



Community Foundation
of Eastern Connecticut

Report to Our Community **2018**

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for change



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of our work helps
communities to thrive

Transforming Passion into Action

Dear Friends:

This year's annual report highlights partnerships, generosity, trust and commitment. We are proud to share stories of new fundholders and their passions and confidence that in partnering with the Community Foundation, their vision for a brighter future can become a reality. Working side by side with our philanthropic, nonprofit and community leaders, we are committed to bringing about positive change in our region.

Thanks to the generosity of more than 1,500 donors, we reached a new record of \$6.7 million in grants and scholarships in 2018. This report presents just a few examples of our new funds and initiatives over the past year.

Looking ahead, we'll keep making judicious and compassionate decisions in the awarding of grants.



We'll strengthen our role as strategic advocates and conveners to promote a healthy, thriving, sustainable Eastern Connecticut, and we'll persevere in addressing inequities in our community. Our civic dialogues will amplify diverse voices in our community and connect residents who share values, passions and interests. We will continue to nurture the Eastern Connecticut Mentoring Collaborative, the Land Trust Advancement Initiative and the New London Partnership for Student Success. We're particularly excited about supporting advocacy through the Connecticut Civic Engagement Funders Collaborative and the CFECT Women & Girls Funds Public Policy Task Force to address policy changes that will advance the well-being of our residents.

In 2019, our state faces fiscal challenges that will likely impact all organizations that depend on state support, including the vast array of nonprofits in Eastern Connecticut. We are encouraged that the new administration is reaching out to many community partners throughout the state to seek input and encourage collaboration in these difficult times. We plan to be an active participant in discussions that affect the welfare and future of our residents and environment.

As always, we salute all who make possible everything we achieve together. We look forward to expanding these networks even more broadly in the future. For more detailed and comprehensive information regarding accomplishments in 2018, we invite you to visit our website at www.cfect.org.

With optimism and deep gratitude,

Maryam Elahi
President & CEO

David Schulz
Chair, Board of Trustees

“We know that in order to truly make a difference, we have to go beyond supporting the needs that exist today and address the root causes to prevent the challenges of tomorrow.

Carol Williams

“The Task Force addresses issues identified in the report on *The Status of Women & Girls in Eastern Connecticut* at the policy level through helping to shift attitudes, educate the public and advocate for important policy changes.

Peg O’Shea

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Women & Girls Funds Task Force on Public Policy: Leadership Matters

What will it take to get true gender equity and equality?

A range of opportunities, access, programs, services, and advocacy for policies that elevate the status of women in our society. This is the focus of the Community Foundation’s four Women & Girls Funds.



Upon the release of our report on *The Status of Women and Girls in Eastern Connecticut* in January 2018, the Community Foundation’s four Women & Girls Funds Steering Committees mapped out a plan to address the findings from the report. Integral to the plan was creating common grantmaking criteria to unify, focus and strengthen the impact of the grants from our Women & Girls Funds:

- ◆ Economic Security
- ◆ Education & Workforce Development
- ◆ Wellness & Well-being

In addition, it was clear that we needed to use our advocacy and convening powers more frequently to initiate and support policies that remove barriers for women and girls. This prompted the creation of the Women & Girls Funds Task Force on Public Policy. Co-chaired by Peg O’Shea and Carol Williams, the Task Force is working with residents to identify goals and mobilize people in our community to have their voices heard through advocacy and outreach. The initial focus is on Paid Family Medical Leave policies designed for greater participation and equity in the workforce for parents, caregivers and all workers. Peg and Carol have immersed themselves in the issues, authored an op-ed piece and offered testimony at the state legislature. This forward-thinking group has also partnered with the Connecticut Women’s Legal and Education Fund (CWEALF) to offer training workshops on advocacy to help women create positive change for themselves and their communities.

The Four Women & Girls Funds are committed to helping women and girls in Eastern Connecticut lead more fulfilling, productive, healthy lives.

Twenty years ago, the Community Foundation established the region’s first Women & Girls Fund to help empower women of all ages in the Southeastern portion of our state. Since then, Women & Girls Funds have been established for the Windham, Norwich and Northeast areas to support women throughout all of the Community Foundation’s 42-town region in Eastern Connecticut.

