



2007 NCCF Grants

Summary of 2007 Grant Distributions

Community Impact Fund <i>Unrestricted Endowment</i>	\$257,987
Fund for Children and Youth	\$ 2,925
Spirit of New Canaan Fund	\$ 3,078
Anne and Anthony Sapienza Scholarship Fund	\$ 46,900
Private Foundation Pass Through	\$ 10,000
Donor Advised Funds	\$ 84,995
Other Unrestricted Grants	\$ 2,025
TOTAL 2007 Grants	\$ 407,910

Community Impact Fund

\$257,987

The Community Impact Fund is NCCF's unrestricted endowment fund. This fund has served 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 for start up ventures, new programs and capital needs. Please refer to the brief descriptions of each grant in this Report for further information.

ABC of New Canaan - \$15,000 (*\$7,500 from the Carey Childrens Fund*)

ABC provides selected minority students with the opportunity for a better education. The grant funded an upgrade of built-in desks and closets in the boys' rooms at the ABC house.

American Red Cross, New Canaan Chapter - \$6,370

Each Red Cross chapter nationwide is expected to provide emergency assistance to at least 50 families during a disaster. The grant award funded the purchase of an emergency transport trailer used to transport and store supplies for disaster shelter operations.

Career Resources - \$2,500

Career Resources provides training and skills for low-income and disadvantaged jobseekers to succeed in the workforce. They also teach parenting skills to ex-offender, non-custodial fathers. This grant supported the purchase of a video camera and editing equipment for use in a new initiative letting the participants record their experiences and lessons learned.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking - \$6,800

The Center offers professional printmaking facilities and instruction in traditional and innovative printmaking techniques in Norwalk. This grant supported their efforts to bring its ventilation facilities up to date, to provide a safe working environment for their artists and visitors.

Childrens Connection - \$3,600 (*\$3,100 from Carey Childrens Fund, \$500 from WenJim Fund for Children and Education*)

This agency works with neglected and abused children in our area. NCCF's grant allowed them to purchase anatomically correct dolls for use in forensic interviews with young victims, and furniture for the family waiting room and interview room.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center - \$5,000

DVCC has been dedicated since 1980 to serving families and individuals affected by the brutal cycle of family violence. The grant supported training DVCC staff for a pilot program, implementing new treatment models for traumatized children.

Family Centers - \$30,000

This agency has been serving children and families in our community for 115 years, offering counseling and support services to more than 20,000 clients each year. The NCCF grant helped purchase a digital telephone system with teleconferencing capability, to support their 4 locations.

Laurel House - \$25,000

Laurel House is based in Stamford and works to promote the recovery of people with serious mental illness. The grant was used toward the costs of renovating their 12 unit apartment building used for supported housing, a food cooperative, and other support services.

Magical Music for Life Foundation - \$12,500

Magical Music's mission is to develop and produce a wide range of entertaining and educational musical projects that offer positive messages for young children and their families. This grant supported the production of their second children's musical, Russell the Hermit Crab.

Merritt Parkway Conservancy - \$1,500

This group works through education and advocacy to celebrate the scenic, environmental, and cultural assets of the Merritt Parkway. NCCF's grant supported the establishment of a state-wide initiative on Scenic and Historic Roads, similar to other states' efforts.

New Canaan CARES - \$5,000

Since 1980, CARES has provided preventive education and supportive programming for New Canaan's youth and their families. This grant supports a new program for high school students, developing leadership skills, social responsibility, and community service opportunities.

New Canaan Lacrosse Association - \$10,000

In cooperation with other youth sports groups in Town, the Lacrosse Association led the development of an artificial turf athletic field in Waveny Park. This grant supported their efforts to increase the recreational resources available to New Canaan residents.

New Canaan Rink - \$10,000

A group of local residents joined together to design and construct an ice rink and multi-use facility on Town property. This grant is earmarked to support the initial preliminary design and drawings of the facility.

New Canaan Synchronized Swim Team - \$750

More than 300 local girls have participated in the New Canaan Aquianas over their 25-year history as one of the top synchronized swim teams in the country. This grant supported the purchase of an underwater video camera, music editing software, and a music system cart.

New Canaan Television, Channel 79 - \$10,000 (\$2,247 from *Community Impact Fund*, \$7,753 from the *Jeniam Foundation*, and \$2,753 from the *Spirit of New Canaan Fund*)

Channel 79 has been New Canaan's own public access television channel for 12 years. This grant funded an increase in programming hours, to take advantage of the recent collaboration with New Canaan High School students and the TV studio in the new building.

New Canaan YMCA - \$15,000

For decades, the YMCA has offered programs that positively impact New Canaan's families. This grant partially funded the replacement of a playground that is used by children in the Y's child care program, other Y members, neighbors, and community children.

