



The Community Fund of Darien

CHANGE MAKERS

WE ARE THE SAFETY NET OF OUR COMMUNITY



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Developed Free Crowdfunding Website

The Impact Vine, a new crowdfunding site, provides a free online fundraising platform for nonprofits in lower Fairfield County.

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THRIVING YOUTH



Provocative Darien Teen Drinking Campaign Attracts National Attention

Thriving Youth kicks off marketing campaign to reduce underage drinking in Darien.

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The Community Fund of Darien Invests over \$1 Million in Darien, Stamford and Norwalk!

In 2017, The Community Fund of Darien responded to the challenges of a turbulent year with an unprecedented response in support of the urgent and emerging needs in our community. By matching local challenges with thoughtful solutions, we launched two new ventures and increased our grant awards to vetted nonprofits.

Thriving Youth Darien Hits Home!

In three rounds of administering surveys measuring Darien 7th-12th graders' 40 Developmental Assets™ and risky behaviors, our data revealed that key measures of resiliency, self-esteem and substance abuse prevention were declining instead of improving. After then completing a Darien teen needs assessment, teen binge



drinking emerged as our most pressing issue. In February 2017, we launched the “Our Darien” campaign targeting binge drinking prevention. This edgy social media campaign held a mirror up to parents with provocative images designed to help parents reflect on their family rules, communication with their teens, brain science, social hosting laws and the examples they set for their children. Concurrently, we surveyed

Darien parents of teens for the first time to learn about their attitudes and beliefs. We received nearly 800 parent responses and the campaign garnered national attention! See page 8 for more.

Launching the Impact Vine: www.TheImpactVine.org

With financial support from 15 “Founding Funders” motivated to engage with technology to help solve social problems, we launched a new online fundraising tool to help nonprofits harness the power of crowdfunding strategies to raise money for their projects, market their services to a broader audience and develop their social media muscles. The site went “live” in May 2017, and we continue to ensure that this unique tool – which is free to the nonprofit and the user – is available to all qualifying nonprofits. Check us out online! See more on page 9.

Measuring Impact

Now in the third year of using “Results-Based Accountability,” we are seeing the measurable impact that our grants are making in the community. We have seen significant progress in ending chronic homelessness as a result of important state-wide collaboration among providers of services to the homeless. We are particularly excited to watch the progress of the new Smilow Life

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Op Ed from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are at our best as a community fund when we bring resources and people together to solve local problems and strengthen our safety net. At a time when we are more connected than ever to our technology, we want to encourage our neighbors to come together, face-to-face whenever possible, to tackle difficult issues, solve local problems and volunteer side-by-side. In our community of Stamford, Norwalk and Darien, we are stronger when we work together to help each other thrive.

This past year, with a state budget crisis and nonprofits uncertain of their future funding security, we needed to respond to emerging needs and bring our resources of financial support, expertise and leadership to help repair a fraying safety net. Locally, we have seen talented nonprofit leaders respond to our state budget challenges with a spirit of collaboration and cooperation as they rolled up their sleeves to get the work done as best they could. We have seen the opioid crisis strike our community as well as rising teen binge drinking, depression and anxiety. We have also seen inspiring progress in reducing chronic homelessness, but nonetheless a contemporaneous increase in youth and family homelessness. To help us respond, we asked you to give more, when many of you felt like you had less to give. Through it all, the empathy, compassion and generosity within this community exceeded our expectations and anchored our work.

We increased our investments for those who needed it the most and vetted funding requests with a critical eye toward generating maximum impact from our investments. With Thriving Youth, we invested in a provocative social media campaign to spotlight teen binge drinking in Darien. We incubated a tech start-up, The ImpactVine, with the goal of providing a free crowdfunding website for lower Fairfield County nonprofits to expand their fundraising efforts. We expanded all three of our youth leadership groups and received an enthusiastic response from teens and their parents.

Most importantly, we at The Community Fund want to thank you, our neighbors, for responding to our request for support over the past year. Together, we can do great things to make our community of Darien, Stamford and Norwalk safe, strong and productive for us all.