With a combined endowment of \$4.2 million, these funds are a forever “force for good” that empowers women and girls to make positive choices for themselves; helps them access employment, education and other services; and ensures that when faced with abuse of any kind, they have a helping hand to navigate the path toward safety and peace of mind.



In 2019, the Southeast Women & Girls Fund is celebrating 20 years of philanthropic partners who have come together to lift up women and girls and their families.



Environmental Initiatives and Education Collaboration Matters

Thanks to the foresight and generosity of donors, including two major bequests that established the **Peter Grayson Letz Fund for Animals and the Environment** and the **Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature**, the Community Foundation has been able to support nonprofits that work to conserve land, address clean water issues and offer fun, engaging educational opportunities.

The impact goes well beyond the \$1,236,600 in environmentally focused grants made in 2018. By partnering with organizations such as Avalonia Land Conservancy, Connecticut Forest & Park Association, The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut, Project Oceanology, Mystic Aquarium and Sustainable CT, we are seeing positive movement on important environmental issues and an increase in young people’s interest in stewardship of the environment. We also support and commend the efforts of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CCLC) and The Last Green Valley, which are working together to accelerate the pace of conservation through regional collaboration and collective advocacy.

“Programs such as our *Where the City Meets the Sea* experiential education program allow us to connect directly with students and teachers to educate them about the Long Island Sound watersheds, current threats to aquatic resources and what they can do to help. The Community Foundation has made it possible for us to bring this program to over 700 students from Norwich and New London.

Stephen M. Coan, Mystic Aquarium President and CEO

“Our goal is to inspire and educate students through engaging experiences in Goodwin State Forest, a beautiful outdoor resource right in our backyard. The Community Foundation supported a unique opportunity for students from Windham Public Schools to learn about and explore the forest as an ecosystem in which organisms depend on each other to survive and thrive.

Eric Hammerling, CT Forest & Park Association Executive Director

“We chose the Community Foundation because colleagues and friends that we trust recommended them to us. Sustainability is very important to me, so even though we heard great things, I still wanted to do the math for myself. Despite two recessions with attendant stock declines over the past 17 years, the Community Foundation continued to grow. They have the management structure and controls in place to make sure they weather any storm and sustain the fund for years to come.

David Dresback



FULFILLING YOUR PASSIONS

What’s your passion?

For David and Sherry Dresback, it’s creating opportunities for young people and families to thrive.

David and Sherry Dresback shared a gratitude for the life rewards that came as a result of accessing a good education. David earned a Ph.D. in the sciences from the University of Michigan and Sherry earned her B.A. after attending school at night while working at Pfizer. “We had terrific careers that provided a good life for our children and ourselves because we had a good education,” explained David. “We have been very fortunate and thought that supporting education for others would be a good thing, especially for students who need help.”

“The Community Foundation has a long history of doing it right. They can help you achieve your own philanthropic objectives.

David and Sherry set up the **David and Sherry Dresback Fund** in 2006 to give annual college scholarships to six high school seniors – two each in Stonington, Groton and Ledyard. This was to recognize where their children went to school and where they lived for many years. Since then, 82 students have received scholarships. According to David, many scholarship recipients have sent thank you notes and updates over the years. “It is so rewarding to hear from a student who benefited and developed as an adult through accessing educational opportunities. We also have been able to increase the scholarship awards each year through Pfizer’s employee match program.”

After his beloved wife Sherry passed away in 2015, David decided to build upon the fund through a charitable trust provision created with the help of his advisor. Through the establishment of this endowed fund, the scholarships will be permanently funded and other issues close to his and his late wife’s hearts will also be supported forever.



\$709,000

in scholarships provided greater opportunities to 276 students



“The fund is named after Lynn’s parents because they raised seven children, didn’t have lots of money, but still found a way to give. Their care for the community is a model for all.

Paul Malerba

What’s your passion?

For Lynn and Paul Malerba, it’s helping their neighbors in need.

Lynn Malerba, the first woman to be appointed Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe by the Tribe’s Council of Elders, learned early in life that it is important to give of yourself to help others and support your community. Lynn says she grew up in a loving and happy family, but recalls her parents struggling at times to make ends meet for their family of nine. Despite their limited resources, Lynn shared that her parents still found a way to give to others. “My father was heartbroken when he saw families at the food shelter. He cared deeply about supporting people and programs that help to provide for basic needs.”

