New Canaan is a unique community. It is hard to put into words what makes our Town so special.

Since 1977, the Community Foundation has worked to support New Canaan’s charitable resources and ensure that New Canaan retains its extraordinary character. We empower donors and nurture local nonprofits to improve the quality of life for our residents and our neighbors. We teach the importance of philanthropy to the next generation of charitable leaders. Our donors’ support and dedicated volunteer leadership make our efforts possible.

We are proud that our work in 2014 made our community stronger and more vibrant:

• 100% of all unrestricted contributions went out as grants in our main award cycle;
• Over $1.2 Million in high-impact grants and life-changing scholarships were awarded to area nonprofits and local students;
• We launched our I ♥ New Canaan photo contest and received 105 photos that illustrate the many reasons we love this Town;
• Our professional development group for Executive Directors of New Canaan nonprofit organizations convened quarterly to provide a valuable educational opportunity for local leaders;
• The Young Philanthropists program engaged 36 high school students in active learning about giving and the role of nonprofit organizations and charity in their lives and our community;
• Our Touch A Life Luncheon featuring guest speaker Lee Woodruff inspired attendees to get involved and make a difference in the lives of others;
• Guests at our Annual Meeting learned from the President of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy about the importance of philanthropy in a democratic society;
• Several nonprofit organizations established funds at the Community Foundation to manage their operating reserves so they can focus on their mission.

Our ability to support the community is made possible by our generous donors. We received gifts from more contributors than ever before, up 15% from 2013. We received $1,021,000 in contributions from all sources, including our Fall outreach fundraising efforts.

Thank you. Your generosity of spirit helps us continue the charitable traditions of our Town, and create a new legacy of giving for generations to come. We could not do our work without you.

Sincerely,

Dave Hunt
President, Board of Directors
Cynthia Gorey
Executive Director
**OUR 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Local Donors Support Our Work:
- More donors than ever contributed to our fundraising efforts, with 830 people giving to the Community Foundation, a 15% increase over 2013
- Gifts to our outreach campaign reached a record-breaking $550,000
- Our endowment covers all administrative expenses, allowing us to distribute every dollar of donors' unrestricted gifts as grants
- Our sold-out Touch A Life Luncheon featuring guest speaker Lee Woodruff raised more than $60,000 to help needy neighbors through our distinctive Touch A Life program
- Individuals, families, and nonprofit organizations met their charitable goals by establishing new funds at the Foundation

We Are the Essential Local Funder:
- Thousands of lives were changed by our targeted grants awarded to local nonprofits and essential scholarships given to students
- Volunteers in our main cycle of grant-making reviewed requests for $1 million and helped us award grants of $505,000 to 60 organizations
- More than $198,000 in awards helped 66 local students continue their education through our scholarship program
- Our survey of grant recipients yielded important findings about our role as a key supporter of critical area organizations
- Special grants touched the lives of hundreds of needy New Canaan residents by paying for essential expenses such as rent, utilities, medical bills, and child care
- Our emergency grant to replace the oil tank at Santa's workshop at the Merrie Bee Cabin helped save the local Christmas traditions

Promote Dialogue through Community Conversations:
- Increased community outreach and education efforts allow us to tell our story of community charity and demonstrate our commitment to New Canaan's generosity of spirit
- Our Executive Directors' Professional Development Group, made up of New Canaan nonprofit leaders, meets to discuss best practices and key issues that affect their organizations
- Winners from our inaugural "I ♥ New Canaan Photo Contest" selected nonprofits to receive a grant in their honor, showing their appreciation for their work
- 36 high school students participated in our Young Philanthropists program, learning about nonprofits and evaluating grant proposals to award $18,500 in support for programs benefiting the elderly
- The Young Philanthropist students sponsored two fundraising events at local business partners Oxygen Fitness and Elm restaurant to increase awareness of their efforts and raise money
- Our new initiative, Best Kept Secret gatherings, gave us an opportunity to explain the Community Foundation's work in a casual setting in residents' homes
- Staff visited a range of local groups to speak about the importance of charity, including New Canaan Clergy Association, Kids Care at West School, Girl Scouts at South School, United Methodist Preschool, St. Mark's Preschool, Rotary Club, and PEO

Community is more than where we live, it's how we live.