With much appreciation,



Carrie Bernier, Executive Director



Staff: Kate Hough, Susan Serven, Carrie Bernier, Lisa Haas, Kathy Cronin, Barbara Alter and Emily Larkin

The Community Fund of Darien Invests over \$1 Million

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Center at Open Door Shelter in South Norwalk. Inspirica and Pacific House continue to make meaningful gains in employing and providing stable housing to the formerly homeless. We have also eagerly watched the latest achievements in mental health outcomes using cognitive remediation therapy in programs like *Thinking Well* at Laurel House. We worry about rising substance abuse rates and applaud Liberation Programs for working to stabilize a challenging population suffering from both addiction and mental health disorders. We are committed to sharing the data with you so you can see the value of your investment with us. For the first time, we hosted an Investor Forum, designed to introduce our community to key nonprofits whose work is made possible because of our donors' support. To read more about our grant investments, see page 3.

BY THE NUMBERS

57
members of Darien's Thriving Youth Task Force

33
members of Youth Community Fund

40
members of Youth Asset Teams

50
members of Darien's Human Services Planning Council

66
Grant review volunteers and Grants Executive Committee members

27
nonprofits funded

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2017 Investments

In 2017, The Community Fund of Darien invested \$1 million in our community's safety net.

Funding Goal

- Basic Needs
- Self-Sufficiency
- Youth Success

	GRANT AMOUNT	PROGRAM
Large Grants		
■ Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County	\$10,000	General operating
■ New Covenant Center	\$10,000	General operating
■ Open Door Shelter	\$30,000	General operating - food, shelter, case management
■ Pacific House	\$30,000	General operating - shelter, case management
■ Person-to-Person	\$21,000	Emergency assistance program
Large Grants: Basic Needs Total	\$101,000	
Large Grants: Self-Sufficiency		
■ Abilis	\$20,000	Job coach to increase employment opportunities
■ AmeriCares Free Clinics	\$26,000	Operating support for Norwalk Free Clinic
■ Building One Community	\$22,000	General operating - job training, ESL
■ Domestic Violence Crisis Center	\$22,000	iACT - economic stability & employment program
■ Domus	\$38,000	Work and Learn employment program for young adults
■ ElderHouse	\$13,000	Operating support for adult day program
■ Laurel House	\$20,000	Resources to Recover youth resource specialist
■ Liberation Programs	\$21,000	Nurse for mental health program
■ The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education	\$11,000	Sexual violence prevention program
Large Grants: Self-Sufficiency Total	\$193,000	
Large Grants: Youth Success		
■ Carver Center	\$38,000	After-school youth development program
■ Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield	\$37,000	General support for outpatient clinic
■ Child Guidance Center of Southern CT	\$37,000	Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
■ Children's Learning Centers	\$15,000	General operating
■ Family and Children's Agency	\$30,000	ASPIRE after-school program
■ Family Centers	\$34,000	School-Based Health Centers - Stamford
■ Inspirica	\$30,000	Childrens' Services Program
■ Kids in Crisis	\$11,000	Safe Haven for Kids
■ STAR, Lighting the Way	\$33,000	Operating support for birth to three services
■ The Depot	\$13,000	Operating support for programs and staffing
Large Grants: Youth Success Total	\$278,000	
TOTAL Large Grants	\$572,000	
Small Grants 2017		
■ Boys and Girls Club Stamford	\$5,000	K-3 after-school program, Project Learn, at Yerwood Center
■ Horizons at Norwalk Community College	\$5,000	Summer academic & enrichment program for Norwalk K-5
■ Secure Jobs, Fairfield County	\$3,000	Supportive housing, job training & employment skills
TOTAL Small Grants	\$13,000	
Youth Community Fund 2017		
■ Building One Community	\$750	Summer reading program
■ Children's Learning Centers	\$400	Excursions to Stepping Stones Museum
■ Domestic Violence Crisis Center	\$1,000	Economic empowerment program
■ Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County	\$1,000	Purchase food for children
■ Inspirica	\$2,500	Dinner for after-school program youth
■ Kids in Crisis	\$650	Safe Haven for Kids
■ Liberation Programs	\$800	Employment program
■ New Covenant Center	\$500	Support for soup kitchen & food pantry
■ Open Door Shelter	\$1,500	Educational materials for children
■ STAR, Lighting the Way	\$1,500	iPads & communication software
TOTAL Youth Community Fund	\$10,600	
Darien Community Initiatives		
Touch-A-Life, The Impact Vine Funded Projects and Venture Grants	\$65,743	
Thriving Youth Initiative	\$194,095	
The Impact Vine Initiative	\$100,006	
Other Darien Community Initiatives	\$95,821*	
TOTAL Investment in our Community	\$1,051,265	

*This includes, but is not limited to: The Human Services Planning Council, The Volunteer Luncheon, The Darien High School Wellness Fair, and the "Darien, How Healthy Are We?" program.

