

A Community Opportunity for High-School-Aged Students



Young Philanthropists Fund

At The
New Canaan
Community Foundation

An opportunity for high-school-age students to experience a grant making process and fund programs that address community needs.

Students will explore philanthropy, leadership and community responsibility.

YPF Mission and Background

The Young Philanthropists Fund at NCCF was launched in 2007 at the Community Foundation. The Fund is governed by a Steering Committee of high school aged residents. The Fund's goal is to bring together a group of students who are committed to making our community a better place to live and are interested in the many aspects of philanthropy. This philanthropy group works to meet community needs through a grant awards process with NCCF. Developing philanthropic understanding, values and skills at this age will have far-reaching impact, both today and as these young adults mature into community leaders.

Membership on the Steering Committee of the Young Philanthropists Fund is open to high school aged students who are residents of New Canaan. The focus is to learn how financial contributions to a non profit organization make an impact and how one evaluates which organization to support, among many competing choices. The New Canaan Community Foundation values the youth of our community. This Fund has been formed to give youth an opportunity to make a significant impact on our community and its residents. The size of the Steering Committee is limited.

As a member of the YPF Steering Committee, what will I do?

- You will learn about philanthropy, charitable foundations and other types of funding, the importance of funding to organizations, local non-profits serving our community and how to review a grant application.
- You will help send out requests for proposals to non-profit organizations, asking them to submit a request for funding for a program that addresses an important community need.

- When all the applications come back, you will review each application, decide which programs sound like they would benefit the community the most, and divide up the money available to give out (easier said than done!!).
- Then your YPF Steering Committee will present your grant recommendations to the Community Foundation Board of Directors for approval. Finally, you will hand the organizations their grant money for their program.
- You will also plan to raise some additional funds for the Young Philanthropists Fund to keep the fund growing for the years to come and to meet future needs of our community.
- You will make a commitment to attend monthly meetings of the YPF Steering Committee. There is a \$50 administrative fee charge to cover program costs.

How can I get more information or sign up?

We are looking for new members who have the time to participate on the Steering Committee! We plan to meet once a month during the school year. Please fill out the participation form and return it to the New Canaan Community Foundation, YPF, 111 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840. Please return the form by August 31, 2010. After August 31, please call the office at 203-966-0231 for instructions.

For more information on the Young Philanthropists Fund, call Cynthia Gorey at the New Canaan Community Foundation 203-966-0231 or email info@newcanaancf.org

The mission of the New Canaan Community Foundation is to promote community philanthropy and help donors achieve their charitable goals. The Foundation was established in 1977 and is a tax exempt public charity serving individuals who share a common goal: to improve the quality of life for others.

NCCF manages several funds for the benefit of our community and our neighboring communities. The two main grant making programs are the *Community Impact Fund* and the newly established, *Neighbors United* which will continue the legacy of the United Way of New Canaan. NCCF also administers numerous component funds that have been established by individuals and families connected to our community. Grants are made from these funds to non-profit organizations, based on a donor's recommendation or to address community needs as identified by our Board of Directors.

Since 1977, NCCF has granted \$5 million to qualified non-profit organizations. Currently, NCCF manages over \$12 million in assets.

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