Our area of Fairfield County is home to over 100 nonprofit organizations supporting our elderly, youth, those in need, the arts and environment. The best of these organizations play a critical role in the health and well-being of our Town. The New Canaan Community Foundation is at the heart of many of these organizations as a source of significant, reliable funding.

Our job is to be actively engaged with the staff and volunteers at nonprofits, understand their challenges and opportunities, and respond with agility to their ever-changing needs. And, we do. With our professional staff and knowledgeable volunteers, we are uniquely positioned to understand and respond to the changing needs of our community.

Your individual gift is combined with others to support our professional grant-making to have a broad impact on the whole community.

Every gift counts!

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The mission of the New Canaan Community Foundation is to promote community philanthropy and help donors achieve their charitable goals.

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Bob Doran, President, New Canaan Town Players

What People Say About The Foundation

“The Foundation took a leadership position four years ago with a generous grant to help build the vegetable garden at St. Mark’s. This year’s grant allowed us to hire a New Canaan High School intern who helped boost our production of fresh vegetables for free distribution through the New Canaan Food Bank. The Foundation is quick to identify and support “win-win” opportunities in the community.”

Brian Hollstein, Volunteer for St. Mark’s Vegetable Garden

In 2012 alone, 60 New Canaan students received $158,000 in scholarships from the Foundation.

“The scholarship I received from the Foundation allowed me to experience every part of Cooper Union, with the ability to become financially independent and pay for all my materials myself – two things that are invaluable to my progress to adulthood. Thank you!”

Hannah Guerrero, Scholarship Recipient

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Loca People
Giving Together
Take advantage of our philanthropic services. Tell us what you want to accomplish, and what you care about, and we’ll help you focus your charitable resources to make the most impact.

We appreciate the broad scope and reach of the New Canaan Community Foundation. An annual gift to NCCF forms the foundation for our local giving. We know that our gift will ultimately find its way to the highest and best use of our charitable dollars through the Foundation’s well-thought out allocations process.

Leo and Janet Karl

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What We Do

- The New Canaan Community Foundation provides grants to nonprofits serving our community and scholarships to local students — over $836,000 awarded so far in 2012.
- We are a professional resource for all residents to help design their philanthropic vision and achieve their charitable goals, no matter what size.
- We assist nonprofits in managing their endowment funds so that they can focus their expertise on community service.

What Are Your Philanthropic Goals?

- Help the Elderly and Those with Special Needs
- Lift Up Our Youth
- Respond to those in Need
- Promote the Arts and Community Resources
- Support your schools or religious institutions

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Join Your Neighbors

When you make a gift to the Foundation, you join your neighbors in support of the broad range of resources available to our residents. In 2012, the Foundation made grants to:

A Better Chance, Inc. of New Canaan
AmeriCares Free Clinics, Inc.
Arts for Healing
Beardsley Zoo
Camp Horizons
Carriage Barn Arts Center
Carver Foundation of Norwalk, Inc.
Child Guidance Center of So. CT
Children’s Connection/Human Services Council
Christian Community Action
Dya Care Center of New Canaan
Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Domus Kids, Inc.
Earthplace, the Nature Discovery Center
ElderHouse, Inc.
The Exchange Club Parenting Skills Center
Family & Children’s Agency
Family Centers
Family ReEntry
Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
Getabout
Inspirica
Kids in Crisis
Laurel House
Meals-on-Wheels
Mercy Learning Center
New Canaan CARES
New Canaan Community Nursery School
New Canaan Health & Human Services
New Canaan Library
New Canaan Mounted Troop
New Canaan Nature Center
New Canaan Teen Center
New Canaan YMCA
Norwalk Emergency Shelter
Norwalk Hospital Foundation
Norwalk Symphony
Person-to-Person
Pura Vida Fer Children Rights Advocacy and Empowerment Law Group
Saint Catherine Academy
Sexual Assault Crisis and Education Center
Shakespeare on the Sound
Shelter for the Homeless
Silver Hill Hospital
Silvermine Arts Center
South Avenue Cottage
Stanford Symphony
STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way…
Staying Put in New Canaan
Summer Theatre of New Canaan
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County
Voices of September 11th
Waveny Care Center

The thorough grant proposal process of the Foundation encouraged us to think creatively about all aspects of our renovation in 2011. Their questions and thoughts helped guide the planning process and ultimately, made it a wonderful success.

Deborah Haines, 2011-2012 President, NCSA

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2012 Grants to date total $836,000

- Elderly and Special Needs $157,778
- Arts and Community Resources $144,917
- Health and Human Services $268,483
- Youth, Scholarship and Education $265,459

“...The value of the New Canaan Community Foundation exceeds the generous grants to our organization. Their leadership and professional guidance help us make strategic decisions and serve our community more effectively.”

Bob Arnold, President, Family Centers

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