\$101,000 in Large Grants Invested in Critical and Basic Needs

In FY2017, The Community Fund awarded grants to five local nonprofits for food, shelter, case management and emergency assistance.

FOOD INSECURITY*



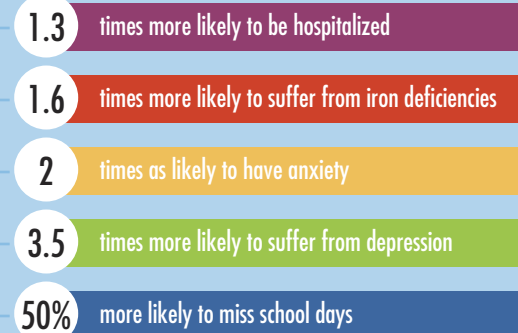
It is estimated that **one out of six** Stamford residents (approximately 20,000 people) are food insecure.

*Lack of consistent or reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

- **Person-to-Person** reports that the societal costs to address potential mental and chronic health issues in food insecure children could be over \$5,000 per child.

- Our newest grantee, **New Covenant Center**, is the largest food provider in Stamford, serving over 300 meals a day from its soup kitchen and providing up to ten days of groceries from its food pantry to over 500 households each month. Of the 3,000 individuals served by New Covenant Center, 28% are under the age of 25.

FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN ARE:



Connecticut has made significant strides in reducing the homeless population.

- Thanks to collaboration between homelessness providers, a 211 coordinated access network and new affordable housing developments in FY2017, 55% of the individuals served at **Open Door Shelter** (128 clients) moved from homelessness to supportive housing. Open Door Shelter estimates there are over 600 individuals and 150 families in Fairfield County on a wait list for shelter.

Open Door Shelter is constructing the Smilow Life Center, an exciting new building that will combine apartments and a job-training facility.

- **Pacific House** moved 591 people off the streets and into sustainable housing at a savings of \$50,000 per person per year.



- **Inspirica** is also working to open more affordable housing units. In April 2017, Inspirica opened a 48-unit apartment for seniors; it estimates that seniors represent the fastest growing group falling into poverty. Inspirica is scheduled to open a 125-unit, deeply affordable housing complex in late 2017.

OPENING DOORS TO SUCCESS



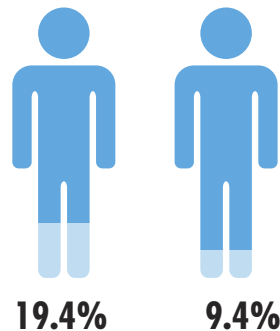
Ruth and her two children arrived terrified at **Open Door Shelter** having been thrown out and threatened by their landlord. Ruth's children were embarrassed to live in a shelter and were afraid their peers at school would find out they were homeless. Through intensive case management, ODS helped Ruth continue to pursue her bachelor's degree, take care of her health and find a job and permanent housing. Ruth and her children recently moved into their own apartment, and she is due to graduate with her degree in social work. *Research shows that homeless children are six times more likely to become homeless as adults than other children.* ODS is helping to break the cycle of homelessness with integrated family and school support.

\$193,000 in Large Grants Invested in Economic Independence and Self-Sufficiency

In FY2017, The Community Fund awarded grants to nine nonprofits supporting individuals with special needs, mental illness, addiction, victims of domestic violence, the elderly, recent immigrants and those suffering from other health needs.

