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## **New Canaan Community Foundation Awards Over \$700,000 in Grants to Support Local Nonprofit Organizations**

**New Canaan (June 8, 2023)**—New Canaan Community Foundation (NCCF), a non-profit charity organization dedicated to addressing community needs and supporting local nonprofits, has announced the allocation of \$712,700 in grants to benefit 92 nonprofit organizations in New Canaan and neighboring communities. The Foundation celebrated the grant recipients at its awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Grace Farms in New Canaan, CT. In attendance were nonprofit partners, community volunteers, as well as the Foundation's donor-advised fundholders, who choose to partner with the Foundation in their family philanthropy.

NCCF's grants are designed to support high-quality and impactful programs and initiatives that make a positive difference in the community. With the guidance of nearly 100 community volunteers, grant-making decisions are based on the needs and interests of New Canaan and its surrounding communities. This year, the NCCF received an unprecedented 117 applications, totaling \$1.5 million in requests, highlighting the tremendous need and the competitive nature of the grant process. Due to the remarkable generosity of the community, the Foundation will continue to provide impactful funding for a diverse range of programs serving the local community. The grants awarded this year align with five key categories: Human Services; Arts, Culture & Community Resources; Youth & Education; Health (including a dedicated focus on behavioral health); and Seniors & Special Needs.

NCCF is pleased to include several new grantees among the recipients of this year's investments. These include: **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Connecticut Land Conservation Council, Horizons at Norwalk Community College, New Canaan Public Schools' Dome Fund, SilverSource, Stamford Public Education Foundation, Stand Together Against Racism, Wheel it Forward, and The WorkPlace.**

Also notable, this year's grants include a new multiyear grant investment in the **Town Players of New Canaan's capital campaign**, as well as a second year investment in the multiyear grant already committed to the **new New Canaan Library**. "Many people contribute to the Foundation, at all levels, to make an impact in their community and respond to the most pressing needs we see from our nonprofit partners year-to-year," commented Lauren Patterson, President & CEO. "Additionally, our community's pooled resources mean that we stand ready to respond when there are large and exceptional capital projects in our town, through which we can have an outsized impact when working together."

The Foundation's annual grants are not the only way that NCCF's grantmaking impacts the community. NCCF anticipates it will invest nearly \$2 million within the community this year. Below are other highlights from the past year:

- The Foundation recently announced the launch of the Community Behavioral Health Fund, a significant milestone in a multi-year effort to make a meaningful impact in promoting behavioral health and well-being within the community. The Community Behavioral Health Fund will continue to support the **New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program**, along with other organizations dedicated to this sector.

- Through the Touch A Life Fund, a source of emergency financial assistance, NCCF has partnered with **New Canaan Public Schools**, enabling students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch to purchase additional food with their meal cards.

“New Canaan Community Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of the community, which enables us to continue making a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in need,” said Lauren Patterson, President & CEO. “Together, we strive to build a stronger and more vibrant community.”

The full list of 2023 grant recipients are listed by category below.

*An asterisk (\*) indicates co-investment by a donor-advised fund or a partner organization:*

**Human Services** – \$210,500 to 22 organizations, ensuring community members feel safe and are supported to get their basic needs met.

- **Building One Community\***: 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.
- **Child Advocates of Connecticut**: To expand volunteer advocacy services for abused and neglected children in Fairfield County in three areas: Court Appointed Special Advocacy volunteers to advocate for abused children; Probate Court Volunteer Advocates; and Community Advocates for Children and Youth, a program where volunteers work one-on-one with vulnerable children.
- **Children in Placement, CT**: 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.
- **Circle of Care for Families with Cancer**: To support the Lifeline Emergency Fund, a financial assistance program that alleviates some of the financial difficulties families experience when their children are undergoing treatment for cancer. With 70% of families experiencing a financial crisis during treatment, and 50% of those the organization supports living below the poverty level, Circle of Care provides help by paying for expenses directly, like mortgages or utility bills, so that no parent has to choose between caring for a sick child and providing for their family.
- **Community Resources for Justice**: To provide general operating support to the Family ReEntry Program, 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.
- **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants\***: 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.
- **Domestic Violence Crisis Center\***: To support the expansion of the Youth and Family Counseling program to better provide trauma-informed child and parent-child specific therapy as well as support groups for the children of their clients.
- **The Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern CT**: To support 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. This program focuses on helping individuals to broaden and build upon their strengths, replacing old violent habits with new strength-based strategies.
- **Filling in the Blanks\***: To support the organization's core Weekend Meal Program, which provides food on weekends during the school year for students facing food insecurity, as well as their Summer Meal Program which serves students while school is out.
- **Food Rescue US\***: To expand 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.

