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New Canaan Community Foundation Plans Fourth Annual Philanthropy Luncheon

The planning committee for the New Canaan Community Foundation's Fourth Annual Philanthropy Luncheon met recently at the home of committee member Martha Perry to finalize arrangements for the event, to be held on November 13, 2008 at the Woodway Country Club in Darien. All proceeds from the Philanthropy Luncheon will benefit the Young Philanthropists Fund at the Foundation. Longtime New Canaan resident and philanthropic leader Joan Dionne is serving as the Honorary Chair for the event.

Charles Collier will be the key note speaker at the upcoming luncheon. Mr. Collier is the Senior Philanthropic Advisor at Harvard University and has worked with hundreds of families to shape their philanthropy, help them make tax-wise gift decisions, and advise them on family relationship issues surrounding wealth. Mr. Collier holds a BA from Dartmouth College and an MTS from Harvard Divinity School. The second edition of his book, *Wealth in Families*, was published by Harvard University in 2006. All attendees at the luncheon will receive a copy of his book.

The Young Philanthropists Fund is a field of interest fund established in 2007 at the New Canaan Community Foundation. The Fund provides an opportunity for high-school-age residents of New Canaan to experience a grant making process and fund programs that address community needs. Through a customized curriculum developed by the Foundation staff, students explore philanthropy, leadership and community responsibility. The Fund's Steering Committee brings 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. 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.



Committee members pictured are: first row: Martha Perry, Cindy Charas (Luncheon Co-Chair), Joan Dionne (Honorary Chair), Sheila Pettee, Cynthia Gorey (Executive Director, NCCF). Second row: Elizabeth Ker, Lynn Jackson Quinn, Kathryn Wells, Sara Penn Daniel (Luncheon

Co-Chair), Pat Rice, Marea Dumbauld. Third row: Tracy Merrill, Sally Halstead, Robin Gestal, Judy Bentley, Julianne Grace. Fourth row: Lindsey Heron, Jane Gamber, Molly Ludtke, Diana Ferguson, Betsy Greene, Liz Cahill Ruksznis, and Meg Meurer Brossy. Committee members not shown are Wendy Carey, Indira Christie, Junko Donovan, Kitty D'Agostino, Elizabeth Frank, Sue Gummeson, Leo Karl, Amanda Layng, Toddy Turrentine, and Lisa Wrenn.

Founded in 1977, the mission of the New Canaan Community Foundation is to promote community philanthropy and help donors achieve their charitable goals. NCCF provides a local vehicle for donors who wish to establish charitable funds. For more information about NCCF or about the Philanthropy Luncheon, please contact the Foundation's office at 966-0231.