- **Abilis** provides support and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities. Our grant helped fund an employment specialist. This year, Abilis placed 19 individuals in competitive employment positions and is working with another 29 people learning skills to help them secure employment. Of the clients who were placed in jobs in the first half of the fiscal year, 86% are still working.
- **Liberation Programs** provides comprehensive treatment for individuals dealing with substance abuse and addiction, as well as integrated support for mental health. Our grant funded an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, who provides psychiatric evaluations and medical management for both the outpatient and inpatient programs. This year, 286 individuals received services from an APRN, 94% were stabilized on medication, 98% avoided emergency room visits, and 93% remained sober during the program.
- Our grant to **Americares** supports its Norwalk Free Clinic, which treats approximately 750 patients a year for approximately 3,400 medical visits, representing \$1.945 million in services delivered. Americares provides ongoing treatment free-of-charge to low-income patients, which results in a decreased incidence of disability, unemployment, emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

In Norwalk, 19.4% of individuals are uninsured, compared to 9.4% in Fairfield County.



- **Laurel House** provides services to improve the lives of people living with mental illness. This year, The Community Fund supported Laurel House's *Thinking Well* program, which offers training in cognitive remediation, with instructor-led, computer-based games, exercises and group discussion.

Of the 100 participants in the *Thinking Well* Program

92% showed improvement in at least one cognitive domain* **64%** in two domains
39% in three or more

*attention, memory, processing speed, verbal and visual learning

"THINKING WELL" AT LAUREL HOUSE



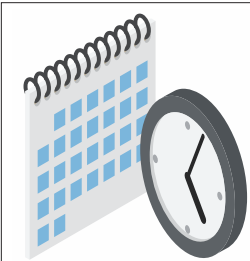
JP completed 30 sessions of *Thinking Well* and achieved **improvement in five of six** cognitive domains: processing speed, attention, working memory, verbal and visual learning. He joined the Supported Education program in order to attend Norwalk Community College and pursued a certificate program. JP has reported that his anxiety about socializing, his paranoia and his ability to try new activities have all improved significantly, which has allowed him to have more of what he calls "a normal life."



\$278,000 in Large Grants Invested in Our Youth

In FY2017, The Community Fund awarded grants to ten nonprofits supporting mental health, substance abuse prevention, as well as social-emotional support for at-risk youth.

Our largest grants support youth and teen mental health where there continues to be increased demand for services, particularly for intensive specialized treatments for high risk populations. It is estimated there are thousands of children in our area suffering from a diagnosable condition and unable to receive help because their families cannot afford private treatment, which can easily exceed \$5,000 per year. Few private practitioners accept insurance and the demand for services greatly exceeds capacity.



Waitlist for community health outpatient therapy can exceed three months; bilingual services are particularly in demand (waitlist of 4-6 months).

- **Child Guidance Center of Mid Fairfield County** has recently implemented trauma-focused treatment for immigrant children who have been severely traumatized in their country of origin or during their

transit. Its Cognitive Behavior Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) program has been rolled out to treat unaccompanied minors enrolled in Norwalk and Brien McMahon High Schools to reduce symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

- The Community Fund supports **Child Guidance Center of Southern CT's** (CGC So. CT) Emergency Crisis Intervention Services (ECIS) for children who are at risk of hurting themselves or others and who may experience suicidal thoughts, physical attacks, running away or hallucinations. Trained clinicians stabilize the situation and develop immediate safety plans for the family. Per state policies, ECIS charges no out-of-pocket fees for children and their families, which is significant because 89% of CGC So. CT clients are low income. CGC So. CT served 652 children in FY2017. The crisis situation was stabilized and safety was achieved in 93% of cases.



Call 2-1-1 for help in a mental health crisis. The Emergency Crisis Intervention Team at Child Guidance Center of Southern CT will respond in an average of 20 minutes.



The Community Fund also supports a number of after-school programs. Among our grantees, there is an increased focus on social-emotional issues as these behavioral challenges are often equal to or greater than academic ones. After-school providers such as Domus and Family and Children's Agency are tracking academic progress as well as data that measures positive youth development.

- **Carver Center** provides after-school programs for 790 middle and high school students. Their average daily attendance is over 90%, the highest in the state. 80% of Carver's enrolled students maintained or showed improvement in their academic performance and all advanced to the next grade. Last year, all 43 of its enrolled seniors graduated, 42 of whom will attend college.

Adults without high school diplomas earn 20% less than those with high school diplomas and 85% less than adults with college degrees.

It is estimated that keeping individuals in high school can save taxpayers

\$292,000

through decreased social services and increased tax revenues.

