



NEW CANAAN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2006 Grants

NCCF 2006 Grant Summary

Community Impact Fund <i>Unrestricted Endowment</i>	\$232,371
Fund for Children and Youth	\$ 1,988
Spirit of New Canaan Fund	\$ 2,850
Private Foundation Pass Through	\$ 15,930
Donor Advised Funds	\$ 27,641
Other Unrestricted Grants	\$ 2,325
TOTAL 2006 Grants	\$283,105

GRANT DETAIL

Community Impact Fund

\$232,472

The Community Impact Fund is NCCF's unrestricted endowment fund. This fund has been serving the needs of our community since 1977. Non profit organizations are invited annually to apply for funding and NCCF's Board of Directors awards discretionary grants from this fund for start up ventures, new programs and capital needs. Please refer to the brief descriptions of each grant in this Report for further information.

Grants were awarded from NCCF's unrestricted endowment, the Community Impact Fund, unless otherwise noted.

Arts for Healing - \$25,000

Founded in 2000, Arts for Healing brings music and art therapy programs to children and adults with special needs. The grant supported a breakthrough research project examining the impact of integrative arts therapy on preschoolers diagnosed with autism.

Exchange Club for the Prevention of Child Abuse - \$5,000 (from the Carey Children's Fund)

This agency provides child abuse and neglect intervention and prevention services for children and families at risk. The grant award funded refurbishment of the visitation room at the agency, enabling families to meet in a safe and home-like environment.

GetAbout - \$20,000

GetAbout's transportation services benefit local elderly, the disabled of all ages and those with special needs. NCCF's grant assisted in the purchase of a new wheelchair-equipped van to facilitate this vital service to the community.

Horizons Student Enrichment Program - \$20,000

In recent years, Horizons has expanded its traditional program to help students in local high schools. This grant enabled Horizons to extend its academic program of coaching in time management, study skills and note-taking to 9th grade students and now covers 10th grade students as well.

New Canaan Baseball/Softball - \$25,000

NCCF's grant funded one of the state-of-the art light poles used to illuminate two women's softball fields at Waveny Park, giving girls the same opportunity to play on lighted fields that boys have had since 1993.

New Canaan CARES - \$12,500 (\$5,000 out-of-cycle)

Since 1980, CARES has provided preventive education and supportive programming for New Canaan's youth and their families. A \$7,500 grant supports interactive learning programs to foster self-confidence, interpersonal communications and team-building skills, through the program "Kid Power" a pilot for students in the 3rd to 8th grades.

New Canaan CARES also received a \$5,000 "out of cycle" award to partially fund a workshop conducted by a noted motivational speaker, Joe Ehrmann, on coach, parent and youth responsibility.

New Canaan Community YMCA - \$16,500 (\$1,988 from the Fund for Children & Youth)

For decades, the Community YMCA has offered programs that positively impact New Canaan's families. In 2006, the Y received a grant to help offset the costs to completely rebuild the Kiwanis Park Basketball Court.

New Canaan Historical Society - \$5,000

Preservation of our past is a hallmark of community pride and sculptor John Rogers' works are an important part of New Canaan's history. Our a grant to the Historical Society helped complete the upgrading of the John Rogers Sculpture Studio

New Canaan Society for the Arts - \$10,450

The Carriage Barn, under the auspices of the New Canaan Society for the Arts, is a venue for art exhibits and cultural performances for the community. The award covered the cost of mold removal and the installation of a dehumidifier in the Carriage Barn's basement sculpture workshop.

New Canaan Teen Center "The Outback" - \$1,500

The Outback offers diverse programs for New Canaan's youth. The Foundation's grant allowed the Teen Center to install gutters at the entrance, alleviating dangerous ice and flooding conditions on the entry sidewalk.

New England Dance Theater - \$4,886

This dance company provides a performance vehicle for advanced students from the New England Academy of Dance. NCCF's award partially funded portable stage lighting used during regular productions such as the Nutcracker and for lecture demonstrations under its outreach program.

New Canaan Lacrosse Association - \$15,000 (out of cycle)

New Canaan's playing fields are constantly in use by athletes in numerous sports. The Lacrosse Association appealed for funding to install a new turf field in Waveny Park, and NCCF made an "out-of-cycle" grant to supplement private funding for this multi-sport addition to the town's athletic facilities.

Norwalk Hospital Foundation - \$5,500 (\$716 from Rein Family Fund)

The Hospital trains students to become Certified Respiratory Technicians and Registered Respiratory Therapists through a joint Norwalk Hospital/Norwalk Community College program. The grant enabled the Hospital to purchase respiratory care training equipment and supplies for students to practice outside the classroom.

