

New Canaan Community Foundation  
2023 Grant Awards Summary

Organization Name	Impact area of request	Public Summary	Board Directed	DAF	Total Grant
A Better Chance (ABC) New Canaan	Youth & Education	To support the organization's website redesign, which will better position it to provide transformative academic opportunities to its scholars, talented young men of color, by welcoming them into the New Canaan community.	\$10,000		\$10,000
All Our Kin	Youth & Education	To support programming to expand access to high-quality, accessible and licensed early childhood care for children and families of lower Fairfield County. Programming includes licensing, business education, individual coaching, educational workshops, and zero-interest loans for family child-care providers.	\$4,000		\$4,000
Americares Free Clinics, Inc.	Health	To provide general operating support to the Bob Macauley Americares Free Clinic of Norwalk, ensuring that low-income uninsured patients are able to receive medical care.	\$8,000		\$8,000
Building One Community	Human Services	To support B1C's (1) Workforce Development Program, which integrates immigrants into the workforce by providing programs that help them gain English language and job skills, thereby increasing their employability and leading to self-sufficiency, and (2) Academic Enrichment Programs, which provide academic and social-emotional support for immigrant children.	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Carriage Barn Arts Center	A/C/C	To support community programming initiatives to occupy the Carriage Barn's newly renovated space, including family drop-in programs, art workshops and demonstrations, museum tours, art and music classes, family concerts, and wellness programming.	\$7,000		\$7,000
Carver, The	Youth & Education	To support the redesign of the High School Afterschool Program, which takes place at the Carver Community Center and provides hands-on, personalized learning experiences for Norwalk students who are economically challenged and/or academically at risk.	\$7,500		\$7,500
New Covenant Center (Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc)	Human Services	To meet the needs of the most vulnerable in Lower Fairfield County by reducing food and economic insecurity among the neediest in greater Stamford. Services include a Soup Kitchen/Café, Food Pantry, and collaborations with Inspirica, Saint Joseph's Parenting Center, and others.	\$12,500		\$12,500
Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Senior Nutrition Program, which fulfills the nutritional and social needs of at-risk seniors through the delivery of nutritional meals to the homebound elderly of Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Westport and New Canaan.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Child Advocates of Connecticut	Human Services	To expand volunteer advocacy services for abused and neglected children in Fairfield County in three areas: Court Appointed Special Advocacy volunteers; Probate Court Volunteer Advocates; and Community Advocates for Children and Youth.	\$3,000		\$3,000
Children in Placement, CT Inc.	Human Services	To provide volunteer court-appointed child advocates serving in court as Guardian ad Litem (GALs) for children and youth within the child welfare system who have been victims of domestic abuse, violence, or are living in unstable home and family settings.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County, Inc. (CLC)	Youth & Education	To support CLC's nutrition program, which provides their students daily with a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack that meets 80% of their daily nutritional needs at no cost to families.	\$7,500		\$7,500
Circle of Care for Families with Cancer	Human Services	To support the Lifeline Emergency Fund, a financial assistance program that alleviates financial difficulties that families experience when their children are undergoing treatment for cancer. Circle of Care funds critical expenses, like mortgages and utilities, directly so that no parent must choose between caring for a sick child and providing for their family.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Child Guidance Center of Southern CT (Community Health Center, Inc.).	Health	To support high-quality mental health services for children and teens in New Canaan and surrounding communities, regardless of their families' ability to pay.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Community Mindfulness Project	Health	To support evidence-based meditation and mindfulness practices that support people's physical, psychological, emotional and social well-being.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Community Resources for Justice/Family ReEntry	Human Services	To provide general operating support to FRE, which seeks to break the cycle of crime, violence and incarceration by: helping vulnerable youth impacted by parental incarceration, intervening in physically and psychologically violent situations, and working with prisoners to reduce recidivism as they return to the community.	\$4,000		\$4,000
Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants	Human Services	To support affordable, high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and naturalized citizens, with a focus on victims of domestic violence and other serious crimes in the Stamford area.	\$7,500	\$1,500	\$9,000
Connecticut Land Conservation Council	A/C/C	To support the Land Trust Advancement Initiative in lower Fairfield County, which helps land trusts bring conservation to a wider, more diverse audience, make their resources more accessible, and engage people from all walks of life.	\$2,000		\$2,000
Domestic Violence Crisis Center	Human Services	To provide general operating support to DVCC, which provides emergency, counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, emergency safe housing, and financial and legal advocacy.	\$25,000	\$1,500	\$26,500

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Domus Kids, Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the Work & Learn employment readiness training program, which exposes young people to paid, hands-on work in a supportive environment. The program targets disengaged and disconnected youth between the ages of 12-25 in Stamford and surrounding towns.	\$8,000		\$8,000