CARVER STUDENTS EXCEL



"Carver's Youth Development Program has gotten me involved in things such as community service, cooking and working out weekly," stated a Carver student. "I look forward to Mondays to Thursdays because I know I will be entertained and have a quiet environment in which to do my homework. Being in YDP, my GPA reached 2.7. I had one of the highest scores in the SAT program, and I was one of the students who earned a spot on the Annual Carver College Tour this year. I was introduced to quite a few schools and realized I'm interested in some of them. This program has changed me. I am now dedicated to doing my work and improving my grades, and it has helped to push me in the right direction."

We Have Our Eye on Darien



Human Services Planning Council (HSPC)

The Community Fund of Darien runs the HSPC, a unique public-private collaborative group of more than 50 local leaders who meet monthly to further the human services safety net in Darien. With this group, we are able to tackle thorny issues that no single member's organization could take on alone, such as diversity and acceptance in Darien, confidential and affordable mental health and substance abuse services, and suicidality among our adult and teen populations.

"The Human Services Planning Council is Darien's safety net. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated nonprofit service providers working hard every day to support Darien residents in need, particularly our youth, elderly and those who are economically vulnerable. The cost to government to duplicate these services would simply be unaffordable. We are grateful to The Community Fund of Darien for their ongoing support for Darien's safety net organizations." – Jayme Stevenson, Darien First Selectman



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

This year, we celebrated the 38th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to honor over 100 local volunteers who have touched our town with their extraordinary generosity and spirit. This special day celebrates volunteers of all ages who generously give of their time, talents and energy to improve the lives of others and make our town a better place to work and live.



Youth Community Fund

The Youth Community Fund is a group of high school students who learn about philanthropy and the role of nonprofits in our community by volunteering at nonprofits in Stamford, Norwalk and Darien. After visiting and volunteering at local organizations, YCF members invite nonprofits to apply for grant awards.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

"I love going to all the nonprofits and learning their causes and then deciding which of these deserving organizations gets our money." –YCF Member

"Thank you so much for providing these opportunities." –YCF Parent

Touch-A-Life

This fund represents the heart of Darien.

For Darien residents in financial need who are vetted by the Department of Human Services, we set aside a reserve fund for emergency financial assistance. Over the past year, we have helped to pay for essential medical needs not covered by insurance, security deposits on apartments, car payments, and oil, electricity and water bills.

A recipient of a grant said:

"Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for helping my boys and me."

In FY2017, we had **33 members** of the Youth Community Fund. The group visited with eight nonprofits and awarded **\$10,600** to ten organizations – the largest amount ever!

Thriving Youth in Darien

Campaign Targeting Underage Binge Drinking Captures the Attention of Darien

In February 2017, The Community Fund's Thriving Youth Task Force (TYTF) launched the "Our Darien" campaign on social and print media for town-wide distribution.

The goals of the campaign included:

- Increasing parents' knowledge about the dangerous effects of binge drinking on the teen brain
- Alerting parents to the social hosting laws and the consequences of serving minors alcohol in their home
- Educating parents about the importance of parent-child communication about risky behavior
- Informing parents of the impact of parent role modeling on teen behavior

TYTF worked closely with Colangelo Synergy-Marketing to design a campaign that would be edgy and provocative and start a conversation about binge drinking between Darien teens and parents. A companion website, www.ourdarien.com, was developed to provide the latest data on Darien teen substance use, the teen brain, the social hosting laws, insights about talking with your teen and resources for families who need help.



PARENTING MEANS MORE THAN JUST TAKING AWAY THE CAR KEYS.

WHAT IS DARIEN SAYING?

"This campaign has changed the way I drink around my children."
– Darien Parent

"This is what sets Darien apart. We are tackling the problem head on."
– Susan Marks,
Board of Selectman

"I feel strongly that this campaign is exactly what our community needs. We need to talk about things that aren't pretty. The most dangerous conversation about the drinking culture in our town is the one we don't have."
– Darien Parent

Did We Make an Impact?

Darien teen and adult online engagement with the "Our Darien" campaign was **three times** the national average industry standard.