1. Merrie Bee Cabin and the Exchange Club's Santa accept a gift from the Community Foundation
2. Lee Woodruff at the Touch A Life Luncheon
3. Donor appreciation event with Bill Sessions, Barbara Johansen, Cindy Ziegler, Nancy Sessions

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**OUR 2015 GOALS**

- Engage talented NCHS interns to research and produce a fun, informative video about the Foundation
- Provide educational service to our community by coordinating expert speakers to address key topics of interest, such as Youth Financial Literacy and Best Practices in Board Governance
- Share the terrific I ♥ New Canaan photos in a public show and launch second annual contest
- Continue to reach out to more community groups for speaking and educational opportunities
- Increase collaborative work with local nonprofits and promote agency funds to allow organizations to focus on their mission
- Encourage more local volunteers to participate in grantmaking efforts
- Gauge the level of community interest in establishing a Giving Circle program for affinity groups

I ♥ New Canaan - Emily Kelting

I ♥ New Canaan Emily Kelting
## OUR 2014 GRANTS

**A.B.C. of New Canaan** $11,000  
**Abilis** $2,500  
**American Red Cross, New Canaan Chapter** $2,500  
**AmeriCares Free Clinics** $8,000  
**Arts for Healing** $22,044  
**Blue Sky Fund** $7,500  
**Bridgeport Rescue Mission** $5,000  
**Camp Horizons** $10,000  
**Carriage Barn/New Canaan Society for the Arts** $9,670  
**Carver Center** $47,500  
**Catholic Academies of Bridgeport** $10,000  
**Child Advocates of Connecticut** $10,000  
**Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County** $7,500  
**Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut** $13,000  
**Childcare Learning Centers** $4,000  
**Children's Connection** $7,500  
**Church Hill Activities and Tutoring** $10,000  
**Connecticut Council for Philanthropy** $4,800  
**Connecticut Food Bank** $100  
**Council on Foundations** $850  
**Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County** $4,200  
**Domestic Violence Crisis Center** $20,000  
**Domus Kids** $21,000  
**Earthplace, Nature Discovery Center** $6,000  
**ElderHouse** $9,500  
**Exchange Club Center for Prevention of Child Abuse** $15,000  
**Family and Children's Agency** $21,000  
**Family Centers** $27,000  
**Family ReEntry** $7,500  
**Future 5** $45,644  
**Getabout** $29,500  
**Girl Scouts Merrie Bee Cabin** $8,320  
**Harvard Business School of CT Community Partners** $10,000  
**Horizons National** $2,500  
**Horizons Student Enrichment Program at NCCS** $9,050  
**InspiraCare** $22,500  
**International Institute of Connecticut** $2,500  
**Kids in Crisis** $25,000  
**Laurel House** $9,000  
**Liberation Programs** $10,000  
**Lyme Research Alliance** $20,000  
**Making A Melody/ACT International** $2,500  
**Meals-on-Wheels of New Canaan** $7,000  
**Mercy Learning Center** $14,000  
**The Mikey Czech Foundation** $500  
**Neighbors Link Stanford** $5,000  
**New Canaan CARES** $14,250  
**New Canaan Chamber of Commerce** $375  
**New Canaan Fire Co. #1** $600  
**New Canaan Health & Human Services** $5,000  
**New Canaan High School** $3,300  
**New Canaan Historical Society** $15,000  
**New Canaan Land Conservation Trust** $1,500  
**New Canaan Library** $20,675  
**New Canaan Nature Center** $7,500  
**New Canaan Soccer Association** $3,700  
**New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps** $600  
**New England Science & Sailing Foundation** $10,000  
**Norwalk Community College Foundation** $2,000  
**Norwalk Grassroots Tennis Program** $10,000  
**Norwalk Housing Scholarship Program** $10,000  
**Norwalk Symphony Orchestra** $5,000  
**Open Door Shelter** $20,000  
**Outback, New Canaan Teen Center** $23,000  
**People to Person** $23,000  
**Prospector Theater** $10,000  
**REACH Prep** $5,000  
**Saint Catherine Academy** $8,000  
**Saint Luke School** $9,000  
**Sexual Assault Crisis and Education Center** $5,000  
**Shakespeare on the Sound** $5,000  
**Shelter for the Homeless** $15,000  
**Silver Hill Hospital** $5,000  
**Silvermine Guild Arts Center** $5,930  
**South Ave Cottage - New Canaan Group Home** $12,000  
**Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center** $5,000  
**Stamford Hospital Foundation** $1,500  
**Stamford Museum & Nature Center** $5,000  
**Stamford Symphony Orchestra** $5,000  
**STAR** $38,000  
**Staying Put in New Canaan** $5,300  
**Stepping Stones Museum for Children** $3,000  
**Strays & Others** $100  
**Summer Theatre of New Canaan** $20,300  
**Technoserve** $5,000  
**Tourette Syndrome Association** $10,000  
**Town Players of New Canaan** $700  
**Urban Hope** $10,000  
**Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County** $19,100  
**Voices of September 11th** $4,200  
**Waveny LifeCare Network** $28,200  
**Wildlife in Crisis** $5,000  
**The WorkPlace** $5,000  
**The Young Mariners Foundation** $1,000  