Shakespeare on the Sound - \$1,939

For ten years, Shakespeare on the Sound has presented its annual, free Shakespearean productions in an outdoor amphitheater at Pinckney Park, Rowayton. NCCF granted funds for new office equipment in their office at Rowayton Community Center.

STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way – \$23,850 (\$11,925 from Carey Children's Fund)

STAR's Founders' Cottage Respite Program serves adults with developmental disabilities. The Foundation helped increase the participation of disabled individuals in a wide range of community activities by providing funds for a handicapped-accessible van.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children - \$25,000

Since 1999, Stepping Stones has enriched educational opportunities for children in our area. NCCF's grant provided funds towards "The Healthy Body" interactive exhibit, which promotes wellness, nutrition, physical fitness, safety and hygiene in children and families.

Summer Theater of New Canaan - \$25,000 (\$12,500 pass through grant from Jeniam Foundation)

The Summer Theater of New Canaan moved its outdoor Shakespearean productions to a new venue in Irwin Park during 2006. The Foundation's award, supplemented by a pass-through grant from the Jeniam Foundation, funded the design and construction of an outdoor raised stage that can be moved, stored and used in future years.

Waveny Care Network - \$8,430 (\$3,430 pass-through grant from Jeniam Foundation; \$5,000 from the Carey Children's Fund)

Waveny Care Network offers a comprehensive range of healthcare services and programs, including a wide range of rehabilitation services to inpatients and outpatients. The electric Hi-Lo Stand-In Table, purchased with the pass-through grant from the Jeniam Foundation, benefits rehabilitation patients who have trouble standing and helps them achieve higher functioning levels. To allow therapeutic recreation activities to be conducted outdoors at Waveny Care Center, a retractable awning was installed with the grant from the Carey Children's Fund.

Waveny Lodge - \$25,000 (\$2,625 from the Spirit of New Canaan Fund)

The restoration of the stone cottage building adjacent to the paddle tennis courts in Waveny Park is a unique New Canaan project that maintains the character of the community. NCCF's award to the Lodge Renovation fund recognizes the importance of preserving a town's architectural heritage.

Fund for Children and Youth**\$1,988**

The Fund for Children and Youth is a field of interest fund at NCCF. The fund was established in 1993 by an anonymous donor and supports initiatives related to the educational, social and recreational needs of the area's younger residents.

New Canaan Community YMCA	\$1,988
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Spirit of New Canaan Fund**\$2,850**

The Spirit of New Canaan was established in 2005 as a designated fund within NCCF. The purpose of the Fund is to support projects and initiatives in New Canaan that help maintain the unique spirit and character of the town.

New Canaan Chamber of Commerce	\$225
Waveny Lodge Renovation Fund	\$2,625

Grants from Donor Advised Funds at NCCF

Donor Advised funds at NCCF give Donors the opportunity to get personally involved in community philanthropy. Donors and their successors participate in grantmaking by recommending grant recipients to NCCF. Our Foundation is available to guide donors with a particular interest to appropriate grantees.

Ruth T. Noble Fund Grants**\$5,000**

Dartmouth Alumni Fund	\$1,000
Nursing and Home Care	\$300
New Canaan Fire Co. #1	\$600
New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance	\$300
New Canaan Town Players	\$1,200
St. Marks Church	\$1,200
United Way of New Canaan	\$200
New Canaan Library	\$200

Carey Children's Fund**\$21,925**

Exchange Club for Prevention of Child Abuse	\$5,000
STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way	\$11,925
Waveny Care Network	\$5,000

Rein Family Fund**\$716**

Norwalk Hospital Foundation	\$716
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Pass Through Grants from Private Foundations**The Jeniam Foundation****\$15,930**

Summer Theater of New Canaan	\$12,500
Waveny Care Network	\$3,430

Other Grants:

Council on Foundations - \$160

A portion of the annual dues paid to this national professional organization is considered to be a grant to this non-profit trade group.

Dorothy Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership - \$1,000

In honor of the keynote speaker at the Foundation's annual philanthropy luncheon, Dr. Kathy Agard, NCCF made a grant to the organization where she is the Executive Director.

Garden Center of New Canaan - \$740.83

As a tribute to Anne Sapienza, a group of her friends contributed to a memorial bench installed in the Lee Garden, owned by the Garden Center. This grant covered the remaining cost of purchasing and installing the bench.

New Canaan Chamber of Commerce - \$225

The Foundation supported the annual Holiday Lights downtown with this contribution from the Sprit of New Canaan Fund.

New Canaan High School Band - \$100

The woodwind quintet of the Band performed at the NCCF grant distribution event in May 2006 and the Foundation awarded a grant to the School Band as acknowledgement of their outstanding accomplishment.

United Way of New Canaan - \$100

NCCF supported the Touch a Life fund through their annual luncheon benefit.