ElderHouse, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide general operating support to ElderHouse, which works to meet the needs of thousands of seniors and their family caregivers through an adult day program and long-term care services.	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern CT, Inc., The	Human Services	To support to the Exchange Club's home visitation model, which has become the organization's most significant and successful method of fighting against child abuse by working directly with at-risk parents to break the cycle of violence.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Fairfield County House	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Resident Care Fund, which gives low-income patients the opportunity to access safe, high-quality, meaningful end of life care.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Family & Children's Agency	Seniors & Special Needs	To support FCA's Home Care programs, which provide services to seniors that allow them to remain safe and independent as they "age in place." Programs include Personal Alert Services, Home Health Aides, Assisted Transportation, household management assistance, chore services, and more.	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$12,000
Family Centers Inc.	Health	To support for the Den for Grieving Kids, which provides bereavement programs that enable children ages 3-18 and their families who are struggling with the loss of a parent, spouse, sibling or friend to: process feelings of grief, learn coping strategies, gain support from others in the community, and begin their journey toward healing.	\$12,000	\$1,500	\$13,500
Filling in the Blanks	Human Services	To support the organization's core Weekend Meal Program, which addresses local childhood food insecurity by providing breakfast, lunch, and healthy snacks through the weekend during the school year and over the Summer for students facing food insecurity.	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$7,000
Food Rescue US	Human Services	To support the organization's volunteer-driven, community-based food rescue platform in Fairfield County. The platform reroutes surplus food which would otherwise be thrown away to organizations serving food insecure people.	\$6,500	\$1,500	\$8,000
Future 5	Youth & Education	To support the College Prep program, which seeks to address the opportunity gap by assisting its members, Stamford Public Schools student, in all aspects of the college application process. Students create a college list, write essays, navigate the Common App, and attend site visits through a combination of workshops and volunteer mentoring.	\$5,000	\$350	\$5,350
GetAbout, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the organization's mission of providing transportation services to seniors and anyone with special needs in the New Canaan community.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Glass House, The	A/C/C	To support Glass House Presents, an ongoing series of free public talks about architecture, design, and Modernism in New Canaan and beyond. Presentations include lectures and conversations by notable architects, artists, curators, scholars, and others who explore issues related to the built environment and contemporary culture.	\$4,000		\$4,000
Gospel Garden	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to the Gospel Garden, the volunteer-run vegetable garden located in the rear of St. Mark's Church. The garden grows and delivers fresh fruits and vegetable to the New Canaan Food Pantry and Person-to-Person.	\$1,500		\$1,500
Harbor Watch (Earthplace)	A/C/C	To expand Harbor Watch's water quality monitoring program in the Five Mile, Noroton and Rippowam Rivers in New Canaan, and for support of experiential learning programs for high school and college students, including NCHS students. Water quality monitoring provides municipal officials with the data necessary to locate and fix pollution sources.	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Horizons at New Canaan Country School	Youth & Education	To support Horizons Super Saturdays programming, half-day themed programs that incorporate academic and cultural activities, and include free transportation and a hearty snack. These programs will provide additional points of connection during the school year for Horizons students, under-resourced children primarily from Stamford and Norwalk between 1st and 10th grade.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Horizons at Norwalk Community College	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support for Horizons NCC, which provides academic and enrichment opportunities to vulnerable students in Norwalk through their six-week, full-day summer program.	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Howard M. Bossa & Peter Langenus Post 653 Veterans of Foreign Wars	A/C/C	To enable VFW to continue their town-wide activities that are so much a part of New Canaan, including: maintaining Bronze plaques at Town Hall, placing flags on veteran's graves on Memorial Day and wreaths on Christmas, coordinating the Memorial Day Parade, collaborating with Scout Troops and Eagle Scout Projects, and more.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Human Services Council	Human Services	To support Children's Connection, a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center, which provides wrap-around case coordination, support, education and treatment services to children who have been sexually and/or physically abused and their family members. Services are available free of charge to individuals who live, work or were victimized in the communities of New Canaan, Norwalk, Wilton, Weston and Westport.	\$7,500		\$7,500

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Inspirica, Inc.	Human Services	To provide general operating support to both Residential Programs (including emergency, transitional and affordable housing) and Non-Residential/Support Services Programs (including children's services, job training, counseling, etc.). Inspirica's mission is to shelter the homeless and to fundamentally break the cycle of homelessness by addressing not just the physical component, but also its underlying root causes.	\$10,000		\$10,000