“Even long after you are in the next world, you can still do good. We are thrilled that the fund we created to honor my parents will be a lasting legacy that helps others in need for years to come.

Lynn Malerba

To honor her parents, Lynn set up a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation. “I couldn’t think of a better way to honor my parents who did so much for so many,” explained Lynn. Through the **Albert “Buttsie” and Loretta Roberge Fund**, Lynn and her husband Paul will focus on food security, housing and transportation to help local individuals and families. According to Lynn, “Our donor advised fund will be a great way for our family and others to join together in doing good. We know that with the Community Foundation as a steady and trusted partner, we’ll be able to make a difference now and into future generations.” Lynn currently serves as Vice Chair of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut’s Board of Trustees and is a member of the Development Committee.



What’s your passion?

For Lin and Waldo Klein, it’s providing for basic human needs.

Lin and Waldo Klein are retired University of Connecticut professors; he from the UConn School of Social Work and she as a professor and associate dean at the UConn School of Business. “We had the best jobs in the world, but we are loving retirement. And, we are now fortunate to be in a position to support the causes we are passionate about,” shared Waldo.

According to Lin, setting up a donor advised fund to put their passions into action is similarly rewarding. “With a donor advised fund, we get to decide how to support our community throughout the year,” said Lin.

“We have many interests locally and out of the area. The Community Foundation allows us to support local basic needs and environmental causes both here and elsewhere.

Lin Klein

The **Lin and Waldo Klein Fund** will primarily focus on providing for basic needs in the Windham area, and also supports the Forest Society of Maine and other nonprofits that lead conservation and environmental education initiatives in the Moosehead Lake region, where they regularly enjoy summer vacations. “We wanted the flexibility to support locally and beyond. The Community Foundation can nimbly work with us to match our interests,” said Waldo.

“We chose to partner with the Community Foundation because, like many of our friends, one concern we have is how the tax laws may affect nonprofits. The growing practice of lumping charitable contributions every few years could negatively affect the sustainability of nonprofits providing services in our community.

Waldo Klein



“Injustice is a current that is always there. The law helps us to confront injustice by serving as an equalizer for all people. I chose the Community Foundation because they have their finger on the pulse of what’s happening and what’s needed. They listen, respond and catalyze important action.

Mary Waldron



What’s your passion?

For Mary Waldron, it’s ensuring justice and equity.

Mary Waldron recalls often hearing her father say, “Finish your meal! You don’t know what it’s like to not have food!” As an immigrant who fled Austria in 1938, her father grew up in another place and time, and knew a different, much tougher life. Like many immigrants, her father came to America in search of freedom, safety and a better life for his family. “My father was devoted to American values. He respected the law of the land and believed that the law was the great equalizer,” Mary explains.

Throughout her investment services career, Mary got to know the world of nonprofits and those they serve. She credits a bus trip she took with First Congregational Church of Old Lyme to visit the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama and others working on advancing justice through the law for people of

color with shaping her understanding of the importance of this transformational work.

Now retired and a resident of Old Lyme, Mary knew she could partner with the Community Foundation to address what she is so deeply passionate about: ensuring justice and equity for all who call America home. Mary has established the Community Foundation’s first-ever fund focused specifically on promoting justice. As a permanently endowed field of interest fund, the **Justice Fund** recognizes Mary’s wish that every person have equal and unencumbered access to justice. She wants to help ensure that injustice is addressed through the law, with an emphasis on the needs of people marginalized by discrimination, poverty, immigration issues, violence, lack of affordable housing, difficult access to voting or inequitable prison conditions.



NECASA Leaving a Legacy Forever

Formed in 1990, Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA) became the second Regional Substance Abuse Action Council established in Connecticut. After 28 years of providing substance abuse and suicide prevention information and training throughout the twenty-one towns in Northeast Connecticut, a statewide reorganization of these councils led the Board of NECASA to seek a new home for their assets. According to Bob Brex, founding Executive Director of NECASA, “The Community Foundation, with its deep commitment to donor intent, was the best partner. We knew that establishing a permanently endowed field of interest fund would allow us to transform NECASA’s mission into a legacy in the Northeast region forever.”

The NECASA Fund will help to reduce the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse in Northeastern Connecticut by providing grants to nonprofit organizations, municipalities and school districts based in the Windham and Tolland County towns formerly served by NECASA.