The campaign has also received state- and nation-wide attention. Emily Larkin, Thriving Youth Program Director, presented the campaign at state-wide trainings, the Connecticut Prevention Conference and the National Prevention Network Conference in Anaheim, California this past September.

To assess whether the campaign is resulting in behavioral and cultural changes, we will be surveying our Middlesex Middle School and Darien High School 7-12th graders during the 2017-2018 school year and will compare our survey data to prior years to analyze trends. We will also survey parents of 6-12th grade students and compare that data to our results from last year's parent survey.

Keep your eyes out for survey results we will share with you early in 2018!

CHANGE BEGINS WITH OUR YOUTH

"YAT was by far one of the coolest parts of high school! I loved being part of a community that was so dedicated to helping make Darien the best that it can be."

– Campbell Matheis,
DHS Class of 2017



Our Youth Asset Team

(YAT) is a high school group dedicated to promoting the 40 Developmental Assets,TM which are the building blocks for healthy youth development.

This year, YAT was instrumental in fine-tuning the messaging for the "Our Darien" campaign. They also spoke on PTO panels and mentored the Middle School Youth Asset Team.

Our Middle School Youth Asset Team was launched this past year with twenty 7th and 8th graders at Middlesex Middle School. These students met bi-weekly to learn about their unique leadership styles, how to work as a team and how to make healthy decisions, all while volunteering for local nonprofits.

This November, YAT brought former NBA star and renowned speaker Chris Herren to DHS to speak about substance abuse.



Support a project. Solve a need.

The Impact Vine (www.TheImpactVine.org) is a simple, free, interactive crowdfunding platform for nonprofits to use to raise money for their projects which help solve social problems.

This newest venture philanthropy initiative of The Community Fund of Darien launched in May 2017. It was created by a nonprofit for nonprofits.



The Impact Vine: Disrupting Charitable Giving

We've developed this tool for nonprofits to use because recent research* shows:

- **\$2.85B** in crowdfunding raised so far in 2017 (a 47% year over year increase)
- **74.6%** will give if asked by a family member (via an online campaign), **62%** will give if asked by a friend, but **only 1 person in 2000** will give to an organization's e-blasted ask
- **70%** of millennials (born 1980-1995) believe they can have an impact on social issues without relying on traditional institutions
- **71%** of millennials have fundraised for a nonprofit**

*Blackbaud: Creative Crowdfunding webinar, September 27, 2017

**<https://www.mobile.cause.com/crowdfunding-for-nonprofits/>



"The kids are so excited to hear that they can possibly get funding. This is so amazing for us because some of our projects are too small to write a grant and this is like a huge present!"

– Jennifer Kelley, Kids Helping Kids, Executive Director

"We're so grateful that TheImpactVine.org created such an amazing platform and made it possible for us to provide more food to people who need it! Thanks to you and to everyone who donated, shared the link, or just wished us well!"

– Erin McDonough, Open Door Shelter, Director of Community Relations and Marketing

2017 HOLIDAY IMPACT...

Results By The Numbers: as of October 2017

Nonprofit Projects:

32
nonprofits participating

51
projects posted, in total

10
active

35
funded

6
ended unfunded

Donations:

509
gifts

306
unique donors

**Total Raised
for Nonprofit
Projects:**

\$51,033

Two for the Price of One!

Open Door Shelter initially wanted to crowdfund something more "exciting" than a freezer, but decided it was their first priority. They created a compelling project, promoted it, and watched it fund in only a few weeks. The best part was that, when they went to purchase their new freezer, their supplier was so impressed that he gave them two freezers for the price of one.

This one project on The Impact Vine has the potential to help feed thousands of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness.

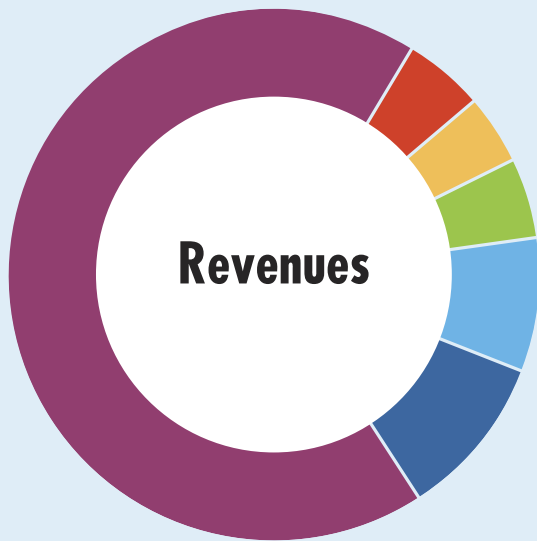
Drumming to the Special Needs Beat!

