwood Preserve. Bristow was founded in 1923 by the Bird Protective Society of New Canaan and may be the second oldest private Song Bird Sanctuary in the country. A full survey identifying land topography, waterways, trails, fencing and trees/shrubs/ferns will serve as the basis for a 5 year capital plan to restore the preserve for the 100th Anniversary in 2023. The Preserve serves New Canaan birders, walkers and nature lovers in the dense Town center and can extend the GreenLink from the Nature Center to Waveny Park.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,500
New Canaan Historical Society	To support the creation of a new strategic plan.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
New Canaan Land Trust	To support the purchase of a dedicated Land Trust mid-sized truck for more active stewardship and protection of 400 acres of open space across 60 properties and 15 easements including woodlands, meadows, and wetlands. With growth in size and community impact, this will enable a more efficient handling of projects and monetary resources.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 14,750	\$ 250	\$ 15,000
New Canaan Library	To support the on-going Design Development phase of the Library's new building plan.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 22,500		\$ 22,500
New Canaan Mounted Troop	To support the Super Troopers equine care and adaptive riding therapeutic programs, which are dedicated to serving children and adults with special needs who reside in the local community.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
New Canaan Nature Center	To support a part-time groundskeeper and purchase of maintenance equipment used for the preservation of its diverse 40-acre natural habitats. The Nature Center serves as a community resource for learning, recreation, and interacting with nature for tens of thousands of visitors each year.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
New Canaan Parent Support Group	To support the organization's mission to provide support for parents of loved ones struggling with substance use disorder or in early recovery; and to raise awareness about addiction, mental health and recovery in our community.	Health	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
New Canaan YMCA	To support a Camp Nurse for Campers with Special Needs to be on site at the Y's Camp Y-Ki summer camp program held at Kiwanis Park, a traditional summer camp program held at Kiwanis Park and serving children ages 5-15.	Youth & Education	\$ 3,250	\$ 250	\$ 3,500

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New Covenant Center	To support operations of the only soup kitchen open 365 days a year serving two meals and a breakfast to go, plus operating the largest food pantry in Stamford. The organization's mission is to provide basic living items and services, combined with longer-term solutions that focus on self-sufficiency to those in need.	Human Services	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
New England Dance Theater, Inc. (NEDT)	To support expansion of the organization's mission to provide educational dance demonstrations, renew the Carver Center summer ballet program, launch similar initiatives, and offer scholarships to promising Carver Center students to attend ballet class during the school year at New England Academy of Dance.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500
Norwalk Community College Foundation, Inc.	To support the Summer Bridge Math Intensive Program, which prepares students who have placed into remedial math for college-level courses.	Youth & Education	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,500
Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.	To support Healthy Beginnings, a facilitated wellness program focusing on prenatal, new born and toddler nutrition, exercise, wellness check-ups and changing or instilling healthy choices and behaviors. Physician-led and nurse-facilitated sessions are offered for 6-8 weeks at no cost and primarily serve Hispanic or African American clients at or below 100% of the federal poverty level, facing disproportionate rates of premature birth, pregnancy complication, and low birth weight.	Health	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Norwalk Grassroots Tennis & Education	To support the organization's Girls Club programming, which provides girls ages 6 -18 with a unique opportunity to connect, learn and play with other girls in a safe, nurturing environment. The program is hosted at New Canaan Racquet Club.	Youth & Education	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Norwalk Symphony Society	To support Not Just For Kids, a free music education program. Six presentations will be held at the New Canaan Library and six presentations will be held for underserved populations in Norwalk. Many children who attend have never seen, held, or played a musical instrument before and are often transformed when they hear the notes, and sounds coming from their own efforts.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Open Door Shelter, Inc. (Open Doors)	To support case management services in the organization's mission to effectively address the causes and complexities of the homeless and working poor. Open Door provides shelter, food, clothing, case management services, treatment services, transitional planning for short and long-term goals, subsidized housing, education, employment, health services, and a path towards independence and success.	Human Services	\$ 12,650	\$ 350	\$ 13,000
Pacific House, Inc.	To support the organization's mission to prevent and end homelessness.	Human Services	\$ 11,650	\$ 350	\$ 12,000
Person-to-Person, Inc	To support the organization's new Mobile Food Pantry, that launched to increase food access in Stamford.	Human Services	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.	To support free legal services to nonprofit organizations serving Fairfield County, including many Foundation grantees.	Human Services	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
REACH Prep	To support Prep Academy, a 15-month academic enrichment program, and growing a STEAM curriculum to expose students to new technical and creative experiences that will help them be even more prepared for their independent school journeys. The organization provides access to transformative educational experiences for high-achieving students from underserved backgrounds in Fairfield County.	Youth & Education	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs	To support a comprehensive arts program, including music therapy, music, photography, movement, visual arts and literacy, for children and young adults with special needs. The organization's work includes a partnership with Arts for Healing.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	To support the organization's mission to strengthen families at-risk of abuse and neglect by providing parent education and support.	Human Services	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Shakespeare on the Sound	To support the Educational Outreach Program, bringing their works to a broader audience through a variety of school, library arts and adult education programs that reach a diverse cross section of our communities.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Silver Hill Hospital	To support the provision of "Mental Health First Aid" courses by Silver Hill staff. The curriculum was developed elsewhere to be as common as CPR training, but with few offerings locally. An 8-hour course teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders and provides the skills to reach out, provide initial help, and support someone who may be developing a mental health issue, substance use problem, or experiencing a crisis.	Health	\$ 3,530	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,530
Silvermine Arts Center	To support the HeART & Mind exhibition and programs, bringing together exceptional artists who are exploring mental health issues—intimacy and inwardness, inclusion and exclusion, anxiety and serenity, addiction and recovery, and the yearning to understand and accept ourselves and connect in an authentic way to those around us. The interactive programs will address the healing power of art through a keynote address by Silver Hill Hospital's Mental and Behavioral Health Liaison, conversations with the artists, visual thinking activities, a panel discussion, and a music and dance therapy workshop.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500