“The Community Foundation was the perfect fit as a trusted steward to ensure that the mission of NECASA endures.

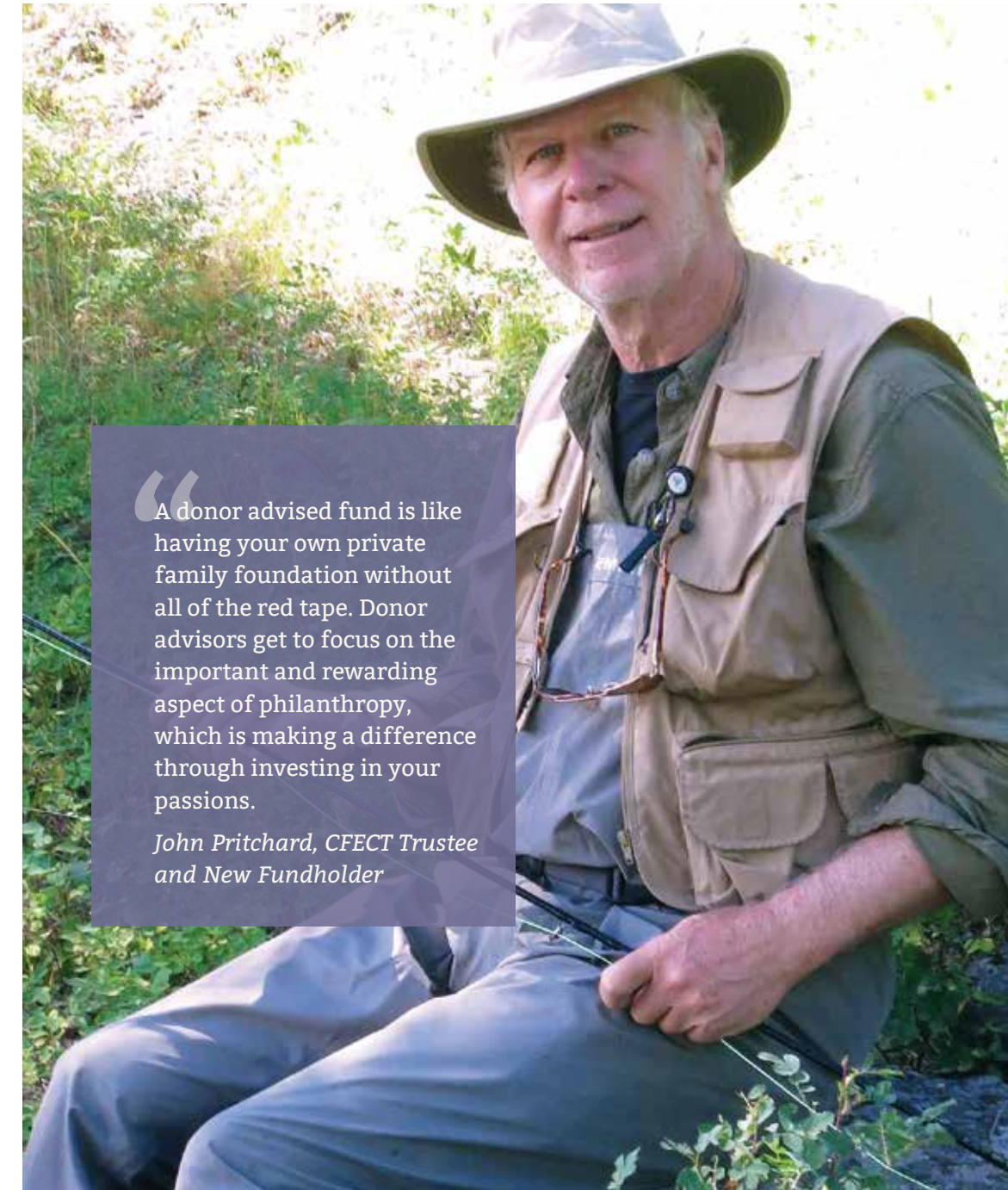
Diane Manning, President/CEO of United Services and Former NECASA Board Member

NECASA Legacy Celebration at Grill 37 in Pomfret, L to R: CFECT VP & Chief Development Officer Alison Woods; President & CEO of United Services and Former NECASA Board Member Diane Manning; and Former Executive Director of NECASA Bob Brex.



