



Expertise

The Foundation is governed by volunteers and managed by a staff of experts in fund management, philanthropy, estate planning, grant making, and community issues.

We know the needs in your town

We serve donors, nonprofits and students in 21 towns in Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills. Our volunteers and staff know our service area — serving on committees and supporting special initiatives that effect positive change and growth in our region.

Tax benefits

We work with professional advisors to create a charitable giving plan that offers you maximum tax benefits within the law. As a public charity, Connecticut Community Foundation offers the highest level of tax benefits for charitable giving.

Be a part of something bigger

When you make the Connecticut Community Foundation your philanthropic partner, your money has more giving power to help those in your community. Your dollars are invested as part of a larger endowment that will remain and continue to grow year after year.

Leave Your Legacy



Give to your community
now and forever



Connecting you to the
causes you care about



Why is it
Smart to Give
through the
Connecticut
Community
Foundation?

Staying power

Founded in 1923 as the Waterbury Foundation, the Connecticut Community Foundation was the first community foundation in the state.

Personal service

We connect you with the causes that matter most to you. Our staff will work closely with you to help you meet your philanthropic goals and manage your funds.

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Smart Giving

You have made the decision to give back to your community. You want your gift to do the most good, fit your financial situation, provide tax benefits, be well managed by competent professionals, and be there for generations to come. Choosing to work with a community foundation can help you accomplish your philanthropic goals now and forever. Entrusting your charitable dollars to the Connecticut Community Foundation is a smart way to give.



Forest and Patricia Herron



Russell McMillen



Lillian Brown and Juanita Kent



Fred Baker and Lisa Powers



Kyungsook Petrahai

What is a Community Foundation?

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities serving people who share the goal of improving the quality of life in their area. Community foundations are governed by volunteer boards of local residents and run by professionals with expertise in assessing the community's needs and managing assets.

When you give to a community foundation, you may establish your own fund to meet your charitable interests. Distributions from your fund can provide grants to nonprofits or scholarships to students in your town or anywhere in the country.

Patricia and Forest Herron of Southbury share an interest in birds, wildlife, and education. Through their donor-advised fund, they supported a program that combines these interests. Working with the Bent of the River Audubon Center, the couple recommended a grant to a science program for home-schooled children. They are delighted to know that area students are enjoying learning about nature as much as they do.

Fred Baker, a former president of the Foundation, and his wife, **Lisa Powers**, of New Milford established their fund to support the Foundation's regional grantmaking. "The Foundation knows the needs, they understand who's out there and they're capable of responding," said Baker. "A donor accomplishes a lot more than they could if they tried to do it alone. Your gifts have better reach and results."

During their lifetimes, **Josephine and Russell McMillen** established funds in their daughter's memory for scholarships for young women studying art and for support to agencies that work against domestic violence. In addition, they made provisions in their estate plans to donate assets, including real estate and securities, to add to these funds when the second spouse died. These additional assets will provide significant annual funding for scholarships and agency support forever in their daughter's memory.

Former educators, **Juanita Kent and the late Lillian Brown** started the In Search of Excellence Fund in 1994 with contributions from many people in Greater Waterbury. The fund provides scholarships for top African-American students from the city. Dozens of people have supported their vision. Many contribute to the fund each year.

Kyungsook Petrahai, a retired social worker from Wolcott, annually contributes to the donor-advised fund she established in her husband's memory. She will add to the fund through her estate plans. "It's very gratifying to know that people will continue to benefit, even in a small way," she said. "It would be difficult for me to do this on my own, but the Foundation makes it possible."

"Often, my clients want to support their community. However, they are uncertain of how to create a lasting legacy or decide which organizations to support. Establishing a fund at the Connecticut Community Foundation enables them to benefit what matters most to them in perpetuity."

Charles Henry, attorney
Henry & Federer, Southbury, CT

What type of fund is right for me?

Endowment Funds

You want to benefit your community now and forever:

- **Regional**
You want to help, but you do not have a specific organization or cause in mind. The Foundation uses these funds to benefit nonprofits that address the greatest needs in the community.
- **Field of Interest**
You select your area of interest such as the environment, health care, education, or the arts. The Foundation will support local organizations that match your interests.
- **Designated**
You identify one or more nonprofits that you want to support.
- **Scholarship**
You want to help students in general, those who have a specific field of study or live in a particular area.

Donor-Advised Funds

You want to actively participate and recommend the organizations you want to support annually. You may distribute the fund's income or principal balance.

Ways to Give

Give Now

A gift during your lifetime is a wonderful way to express your charitable interests and become involved with the Foundation. Many of our donors continue to give annually to their funds.

Leave Your Legacy

You can leave your legacy through individual bequests in wills and trusts, charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts.

Assets to Give

You can give cash, stock, closely held securities, real estate, retirement fund assets, life insurance and personal property.