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STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way	To support the Birth to Three Program, an in-home early intervention service for young children with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism, as well as family support services. The program goal is for children to enter school developmentally on-track in literacy and social, emotional and intellectual skills with a personalized transition plan.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 19,000		\$ 19,000
Staying Put in New Canaan, Inc.	To support the Staying Put Scholarship Fund which will ensure that 18 "Scholarship Members," who have limited financial means and/or physical and emotional disabilities can enjoy the full benefits accorded to all members. Staying Put in New Canaan is a member-based, volunteer-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to helping seniors in the New Canaan community remain safely in their homes and actively engaged in the community.	Seniors & Special Needs	\$ 4,800	\$ 200	\$ 5,000
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	To support the continuation and possible expansion of the Mutt-i-grees program in New Canaan. Mutt-i-grees is a social and emotional learning curriculum that brings shelter animals into spaces that encourage literacy, communication, empathy, and understanding. Stepping Stones recruits volunteers from their teen empowerment internship program to train as Mutt-i-grees program facilitators, and incorporates shelter animals identified through their existing partnership with Norwalk PAWS Animal Shelter.	Youth & Education	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500
Summer Theatre of New Canaan	To support an operational feasibility study to plan building a new year-round performing arts center in New Canaan over the next several years. The organization enriches local communities with professionally produced theater experiences, providing exciting performances for multigenerational audiences.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000
The Rowan Center (Formerly The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education)	To support the Center's mission to provide counseling and support services to victims of sexual assault and eliminating sexual violence through community-wide education programs.	Health	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,500
Tiny Miracles Foundation (TTMF)	To support services for families with premature babies, including financial assistance for families, bereavement counseling, and support groups.	Human Services	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
Treetops Chamber Music Society	To support four concerts at the Carriage Barn Arts Center, as well as four school concerts in Stamford as part of its Artists Mentor Youth Program.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
United Way of Western Connecticut	To support the Stamford Cradle to Career Initiative, a community-wide partnership working to collectively align resources to ensure that all youth succeed in education, career and life. The initiative is housed at the United Way of Western Connecticut and involves many leaders of local nonprofit organizations.	Youth & Education	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County	To support hospice and palliative care for New Canaan and Fairfield County families facing financial hardship.	Health	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,500
Voices of September 11th	To support internships for NCHS students who learn and then teach their fellow students about September 11th, other incidents of mass violence, and resiliency.	Health	\$ 7,250	\$ 1,750	\$ 9,000
Waveny LifeCare	The second installment of a multi-year grant to support a new Outpatient Rehabilitation Center.	Health	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
Waveny Park Conservancy	To support new informational signage and maps in Waveny Park.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Wildlife in Crisis	To support a new, second well for the organization, which cares for over 5,000 injured and orphaned wild animals with the goal of rehabilitating them and releasing them back into the wild. The organization also addresses the root cause of injury and orphanage through education and land conservation, as well as working to protect threatened ecosystems. More than 25% of the organization's rescued wildlife come from New Canaan.	Arts/Culture/Community Resources	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Women's Mentoring Network, Inc.	To support the E to the 4th POWER Program (Employment, Education, Economic Security, Empowerment), which engages low-income women in building their job skills, financial literacy, and life skills.	Human Services	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500

TOTAL: \$ 525,830 \$ 60,700 **\$586,530**