



NEW CANAAN  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## 2008 GRANTS

### NCCF 2008 Grant Summary

Community Impact Fund <i>Unrestricted Endowment</i>	\$263,858
Fund for Children and Youth	\$ 3,215
Spirit of New Canaan Fund	\$ 3,792
Sapienza Scholarship Fund	\$ 45,311
Young Philanthropists Fund	\$ 4,062
Employee Enrichment Fund	\$ 9,000
Donor Advised Funds	\$ 82,952
Private Foundation Pass Through	\$ 4,892
Award Funds	\$ 4,900
<b>TOTAL 2008 Grants</b>	<b>\$421,982</b>

### 2008 Grant Details

#### **Community Impact Fund**

**\$263,858**

*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.*

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

#### **ABC of New Canaan - \$10,000**

ABC's program gives talented minority high school students access to a better education. The grant paid for a doorway overhang for their building to protect entering residents and guests from inclement weather.

#### **Arts for Healing - \$6,150**

The organization offers music and arts therapy to special needs clients and is a resource for families and service providers. This grant funded a speaker in a new lecture series to benefit parents, educators and service providers in New Canaan.

**Camp Hand-in-Hand - \$2,500 (\$610 from WenJim Fund for Children & Education)**

This summer day camp serves children of diverse backgrounds. The NCCF grant supplied campers with musical instruments and sound equipment for a newly added creative music and drama program at the camp.

**Carver Foundation of Norwalk - \$7,000 (\$574 from Walbert Fund)**

This 70-year old program offers education and family support programs to children and parents. The new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) after-school program was supported by the award.

**Children's Connection - \$3,100**

This agency works with sexually abused and neglected children in our area. NCCF's grant helped update forensic interviewing recording equipment to aid prosecutors.

**Center for Contemporary Printmaking - \$3,000**

The Center provides facilities and offers courses in traditional and unique printmaking. The grant partially funded a ventilation system for the Artist-in-Residence cottage.

**Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse - \$2,950**

The child protection agency offers child abuse/neglect intervention and assessment. NCCF's grant supplied capital equipment for Parent Leadership, Teen Mentoring and Crisis Parenting programs.

**Family First Early Intervention - \$4,200 (\$438 from Redgate Fund)**

This program coaches and trains families of very young children with autism. The seed money award was used to train a home therapist in the PLAY Project program, a home-based program offering intensive intervention in the context of daily life.

**Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County - \$20,000 (\$438 from Redgate Fund)**

Serving member agencies throughout the region, the regional Food Bank supplies numerous local pantries with food. NCCF's grant was used for a much-needed second van.

**Horizons - \$7,150 (\$3,650 from Jeniam Foundation & \$1,000 from Berkeley Fund)**

This student enrichment program for K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades fosters learning and achievement. A new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Wilderness Adventure experience was facilitated by the NCCF award.

**Magical Music for Life - \$1,100**

This innovative program uses children with musical ability to communicate a message of self-esteem and strength of character. The grant was used for wireless sound mikes.

**New Canaan Preservation Alliance - \$2,000**

This start-up organization focuses on preserving New Canaan's historic architectural and natural environments. The seed money grant helped launch this creative initiative.

**New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps - \$75,000 (\$1,000 from Berkeley Fund)**

The Ambulance Corps is staffed by volunteers who provide vital emergency care to the community. NCCF's grant supported the Corps' campaign for a new building.

**New Canaan Baseball/Softball - \$30,000**

This sports-oriented organization supports the activities of more than 1,000 players every year. In recognition of the heavy demand on current athletic fields, the Foundation granted funds to help construct two multi-purpose fields in Irwin Park.

**New Canaan High School Crew - \$6,000 (\$3,215 from Fund for Children & Youth)**

A nationally recognized program for High School & Middle School rowers, this club sport fosters team spirit and achievement. The award funded a portable dock for regattas.

**New Canaan Mounted Troop - \$20,000**

As the sole remaining Junior Cavalry in the U.S., NCMT has been offering programs in riding skills and horsemanship since 1939. The NCCF award helped finance a badly needed new barn facility .

**New Canaan Red Cross - \$6,500**

Our local chapter serves the community in programs ranging from disaster assistance to blood drives. The grant facilitated the buy-out of their tow vehicle lease, helping reduce their operating expenses.

**New Canaan YMCA - \$10,000**

The Recreational Pool is used by young swimmers in lessons and those needing water therapies alike. The award from NCCF was used towards an Ultraviolet Water Disinfection unit, reducing the use of chlorine and other chemicals.

**Norwalk Community College - \$2,000**

The college has assembled a high-quality art collection to benefit visitors and its 12,000 students. NCCF's grant partially funded audio guides for the most significant works.

**Norwalk Emergency Shelter - \$28,562**

The housing unit and shelter serve individuals of all ages living below the poverty level. Responding to an urgent need for increased security, the Foundation fully funded the purchase of a surveillance system.

**Norwalk Symphony Orchestra - \$4,500**

Enhancing the cultural quality of our environment, the symphony has expanded its offerings to the elderly and underprivileged and those with special needs. The award launched the Harmony Program to provide free tickets and transportation to this population.

**Staying Put in New Canaan - \$3,150**

Helping seniors stay in their homes is the mission of this organization. The NCCF grant enabled Staying Put to purchase essential equipment and furniture for its new office.