INTEMPO Organization Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the Music School 1 program, an after school music education and youth development program that provides free or extremely low-cost instrumental music lessons to some of the most economically disadvantaged children in Fairfield County.	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Kids in Crisis	Human Services	To support Safe Haven for Kids, which serves children (newborn - 18) who are unsafe at home, primarily as the result of severe family conflict, mental health issues, physical/emotional abuse or neglect, domestic abuse, parental substance abuse, family emergencies and family homelessness. Safe Haven for Kids comprises three 24-hour services at no cost: the Crisis Helpline, Crisis Prevention and Intervention, and an Emergency Shelter Program.	\$17,500	\$1,500	\$19,000
Laurel House, Inc.	Health	To support the rtor.org Resources to Recover program, which intervenes early in a family's identification and treatment of mental health disorders by connecting them to expert mental health services, free of charge.	\$13,250	\$1,750	\$15,000
Liberation Programs, Inc.	Health	To support general operating, including inpatient treatment programs, outpatient services, and resources for youth, adults, and families impacted by substance use and mental health conditions.	\$10,000		\$10,000
LiveGirl	Youth & Education	To support general operating for the girl's leadership organization that builds confident, inclusive leaders using evidence-based programs. Programming includes: Confidence Club, professional mentoring services for small groups of middle-school girls; Camp LiveGirl, a middle school leadership camp at St. Luke's School; LiveGirl League, a high school leadership program; SHE WORKS, a college & career readiness and internship program; and She Cares: 1:1, a mentorship program that provides mental health and career readiness support (grades 5 through college).	\$8,000		\$8,000
Malta House	Human Services	To support Malta House's Residential and Partnering Success Programs, which provides a full continuum of support to pregnant and parenting mothers experiencing and transitioning out of homelessness, including education, employment, parenting, finance, childcare, counseling, access to pediatric care, and more.	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$16,500
Meals on Wheels, New Canaan	Seniors & Special Needs	To support meal delivery for residents of New Canaan whose physical, emotional, mental, medical or social condition makes it difficult to provide these meals for themselves, regardless of their ability to pay.	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport, Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the Early Childhood Education Program, which provides a safe, educational and compassionate space for children so that mothers can focus on their own basic literacy and life skills training. Ensuring that children are English-fluent and prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond is key to MLC's two-generation family literacy approach.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Mid Fairfield Community Care Center	Health	To preserve and enhance the delivery of comprehensive mental health services to children and adolescents (and their families) served by MFCCC's Outpatient Children's Clinic.	\$15,000		\$15,000
New Canaan CARES	Health	To support strategic planning, allowing CARES to maintain and grow their high quality, curated educational programming that strengthen parenting skills, positive youth development, and healthy lifestyles.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Chamber Music Inc	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to NCCM, which brings fine classical chamber music played by world class performers to audiences in New Canaan and the surrounding area. NCCM provides a full season of performances in New Canaan, produces outreach programs that foster interest and understanding of classical music among young people, and enhances the town's attractiveness as a destination for visitors.	\$4,000		\$4,000
New Canaan Ice Rink	A/C/C	To support the creation of the Skate Rental Facility, which will add a skate rental and sharpening shop to the Ice Rink's hospitality tent for the 2023/2024 season.	\$7,500		\$7,500
New Canaan Library	A/C/C	The second installment of the \$150,000 multi-year grant to support the Capital Campaign.	\$25,000		\$25,000
New Canaan Library	A/C/C	To support the new Library's sustainability efforts through a Curbside Compost service for the scraps that come from the café, staff room, conference room, and demonstration kitchen.	\$3,600		\$3,600
New Canaan Mounted Troop	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Super Troopers equine care and adaptive riding therapeutic programs, which are dedicated to serving children and adults with special needs.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Museum & Historical Society	A/C/C	To support NCM&HS's efforts to renovate the attic space into additional storage for their expansive clothing and textile collection, which is currently being cleaned, repaired, sorted, archived, and digitized.	\$8,500		\$8,500
New Canaan Nature Center	A/C/C	To support the organization's mission of inspiring people of all ages to respect, protect, and enjoy the world of nature through environmental education, stewardship of natural resources and service to the community, and to support the salary cost of a part-time grounds keeper to ensure the upkeep and maintenance of the Nature Center.	\$9,000		\$9,000
New Canaan Parent Support Group	Health	To support the organization's mission to provide support for parents of loved ones struggling with substance use disorder or in early recovery; and to raise awareness about addiction, mental health and recovery in our community.	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000

