

Silvermine Arts Center
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This year Silvermine Arts Center is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. At this historic moment, we reached out to the New Canaan Community Foundation for help insuring that we not only continued our existing programs, but took steps to ensure the organization's future for the next 90 years. In 1993, the school offices were moved "temporarily" amidst big plans for a capital campaign and major renovation/expansion. Now, 19 years later, the opportunity arose for us to expand our space on a scale that is more consistent with the overall feel of our campus and more fiscally prudent. We had just enough money, wisely reserved in a capital fund, for the down payment on just such a possibility. Having received the town's approval and the required zoning special permit, what we needed next was a new, separate septic system, as mandated by the New Canaan Health Department. There are not many, or any other funders, we could turn to for that, and the much needed roof replacement – but the New Canaan Community Foundation understood the need and provided the much-needed funds.

The New Canaan Community Foundation process is thorough and quite extraordinary. Field visits from Staff, Board Members, and Community Volunteers are always part of the process. They really know what they're funding and are there to help with the process and share in the accomplishments. Prior grants have enabled us to re-start our bronze casting foundry and launch a sculpture walk, which is an important addition and serves to welcome the broader community to our campus.

We are most grateful for the Foundation's support!