“A donor advised fund is like having your own private family foundation without all of the red tape. Donor advisors get to focus on the important and rewarding aspect of philanthropy, which is making a difference through investing in your passions.

John Pritchard, CFECT Trustee and New Fundholder





Brown Brothers Harriman Investment Performance (net of fees)	
2018	-1.0%
2017	15.5%
2016	5.3%
2015	- 2.3%
2014	6.2%
2013	16.2%
5-yr Annualized Return	4.6%
Since Inception (2009)	7.2%

Walden Asset Management Investment Performance (net of fees)	
2018	-2.45%
2017	16.3%
2016	2.0%
Since Inception (4th Qtr 2016)	6.7%

STEWARDED YOUR FUNDS

At the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, we are committed to stewarding the funds entrusted to us by our donors to get as many dollars as possible out to the causes, nonprofits and communities they care about.

Our Approach

Our Investment Committee consists of board members and volunteers with extensive institutional investment experience and varied perspectives. With oversight by the Board, it is responsible for developing and implementing our investment policy, recommending investment managers and monitoring investment performance. The committee works with our investment managers at **Brown Brothers Harriman (bbh.com)** and **Walden Asset Management (waldenassetmgmt.com)** to preserve and grow the endowment through prudent investment strategies. Our three-pronged asset-allocation approach centers on growth, risk reduction and inflation protection.

- All our donors' funds are pooled together and invested in a well-diversified portfolio, which includes large, midsize and small-cap U.S. equities, international equities, real estate, alternatives and fixed-income securities (bonds).
- Both portfolios are designed to reduce exposure to tobacco-related products and fossil fuels. They have no direct exposure to gun manufacturers or distributors. Additionally, our Walden portfolio applies Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) screens to our investments and also excludes companies involved in animal testing.

The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut has partnered with Brown Brothers Harriman since 2009 and Walden Asset Management since 2016 to manage our investment portfolios.

The Community Foundation's audit is conducted by BlumShapiro (www.blumshapiro.com). The complete financial statements with accompanying footnotes and Form 990 are available for review at our offices and on our website: www.cfect.org/About/Publications.



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Graham-Larcen Family Fund
Lin and Waldo Klein Fund
Albert "Buttsie" and Loretta Roberge Fund
Schulz-Stone Family Fund
John and Marcella Schweizer Fund
Paul J. Sellier Charitable Fund
Kimberly French Warn Memorial Fund

Field of Interest

Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut Fund
David and Sherry Dresbeck Fund
Justice Fund
Jean and John Lenard Fund
NECASA (Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse) Fund
Powers Fund
Thomas M. Przybysz Fund

Designated

Bird's Nest Fund
Peter J. Seng Fund
Southeastern Connecticut Community Land Trust Fund
Melvin Woody & Nissa Simon Fund

Scholarship

William Emberton Scholarship Fund
Edward C. Farrell Family Scholarship Fund
Michael Todd Gavitt Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Agency Endowments

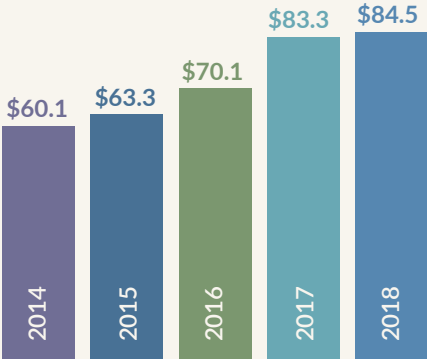
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Durrett Bortner-Ryder Fund
Freesia Fund
Annie Lathrop Peabody Oat & Phyllis Oat McGee Fund

“The astute management of both our portfolios allows the Community Foundation to maintain our spending rule of 5.25% to maximize positive impact in our region. Creating a fund at the Community Foundation allows donors to fulfill their philanthropic goals while being assured that the stewardship of their funds is transparent and secure.