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New Canaan Pops in the Park	A/C/C	To support the second annual Pops concert with Norwalk Symphony Orchestra in Waveny Park, a fun and educational musical event for New Canaanites of all ages.	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
New Canaan Public Access	A/C/C	To support general operations and expand the reach of NCTV79, which has been producing community programs and covering community events since 1989.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Public Schools Dome Fund	Youth & Education	To contribute to the renovation of the planetarium at New Canaan High School, originally built in 1970, and reimagine it as a multidisciplinary, immersive classroom environment and learning theatre to serve many audiences in New Canaan.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New England Dance Theater, Inc. (NEDT)	A/C/C	To provide operational support for the annual Nutcracker Performance, including the rental and custodial costs of the NCHS Auditorium, and access to the theatre's technology, including its sound board and live stream equipment.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Norwalk Community College Foundation, Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the Summer Bridge Math Intensive Program, which prepares students who have placed into remedial math for college-level courses, and provides them with connections to college support services, student activity groups, tutoring, and financial support.	\$4,000		\$4,000
Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.	Health	To support general operating for the healthcare safety net, which provides a continuum of healthcare services to vulnerable men, women and children. Additionally, the organization seeks to address health equity and tackle social determinants like housing and food insecurity.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Norwalk Symphony Society, Inc.	A/C/C	To support the (Not) Just for Kids program, a flagship education program that coordinates with after-school programs for underserved students, and presents weekend programming over the concert season that is tied to an upcoming Symphony concert. Programming spotlights different instrument families, mixed ensembles, conducting, composing and other topics. A moderator provides STEAM related history, math concepts, and musician vocabulary through the discussion of topics.	\$3,000		\$3,000
Norwalk/Stamford Grassroots Tennis & Education	Youth & Education	To support year-round, out-of-school time youth development, based on the organization's strategic mission to develop and implement a clearly defined Grassroots pathway for student-athletes both on and off the tennis court.	\$9,000		\$9,000
Open Doors	Human Services	To provide general operating support for Open Doors and their innovative model to end homelessness in the Greater Norwalk area by: preventing homelessness through their food pantry, clothing center, and Financial Opportunity Center; offering homeless services such as shelter, case management, hot meals, and employment services; and encouraging housing stability by providing transitional housing and case management.	\$12,500		\$12,500
Orchestra Lumos	A/C/C	To expand programming in New Canaan, including (1) a series of music education activities and classes in partnership with New Canaan Public Schools, (2) the Music and Storytelling program offered by the New Canaan Library, and (3) a free community concert series.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Pacific House, Inc.	Human Services	To support the Emergency Meals Program, which aims to meet the basic nutritional needs of the shelter's clients.	\$12,000		\$12,000
Person to Person, Inc.	Human Services	To address food insecurity and high cost of living for 18,000 individuals in the Stamford/Norwalk metro area by supporting the Critical Needs Assistance Program, including wraparound casework services, the Emergency Financial Assistance Program, the food pantry, the P2P Clothing Center, and the Financial Opportunity Center.	\$12,500		\$12,500
Positive Directions - The Center for Prevention and Counseling	Health	To provide general operating support to Positive Directions, which provides a continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery supports to individuals and families struggling with mental health or substance use disorders, including an Outpatient Treatment Clinic.	\$7,500		\$7,500
Pro Bono Partnership	A/C/C	To support free legal services to nonprofit organizations serving Fairfield County, including many Foundation grantees.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Rowan Center, The	Health	To support the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention for Teens in Lower Fairfield County program, which places a full-time state-certified Crisis Counselor/Youth Advocate in high schools. This counselor meets the growing demand for support services from teen victims of sexual violence who choose school counseling.	\$8,000		\$8,000
Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Arts & Movement program, which includes music, art, movement, and theatre for children and young adults with special needs. Regular participation in the arts gives individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate more fully in the community.	\$1,500		\$1,500
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	Human Services	To provide services associated with the General Parenting Program (GPP), which engages vulnerable families in education on basic parenting skills, including budgeting, health and nutrition, and anger management. Funding will allow SJPC to enhance the curriculum, pay facilitators, and develop a women's empowerment program.	\$9,000		\$9,000
Schoolhouse Apartments, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Health and Wellness Program, which gives residents the opportunity to exercise, interact with others, and take in healthy nutrition.	\$6,000		\$6,000

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Shakespeare on the Sound	Youth & Education	To support the Educational Outreach program, which offers a variety of Shakespeare-focused school, library, adult education, and art programs to people of all ages and economic backgrounds.	\$2,000		\$2,000