### Other Grants

**Donor Advised Fund** – $52,565  
**Touch A Life** – $23,048  
**Star of the Day** – $10,000  
**STAR** – $25,000  
**Spend Time at New Canaan Public Library** – $2,500  
**Staying Put in New Canaan** – $5,500

### Local people giving together since 1977.

- **15.7%** - Arts, Culture & Community Resources **$188,770**
- **14%** - Elderly/Special Needs **$188,044**
- **12.5%** - Health Care **$149,850**
- **20.5%** - Human Services **$347,168**
- **16.5%** - Scholarship **$198,750**
- **20.8%** - Youth & Education **$250,909**

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1. **1. Staying Put in New Canaan**  
2. **2. Carver Center**  
3. **3. STAR**
OUR LEADERSHIP

2015 Board of Directors
Leo Karl III, President
Kathleen Abbott
Barb Achenbaum
Susan Boston
Tom Cronin
Roh Fryer
Marjorie Furman
Alan Haas
Diane Hanauer
Kelly Hanratty
Lindsey Heron
Dave Hunt
John Knight
Janet Lanaway
Kay Linneman
Kevin Moynihan
Shirle Pettee
Kathy Schulte
Sharon Stevenson
Jay Twombly
Amy Wilkinson

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Kathleen Corbet
Tom Cronin
Marjorie Furman
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Diane Hanauer
Lindsey Heron
Cathy Irwin
Leo Karl
Janet Lanaway
Kevin Moynihan
John Murphy
Ed O’Neil
Kathy Schulte
Don Smith
Tom Stadler
Karen Stevenson
Sharon Stevenson
Richard Townsend
Amy Wilkinson

2014-2015 Young Philanthropists
David Ball
Danielle Balzano
Emma Barker
Jack Barker
Nicole Curto
Logan Dilberto
Hannah Einstein
Will Ferguson
David Ferm
Katie Gervase
Quentin Gress
Ryan Gress
Will Gruseke
Erin Hanratty
K C Herzog
Abigail Ker
Sean Knight
Jack Megre
Caileigh Murray
Sarah Jane O’Connor
Lizzie Pettie
Madeleine Pla
Nicole Pla
Hugo Potter
Sean Queally
Caroline Sarda
Camryn Schlim
Jamie Schlim
Nick Smith
Sammi Smith
Avery Sturm
Lauren Sturm
Morgan Sturm
Emma Tregallas
Lauren Weingarten
Catherine Wright

The Young Philanthropists program engages high school students in active learning about giving and the role of nonprofit organizations and charity in their lives and our community.