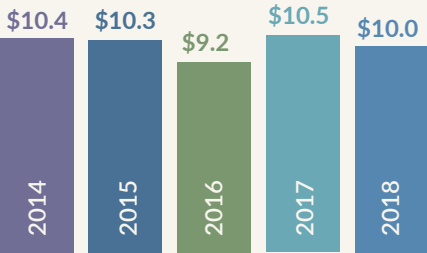
*Nicholas Fortson, CFECT
Trustee and Investment
Committee Member*

For a confidential conversation on how you can start a fund to reflect your giving goals, please contact Alison Woods, VP & Chief Development Officer, at alison@cfect.org or Michelle L. Puhlick, Director of Strategic Initiatives, at michelle@cfect.org, or 860-442-3572.

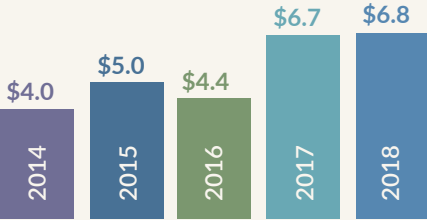
By the Numbers
(in millions)



Assets \$84,523,971



Gifts \$10,033,624



Grants and Scholarships \$6,794,771

Your Generosity at Work
2018 Grants

Every grant was made possible through the generosity of people who have created 513 charitable funds at the Community Foundation or who provided support through our Community Leadership Fund and other initiatives, including the Women & Girls Funds, Love Our Libraries Fund, Let's Read Fund and P.A.W. (People for Animals & Wildlife) Fund. By leading and giving together, we have made great things happen in our region. *Thank you!*

For information about grant cycles, guidelines and deadlines, or for a complete list of grantees, visit cfect.org/Nonprofits.



Presentation of gift from the Lord Foundation to the Higher Edge Scholarship Fund, L to R: Higher Edge Board Chair Gladys Rivera-Griffin; Lord Foundation Trustee Jeffrey V. Lord, Director and Trustee Kathryn F. Lord, Trustee S. Joel Suisman; Higher Edge Executive Director Theresa M. Armendarez; and Community Foundation President & CEO Maryam Elahi.



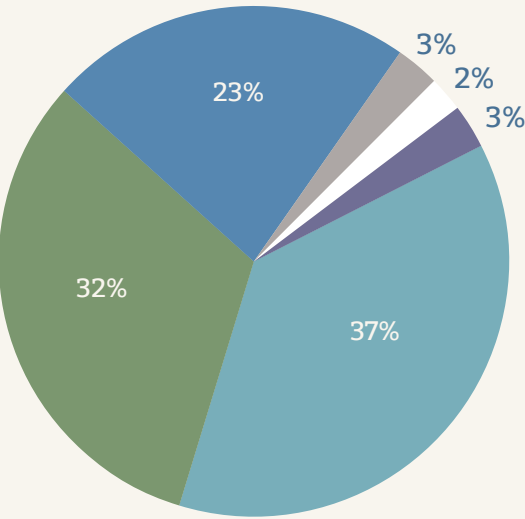
Our Vision For Our Region
A Healthy, Thriving, Sustainable Eastern Connecticut

Our Mission
To put philanthropy into action to address the needs, rights and interests of our community in Eastern Connecticut, while fulfilling the passions of our donors

Our Values
Integrity, Inclusivity, Respect, Courage, Collaboration, Transparency, Accountability, Kindness and Empathy

Grants by interest area

Basic Needs & Rights*	\$2,530,722
Youth Empowerment**	\$2,178,095
Environmental	\$1,576,723
Women & Girls Funds	\$180,018
Animal Welfare	\$175,698
Other	\$153,515
Grand Total	\$6,794,771



*Includes Arts & Culture
**Includes Scholarships

Professional advisors often recognize when the Community Foundation is the right match for their clients' charitable intentions. Historically, over half of the gifts to the Community Foundation have come as bequests or other planned gifts made with the guidance and expertise of professional advisors.

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The Legacy Society honors those people who have told us of their plans to leave a legacy through the Community Foundation in the future. Bequests, charitable trusts and gift annuities, retirement plans, life insurance... all of these options make it possible for you to provide for the organizations and causes that matter to you after you have considered family and friends.



*Leadership of the Estate and Tax Planning Council of Eastern Connecticut,
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In 2018, the generous gifts of more than 1,500 individuals and organizations surpassed \$10 million in support of initiatives that matter to them and to the well-being of our region. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of them.

We are grateful for all gifts but due to space constraints we have listed gifts of \$500 or more made between January 1 - December 31, 2018. For a complete list of donors, please visit: cfect.org/Donors.

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