Silvermine Arts Center	Health	To support the Healing Through the Arts partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, which will expose adult patients to art immersion, experimentation and creation, promoting creative growth and emotional healing.	\$5,000		\$5,000
SilverSource, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To address the unique needs of struggling seniors through general operating support, which will keep Stamford-based seniors stable in safe, secure, hunger-free homes, with the medical care they need.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Stamford Cradle to Career (United Way of Western CT)	Youth & Education	To expand the Restorative Practices initiative in Stamford middle schools. The goal of the initiative is to implement a system-wide approach to creating safe, welcoming, inclusive environments where students' academic, social, emotional and physical health needs are met by adjusting practices all across the community—in schools, after school programs at community centers, the public library system, law enforcement, and more.	\$2,000		\$2,000
Stamford Museum and Nature Center	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Animals for All program, which provides special needs individuals of all ages interaction with Heckscher Farm animals to teach kindness for living creatures, foster a sense of trust and responsibility, create an understanding of boundaries, and deliver an outdoor experience. Participants engage directly in the care, feeding, enrichment, and cleaning of the farm and exotic animals.	\$2,000		\$2,000
Stamford Public Education Foundation	Youth & Education	To support the Summer Start program, a 5-week early education program for 4- and 5-year-olds entering Kindergarten without the benefit of a high-quality preschool experience. The program aims to strengthen the developmental domains of early childhood, including cognitive, language, physical, and social-emotional skills.	\$3,000		\$3,000
Stand Together Against Racism (STAR)	A/C/C	To support the Racial Literacy Speaker Series, which will invite academic, corporate and policy experts to present credible information and facilitate discussions and workshops about racial equity in a safe, educational environment.	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000
STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...	Seniors & Special Needs	To support STAR's Early Intervention program which provides pediatric therapies to children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), including speech, physical and occupational therapy, special education, parent support, social services, assistive technology and referral.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Staying Put in New Canaan	Seniors & Special Needs	To support (1) a centralized database, which will help the organization operate more efficiently and grow its impact on the community, and (2) the Staying Put Scholarship Fund, which will ensure that seniors with limited financial means can enjoy the benefits of membership and maintain a high quality of life.	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$6,500
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	A/C/C	To support the museum's school and group programming, which produces 20+ STEAM-based workshops which can be scaled for traveling education experiences.	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,500
Summer Theatre of New Canaan	A/C/C	To provide general operating support for STONC, which produces award-winning theatre productions, compelling educational programs, and collaborative outreach programs with other community nonprofits.	\$13,000		\$13,000
Sustainable CT	A/C/C	To support one Fellow, a college student, to be placed with the WestCOG to work directly with New Canaan, Darien, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton. The mission of Sustainable CT is to provide municipalities with resources and tools to help them become more sustainable and to certify and recognize municipalities for their on-going sustainability achievements.	\$3,000		\$3,000
Tiny Miracles Foundation, Inc., The	Human Services	To provide the organization with general operating support, enabling it to provide for the emotional, practical and financial needs of families of premature babies who spend extended time in the NICU.	\$4,000		\$4,000
Town Players of New Canaan, Inc	A/C/C	The first installment of a \$50,000 multi-year grant to support the Powerhouse Performing Arts Center capital campaign, including expanding the theatre's lobby and creating new space for performing arts programming.	\$25,000		\$25,000
Voices Center for Resilience	A/C/C	To support preparedness training for New Canaan and Region 1 emergency management personnel and stakeholders.	\$10,000	\$750	\$10,750
Waveny LifeCare Network	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Unfunded Patient Care Fund, which ensures that essential healthcare services are available to senior patients, regardless of an individual's ability to pay.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Waveny Park Conservancy, Inc.	A/C/C	To support a study to investigate how best to improve the southern portion of the Waveny trail network and how to attenuate the sight and sound of the Merritt Parkway to improve the visitor experience.	\$7,500		\$7,500
Wheel it Forward	Health	To provide general operating support for Wheel it Forward, a free lending library for durable medical equipment like wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, etc.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Women's Mentoring Network, Inc.	Human Services	To support the E to the 4th POWER Program (Employment, Education, Economic Security, Empowerment), which provides the foundational tools for low-income women and their families to find employment and educational opportunities resulting in increased financial security. WMN offers one-on-one individualized sessions in addition to weekly Life Skills Workshops.	\$3,000		\$3,000
WorkPlace, The	Human Services	To support WorkPlace Scholarships, which provide individuals who cannot access public funds the opportunity to obtain education and skills training.	\$2,000		\$2,000
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