Advisory Board
Joseph Dionne
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George B. Moore
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Harry T. Rein
Tom Tarrentine
Bill Walbert
Cindy Ziegler

“1. Young Philanthropists with holiday gifts for Domus Kids
2. Community Foundation staffer Michelle Ernst with young artists at United Methodist Preschool
3. Board member Sharon Stevenson and husband John hosted our donor appreciation event in June

“1 always wondered why somebody didn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.”
Lily Tomlin

Bill Walbert displays his I ♥ New Canaan pride

Foundation Staff
Cynthia Gorey, Executive Director
Jennifer Casper, Program Manager
Michelle Ernst, Development Manager
Our Volunteers

2014 Appeal Committee
Judy Bentley, Co-Chair
Eric Thunem, Co-Chair
Afsie Amir-Aslani
Eileen Boyd
Ashley Burr
Kathleen Corbet
Carolyn Corcoran
Joan Dionne
Christina Fagerstal
Tom Ferguson
Margie Fryer
Rob Fryer
Julianne Grace
Jean Grzelecki
Wendy Hilboldt
Cathy Irwin
John Knight
John Lanaway
Sharon McClumonds
Tom McLane
Geraldine Mohr
Shayla O'Neil
Sheila Pettee
Gigi Priebe
Margaret Riley
T. Brock Saxe
Kristen Schlimg
Vicky Sullivan
Tom Turrentine
Susan McClellan Valk
Bill Walbert
Cindy Ziegler

2014 Touch A Life Luncheon Committee
Marjorie Furman, Co-Chair
Kathy Schulte, Co-Chair
Meghan Allen
Melissa Almeida
Judy Bentley
Christine Betack
Eileen Boyd
Ashley Burr
Carrie Deane Corcoran
Christina Fagerstal
Susie Gelvin
Tracey Gould
Sue Gummesson
Diane Hanauer
Lindsey Heron
Lori Kelly
Elizabeth Ker
Sharon McClumonds
Lisa Melland
M. E. O'Connor
Shayla O'Neil
Amy Ravanesi
Susie Repko
Debbie Simpson
Vicky Sullivan
Laura Walbert
Cindy Ziegler

2014 Grant Making Volunteers
Meghan Allen
Beth Forlang
David Rucci
Catherine Avery
Rob Fryer
Liz Cahill Rueksznis
Judy Bentley
Jane Gamber
Kristen Schlimg
Peter Bergen
Steve Gorey
Betsy Sue Shannon
Claude Bernstein
Julianne Grace
Amy Sheffiel
Eileen Boyd
Kelly Hanratty
Margo Sisson
Rob Cioffi
Phil Ives
Skip Sission
Valerie Connolly
Beth Jones
Paul Stein
Rick Croarkin
Mike Joyce
Michael Sullivan
Michelle Crookenden
Lori Kelly
Vicky Sullivan
John Crum
Elizabeth Ker
Bill Taggart
Kit Devereaux
John Knight
Liz Taggart
Joan Dionne
John Lanaway
Toddy Turrentine
Laura Einstein
Kay Linneman
Tom Turrentine
Alicia Eppler
Steffi Loomis
Bob Witt
Tom Ferguson
Sue Lunn
Barry McMaster
Vicky Sullivan
Kim Flournoy
Jack Messert
Pam Yee
Joellen Ford
Harriet Flavuvlos
Cindy Ziegler

We represent the modern version of old-fashioned charity – neighbors lending a hand to help each other and make the community a better place for everybody.
THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

$50,000+
Anonymous
Jim & Dede Bartlett
Joseph & Laura Prior

$10,000-$49,999
Anonymous
John & Barbara Burns
Estate of Richard N. Cohen
Randy & Kathleen Corbet
Tom & Joy Cronin
Tom & Jeanne Gneuse
B. & Al Harris
Bob & Linda Kastner
Karen & Michael Kmetz
Mary & Robert Kohn
Ted & Betty Kuhns

$2,000-$4,999
Tom & Kitty Cross
Robert & Jane Cushing
Lila Coleman
Jim & Lisa Clymer
Bob & Sarah Dake
Lou & Mel Bock
Estate of Richard N. Cohen

$1,000-$1,999
Hossein & Ali Asadi
Charles & Lauren Baker
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William & Susan Brock
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$500-$999
Tom & Jan Stadler
Bob & Linda Spence
Jim & Cheryl Slater
Peter & Kathy Skaperdas
Skip & Margo Sisson

$250-$499
Robert & Virginia Zink
Cindy Ziegler
Sara Smith
Michael & Janine Smith
Douglas & Deborah Simpson

In 2014, we received gifts from more contributors than ever before –
an increase of 15% from 2013.
Philanthropy is personal and every individual has a unique charitable vision.
Our Funds

We work with our neighbors to help them reach their charitable goals.