- **Human Services Council:** 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 completely free of charge to individuals who live, work or were victimized in the communities of New Canaan, Norwalk, Wilton, Weston and Westport.
- **Inspirica:** To provide general operating support to both Residential Programs (which include emergency, transitional and affordable housing) and Non-Residential/Support Services Programs (which includes children's services, job training, counseling and other support services). 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.
- **Kids in Crisis\*:** To support Safe Haven for Kids, which operates 24/7/365 to serve New Canaan and CT 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.
- **Malta House\*:** 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.
- **New Covenant Center (Catholic Charities of Fairfield County):** 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.
- **Open Doors:** 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.
- **Pacific House:** To support the Emergency Meals Program, which aims to meet the basic nutritional needs of the shelter's clients.
- **Person to Person:** 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.
- **Saint Joseph Parenting Center:** To provide services associated with the General Parenting Program, 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.
- **Tiny Miracles Foundation:** To support the Financial Assistance Program, which provides services for families with premature babies, including: personal mentoring of families, provision of supplies, maintenance of family resource rooms, financial assistance, support groups, educational forums, "After the NICU" resources, and after-care programs.
- **Women's Mentoring Network:** 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 better employment and educational opportunities resulting in increased financial security. Women's Mentoring Network offers one-on-one individualized sessions in addition to weekly Life Skills Workshops. Services and programs are free and focus on job preparedness, financial literacy, digital & computer literacy.
- **The WorkPlace:** To support WorkPlace Scholarships, which provide individuals who cannot access public funds the opportunity to obtain education and skills training.

**Health** – \$127,000 to 14 organizations helping community members have the information and access to services they need to stay healthy. As part of this total, \$90,000 specifically addresses behavioral health:

#### *Health*

- **Americares Free Clinics:** To support the Bob Macauley Americares Free Clinic of Norwalk, ensuring that low-income uninsured patients are able to receive medical care.
- **Family Centers\*:** 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.
- **Norwalk Community Health Center:** 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.
- **The Rowan Center:** To support the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention for Teens in Lower Fairfield County program, which will place a full-time state-certified Crisis Counselor/Youth Advocate in high schools. This counselor will meet the growing demand for support services from teen victims of sexual violence who choose school counseling.
- **Wheel it Forward:** To provide general operating support for Wheel it Forward, a free lending library for durable medical equipment like wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, etc.

#### *Behavioral Health*

- **Child Guidance Center of Southern CT:** To support high-quality mental health services for children and teens in New Canaan and surrounding communities, regardless of their families' ability to pay.
- **Community Mindfulness Project:** To support evidence-based meditation and mindfulness practices that support people's physical, psychological, emotional and social well-being.
- **Laurel House\*:** 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.
- **Liberation Programs:** 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.
- **Mid-Fairfield Community Care Center:** To provide general operating support to Mid-Fairfield, which serves as the safety net for low and middle-income families in the greater Norwalk area who cannot afford or access private mental and behavioral health services for their children and other family members.
- **New Canaan CARES:** To support strategic planning, allowing CARES to maintain and grow their high quality, curated educational programming that strengthens parenting skills, positive youth development, and healthy lifestyles.
- **New Canaan Parent Support Group\*:** 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.
- **Positive Directions - The Center for Prevention and Counseling:** To provide general operating support to Positive Directions, which provides a continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery support to individuals and families struggling with mental health or substance use disorders, including an Outpatient Treatment Clinic.
- **Silvermine Arts Center:** To support the Healing Through the Arts partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, which will engage adult patients to art immersion and creation, promoting creative growth and emotional healing.

**Seniors & Special Needs** – \$102,000 to 14 organizations ensuring older adults and persons with special needs achieve and maintain a high quality of life.

- **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County:** To support the Senior Nutrition Program, which fulfills the nutritional and social needs of at-risk seniors through the delivery of nutritious meals to the homebound elderly of Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Westport and New Canaan.
- **ElderHouse\*:** 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.
- **Fairfield County House:** To support the Resident Care Fund, which gives low-income patients the opportunity to access safe, high-quality, meaningful end of life care.
- **Family & Children's Agency\*:** To support FCA's Home Care programs that 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.
- **GetAbout:** To support the organization's mission of providing transportation services to seniors and anyone with special needs in the New Canaan community.
- **Meals on Wheels, New Canaan\*:** 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.
- **New Canaan Mounted Troop:** To support the Super Troopers equine care and adaptive riding therapeutic programs, which are dedicated to serving children and adults with special needs who reside in the local community.
- **Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs:** To support their 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.
- **Schoolhouse Apartments:** To support the Health and Wellness Program, which gives residents the opportunity to exercise, interact with others, and take in healthy nutrition.
- **SilverSource\*:** 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.
- **Stamford Museum and Nature Center:** To support Animals for All, which provides special needs people of all ages hands-on, small group interaction with Heckscher Farm animals to teach kindness for all living creatures, foster a sense of trust and responsibility, help to create an understanding of boundaries, and deliver an essential outdoor experience.
- **STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...:** To support STAR's early Intervention program which provides pediatric therapies to children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, including speech, physical and occupational therapy, special education, parent support, social services, assistive technology and referral.
- **Staying Put in New Canaan\*:** 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.
- **Waveny LifeCare Network:** 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.