Norwalk Hospital Foundation - \$7,500 (\$7,130 from *Community Impact Fund*, \$370 from *Redgate Fund*)

The Hospital implemented a new training program for local volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) including those providing emergency care to New Canaan residents. The new program meets national standards for emergency response capabilities.

New Canaan Library – \$6,500

The Library's Lamb Room is a well-utilized community resource, used by local organizations for meetings, and library programs for residents of all ages. This out-of-cycle grant funded the necessary repair of flood damage to the room, including new carpet and painting.

New Canaan Teen Center “The Outback” - \$6,081 (\$3,146 from *Community Impact Fund*, \$2,925 from *Fund for Children and Youth*)

The Outback offers diverse programs for New Canaan's youth and offers meeting space for community organizations. NCCF's grant funded the installation light fixtures to illuminate the upper level of the building, during the evening events and programs they hold in their building.

Silvermine Guild Arts Center - \$7,000

The Arts Center is a vital cultural resource and their School of Art serves over 5,000 students. NCCF's grant supported the purchase of digital imaging equipment to be used by both the photography and printmaking students at Silvermine, with faculty supervision.

South Avenue Cottage - \$4,130 (*From the Carey Childrens Fund*)

Since 2000, six local residents with developmental disabilities have called South Avenue Cottage their home. Our grant this year supported the installation of a paved walkway to provide safe emergency egress from the group home, as recommended by fire officials.

STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way – \$28,547 (\$28,177 from *Community Impact Fund* and \$370 from *Redgate Fund*)

STAR's group home O'Brien House is home to four adults with developmental disabilities. It is located in a wooded setting, and has experienced repeated loss of electricity in storms. This grant supported the purchase and installation of a propane generator at the home.

Staying Put in New Canaan - \$10,000 (\$4,257 from Community Impact Fund, \$5,000 from Jeniam Foundation, \$743 from Rein Family Fund)

A group of New Canaan residents founded Staying Put to give aging residents both practical means and confidence to live their lives in their own homes. This challenge grant required the group's leaders to match NCCF support to fund initial start-up costs for the new organization.

Town Players of New Canaan - \$8,100

This community theater group has operated in the Powerhouse Theater building in Waveny Park for 24 years, bringing five high quality productions to Town each year. This out-of-cycle grant funded the installation of a new fire and safety alarm system, necessary for audience safety.

Voices of September 11th - \$3,500

Voices was founded by local residents to assist family members who lost loved ones on 9/11. This grant supports equipment for the Living Memorial project, a digital archive of tributes to victims, rescue workers and others impacted by the attacks, to be based at Ground Zero.

Waveny Care Network - \$50,000

Waveny Care Network offers a comprehensive range of healthcare services and programs for adults, including the New Canaan Inn, a 41-apartment retirement community. The NCCF grant partially funded the cost of a generator needed to provide electricity for the building in outages.

Fund for Children and Youth

\$2,925

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.

Outback, New Canaan Teen Center \$2,925

Spirit of New Canaan

\$3,078

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

New Canaan Channel 79 \$2,753

United Way of New Canaan \$100

Anne and Anthony Sapienza Scholarship Fund

\$46,900

Awards to Individual Students \$32,500

Domus \$ 3,200

Family Centers \$ 2,500

Norwalk Community College \$ 5,000

Nursing & Home Care \$ 3,200

Person to Person \$ 500

Grants from Donor Advised Funds at NCCF

\$84,995

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.

Berkeley Fund

\$5,700

American Cancer Society	\$100	
American Red Cross, New Canaan Chapter	\$300	
Americares	\$1,000	
Arts for Healing	\$100	
Center for Contemporary Printmaking	\$300	
Horizons	\$1,000	
New Canaan Fire Co. # 1	\$300	
New Canaan Library	\$300	
New Canaan Nature Center	\$300	
New Canaan Police Department	\$300	
New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance	\$300	
New Canaan YMCA	\$300	
Shakespeare on the Sound	\$100	
Waveny Care Center	\$1000	
Carey Children's Fund		\$14,730
ABC of New Canaan	\$7,500	
Childrens Connection	\$3,100	
South Avenue Cottage	\$4,130	
Dionne Family Fund		\$10,130
Camp Horizons	\$1,000	
STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way	\$5,000	
South Avenue Cottage	\$4,130	
Redgate Fund		\$740
Norwalk Hospital Foundation	\$370	
STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way	\$370	
Rein Family Fund		\$743
Staying Put in New Canaan	\$743	
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	
Walbert Family Fund		\$512
Carriage Barn Arts Center	\$512	
WenJim Fund for Children and Education		\$500
Childrens Connection	\$500	

Other Unrestricted Grants:

\$2025

CT Council for Philanthropy - \$1,200

The annual dues paid to this not-for-profit regional association of grantmakers are considered to be a grant.

Council on Foundations - \$400

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

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.