The Abilis crowdfunding campaign successfully funded drumming circles for young adults with communication challenges.



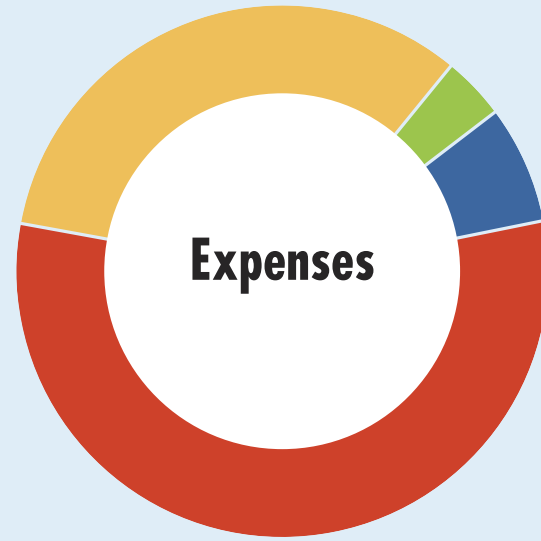
Business & Finance

A Summary of Revenues and Expenses for FY2017



REVENUES

■ Donor Gifts:	\$839,867	(68%)
■ Business Support:	\$56,633	(5%)
■ Darien Road Race & Special Events:	\$53,706	(4%)
■ In-Kind & Other Income:	\$60,021	(5%)
■ Grants (Thriving Youth):	\$100,000	(8%)
■ The Impact Vine:	\$129,022	(10%)
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,239,249	



EXPENSES

■ Grants:	\$661,343	(56%)
■ Darien Community Initiatives:	\$389,922	(33%)
■ Management & General:	\$50,739	(4%)
■ Fundraising:	\$89,035	(7%)
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,191,039	

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LOCAL PEOPLE ADDRESSING LOCAL NEEDS.
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RESULTS-ORIENTED. VOLUNTEER DRIVEN.
COMMUNITY
NORWALK. DARIEN. STAMFORD.

We are YOUR Community Fund!
Please give generously today.

How to Give

- **Write a check** payable to The Community Fund of Darien and mail to P.O. Box 926, Darien, CT 06820
- **Online** at www.CommunityFundDarien.org. Click on the "Donate" button
- **Call us** at 203.655.8775
- **Make it your legacy.** Planned gifts to The Community Fund will support us as we strengthen our community well into the future. Please contact us to discuss including The Community Fund in your will or estate plans. Planned Giving enables you to make a difference for years to come.



You help us make an impact on our community every day.

We depend upon contributions from individuals, families, and local businesses. Over 800 Darien residents contributed in our last fiscal year, approximately 3,725 residents attended our local events, and more than 175 Darien residents volunteered.

Thank You!

2016-17 Investors in The Community Fund of Darien

Benjamin Fitch Society (\$10,000+)

We thank our long-time Benjamin Fitch Society members and welcome 4 members who joined us in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Cornelia T. Bailey	Meredith and Whitney George	Kelly and Warren Pullen
Kaye and Jim Barker	Penny and Edward Glassmeyer	Heather and Todd Raker
Joan and Ed Barksdale	The Goodnow Foundation	Margaret and Dan Smith
David Campbell	Sally and Kevin MacGuire	Anna and Ernie Steiner
Wendy and Chase Carey	Ann Mandel	Ann and Peter Tombros Family Foundation
Theresa and Ed Cosden	Evalyn and Stephen Milman	Jean and Doug Traver
Judy and Charlie Eaton	Rob Minicucci	Audrey and Ken Weil
Mary and Bill Genco	Jane and David Ott	Robin and Dick Woods



Community Fund Board Members at our Annual Meeting

Patron (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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Wendy and Richard Hokin
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Karen and Frank Knapp
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Mara and Tad Neafsey
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Sue Okie
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