**Summer Theater of New Canaan - \$10,000**

STONC offers Shakespearean and musical productions to community audiences each summer. NCCF's award was used to partially fund the purchase of an outdoor performance tent.

**Volunteer Center of New Canaan - \$9,242 (\$1,242 from Jeniam Foundation; \$2,942 from Spirit of New Canaan Fund)**

The Center serves all of the non-profit agencies in New Canaan by providing a clearinghouse for volunteers and information. The award established a Nonprofit Resource Center located at the New Canaan Library with reference materials and online programs.

**Waveny Care Network - \$5,000 (\$2,000 from Berkeley Fund; \$917 from Rein Family Fund)**

In the Village at Waveny, residents with memory loss are at risk of wandering from the premises. To improve safety, the Foundation granted funds for a wander guard system.

**Other Grants**

**CT Council of Philanthropy - \$1,500**

The annual dues paid to this non-profit regional association of grant makers are considered to be a grant.

**Council on Foundations - \$280**

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

**Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation - \$250**

Granted to support assistance for physically disabled individuals.

**Town of New Canaan - \$250**

To support Joe Ehrmann talk and workshops on cyber-bullying.

**Community Impact Award -\$ 500**

Awarded to ABC House at recommendation of Alex Boston, winner of 2008 Community Impact Award

**Fund for Children and Youth**

**\$3,215**

*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 High School Crew \$3,215**

**Spirit of New Canaan Fund**

**\$3,792**

*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.*

**Volunteer Center in New Canaan \$2,942**

**Mid-Fairfield Hospice - \$250**

**Save the Children - \$250**

In memory of Dana Ackerly, one of NCCF's founding Board members, the Foundation made grants to these organizations from the Spirit of New Canaan Fund.

**New Canaan Chamber of Commerce - \$250**

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

**United Way of New Canaan - \$100**

The Foundation made a contribution to the Touch-a-Life Fund managed by United Way of New Canaan and the Human Services department of the Town of New Canaan

**Anne and Anthony Sapienza Scholarship Fund** **\$45,311**

Awards to Individual Students	\$33,311
Laurel House	\$5,000
Norwalk Community College	\$3,000
Nursing and Home Care	\$2,000
St. Vincent's College	\$2,000

**Young Philanthropists Fund** **\$4,062**

**Waveny Care Network - \$550**

This grants was to purchase a Nintendo Wii system for use in the New Canaan Inn as part of the program "Using Simple Technology to Promote Intergenerational Connectivity between the Community's Youth and Seniors"

**NC Volunteer Ambulance Corps -\$1,000**

Used to support building their new headquarters

**Camp Horizons -\$762**

To purchase equipment to laminate materials used repeatedly by campers with developmental disabilities

**Person to Person -\$500**

To support four scholarships for students from low income households to attend Camp Hand in Hand in New Canaan

**Childrens' Connection -\$750**

To fund forensic interviews for children who have been

**SPED\*NET of New Canaan - \$500**

To fund seminars to teach middle school and high school students with disabilities to self advocate and take charge of the school meetings (PPT's) that determine their educational program.

**Employee Enrichment Fund****\$9,000**

The Employee Enrichment Fund was established in 2007 through a generous gift from the Jeniam Foundation. The Fund supports educational enrichment activities for individual employees of smaller, local non-profit organizations that will also have an impact on the larger organization. Grants are made to organizations that meet funding criteria, and proposals are submitted by invitation only.

Silvermine Guild Arts Center	\$2,000
Center for Contemporary Printmaking	\$1,500
Nursing & Home Care	\$1,500
New Canaan Television, Channel 79	\$ 300
New Canaan Historical Society	\$1,200
Laurel House	\$1,500
George Washington Carver Foundation	\$1,000

**Grants from Donor Advised Funds at NCCF****\$82,952**

*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****\$6,000**

Horizons	\$1,000
New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance	\$1,000
Southern CT Special Hockey	\$1,000
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	\$1,000
Waveny Care Network	\$2,000

**Carey Children's Fund****\$20,470**

Southern CT Special Hockey	\$20,470
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**Dionne Family Fund****\$48,505**

Arts For Healing	\$10,000
Arts For Healing, Special Church Program	\$785
New Canaan YMCA	\$1,000
STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way	\$24,220
South Avenue Cottage	\$12,500

**Redgate Fund****\$876**

Family First Early Intervention	\$438
Food Bank – Lower Fairfield County	\$438

**Rein Family Fund****\$917**

Waveny Care Network	\$917
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**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	\$600

New Canaan Town Players	\$400	
St. Marks Church	\$1,200	
United Way of New Canaan	\$200	
New Canaan Library	\$200	
Staying Put in New Canaan	\$500	
<b>Walbert Family Fund</b>		<b>\$574</b>
Carver Foundation of Norwalk	\$574	
<b>WenJim Fund for Children and Education</b>		<b>\$610</b>
Camp Hand in Hand	\$610	
<b>Pass Through Grants from Private Foundations</b>		
<b>The Jeniam Foundation</b>		<b>\$4,892</b>
Horizons	\$3,650	
Volunteer Center in New Canaan	\$1,242	
<b>Award Funds</b>		<b>\$4,900</b>
Jack Jacobs Congressional Medal of Honor Award	\$400	
Team Jim Scholarship Award	\$2,000	
Pass through Art Scholarship Award	\$2,500	