Board Designated
Community Impact Fund
Fund for Children and Youth
Local First I.b.l.a.s.t. Fund
Neighbors United Program
Spirit of New Canaan Fund
Touch A Life Fund
Young Philanthropists Fund

Donor Advised
Abacus Fund
Alexander Petree Fund
Berkeley Fund
Blue Gray Partners Fund
Brown Family Charitable Fund
Burns Family Fund
Carry Children’s Fund
Corbet Family Fund
Cronin Family Fund
Dionne Fund
Duffy Family Fund
Friends of Merrie Bee Cabin
Gamber Family Fund
Gnuse Family Fund
The Grace Beck Family Fund
Kennedy Harrigan Fund
Lobdell Family Fund
Loren Boston Family Fund
Mahoney Family Fund
Ruth T. Noble Fund
Prior Family
Rangeley Capital Community Fund
Redgate Fund
Rein Fund
Taggart Family Fund
Trinklein Family Fund II
Turrentine Family Fund
Waldorf Family Fund
WenJim Fund for Children and Education
White Frost Fund
Worden Family Fund

Scholarships & Awards
Anne and Anthony Sapienza Scholarship Fund
Dick Bond Memorial Fund
Friends of Spencer’s Run Fund
Jack Jacobs Scholarship Award Fund
Joseph Dorrico Rotary Scholarship Fund
Miss Timmis Award Fund
Team Jim Scholarship Fund

Agency
New Canaan Lacrosse Association – Fund for the Future
New Canaan Land Conservation Trust Endowment Fund
Ram Spirit Fund
Rotary Club of New Canaan
Staying Put in New Canaan
Town Players of New Canaan, Inc.

I ♥ New Canaan - Dawn Doak

Build a tradition of giving that will last forever.

New Canaan Community Foundation Financial Report

2014 2013
Assets
Cash and cash equivalents $ 708,724 $ 1,012,877
Investments $ 15,722,470 $ 15,368,079
Other assets $ 21,114 $ 28,366
Property, software, and equipment, net $ 9,857 $ 13,766
Total Assets $ 16,512,165 $ 16,423,088

Liabilities and Net Assets
Liabilities
Accrued liabilities $ 17,811 $ 12,750
Agency funds $ 764,214 $ 580,321
Total liabilities $ 782,025 $ 593,071

Net Assets
Unrestricted $ 6,939,614 $ 7,137,842
Temporarily unrestricted $ 8,790,526 $ 8,692,175
Total net assets $ 15,730,140 $ 15,830,017

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $ 16,512,165 $ 16,423,088

Changes in Net Assets
Revenues
Contributions $ 944,043 $ 1,391,368
Less contributions to agency funds (164,400) (502,300)
Net contributions $ 779,643 $ 889,068
Investment return, net of investment expenses $ 634,607 $ 2,233,602
Special events $ 85,208 $ 67,983
Total Revenues $ 1,499,458 $ 3,190,653

Expenses
Program
Grants $ 1,199,176 $ 1,040,691
Program services $ 103,916 $ 101,268
Total grants $ 1,303,092 $ 1,141,959

Supporting Services
Management and administration $ 227,781 $ 214,970
Fundraising: special events $ 13,400 $ 11,800
Other fundraising $ 56,862 $ 41,441
Total expenses $ 1,599,335 $ 1,408,470
Increase in Net Assets $ (99,877) $ 1,782,183

Change in Net Assets
Net Assets - Beginning of Year $ 15,830,017 $ 14,047,834
Net Assets - End of Year $ 15,730,140 $ 15,830,017

I ♥ New Canaan is a success!
In 2014, we launched our first annual photo contest. Local photographers submitted over 100 entries of images that illustrate what makes New Canaan such a special place to live. We featured several of these photographs in this report and thank our participants for their great efforts. Please check www.newcanaancf.org for details on our 2015 contest.

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I ♥ New Canaan
Valerie Stryker
JOY HELPING SHARING
SPIRIT COMPASSION
GIVING HOPE KINDNESS
NEIGHBORS FRIENDS
CARE HOME

I ♥ NC