**Arts, Culture & Community Resources** – \$183,350 to 25 organizations working to ensure community members benefit from New Canaan's cultural, recreational, and other community resources.

- **Carriage Barn Arts Center:** To support community programming initiatives in 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.
- **Connecticut Land Conservation Council:** 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.

- **The Glass House:** To support Glass House Presents, an ongoing series of free public talks about architecture, design, and Modernism in New Canaan and beyond.
- **Gospel Garden:** 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 vegetables to the New Canaan Food Pantry and Person-to-Person.
- **Harbor Watch (Earthplace)\*:** 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 New Canaan students. Water quality monitoring will provide municipal officials with the data necessary to locate and fix pollution sources. Due to budget limitations, most municipalities do not have the funding, laboratory space, or qualified personnel to collect this critical data.
- **Howard M. Bossa & Peter Langenus Post 653 Veterans of Foreign Wars:** 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 in collaboration with other local organizations, coordinating the Memorial Day Parade, collaborating with Scout Troops and Eagle Scout Projects, and more.
- **New Canaan Chamber Music:** To provide general operating support to NCCM, which brings fine classical chamber music played by world class performers to audiences from 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.
- **New Canaan Ice Rink:** 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.
- **New Canaan Library:** The second installment of the \$150,000 multi-year grant to support the Capital Campaign.
- **New Canaan Library:** To support the new Library's sustainability efforts through a Curbside Compost service for the café, staff room, conference room, and demonstration kitchen.
- **New Canaan Museum & Historical Society:** 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.
- **New Canaan Nature Center:** 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 groundskeeper to ensure the upkeep and maintenance of the Nature Center.
- **New Canaan Pops in the Park\*:** 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.
- **New Canaan Public Access:** To support general operations and expand the reach of NCTV79, which has been producing community programs and covering community events since 1989.
- **New England Dance Theater:** 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.
- **Norwalk Symphony Society:** To support the (Not) Just for Kids program, a flagship education program that reaches into afterschool programs for underserved students and presents 24 programs over six weekends during the concert season. Each weekend's theme of programs is tied to an upcoming Symphony concert and 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.
- **Orchestra Lumos:** To expand programming in New Canaan, including a series of music education activities and classes in partnership with New Canaan Public Schools, the Music and Storytelling program offered by the New Canaan Library, and a free community concert series.
- **Pro Bono Partnership:** To support free legal services to nonprofit organizations serving Fairfield County, including many Foundation grantees.
- **Stand Together Against Racism\*:** 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.

- **Stepping Stones Museum for Children\***: To support the museum's school and group programming, which produces 20+ STEAM-based workshops which can be scaled for traveling education experiences.
- **Summer Theatre of New Canaan**: To provide general operating support for STONC, which produces award-winning theatre productions, compelling educational programs, and collaborative outreach programs with other community nonprofits.
- **Sustainable CT**: To support one Fellow, a college student, to be placed with the Western CT Council of Governments 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.
- **Town Players of New Canaan**: 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.
- **Voices Center for Resilience\***: To support preparedness training for New Canaan and Region 1 emergency management personnel and stakeholders.
- **Waveny Park Conservancy**: 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.

**Youth & Education** – \$89,850 to 17 organizations helping youth build the academic, social, and financial support they need to succeed.

- **A Better Chance (ABC) New Canaan**: 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.
- **All Our Kin**: 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 childcare providers.
- **The Carver**: To support the redesign of the Carver High Afterschool Program, which takes place at the Carver Community Center and provides hands-on, personalized learning experiences for students who are economically challenged and/or academically at risk.
- **Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County**: 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.
- **Domus Kids**: 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.
- **Future 5\***: To support the College Prep program, which seeks to address the opportunity gap by assisting its members, Stamford Public Schools students, 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.
- **Horizons at New Canaan Country School**: 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.
- **Horizons at Norwalk Community College\***: 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.
- **INTEMPO\***: To support the Music School 1 program, an afterschool 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.
- **LiveGirl!**: 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).

- **Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport:** 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.
- **New Canaan Public Schools Dome Fund:** 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.
- **Norwalk Community College Foundation:** To support the Summer Bridge Intensive Program, which prepares students who have placed into remedial math and English for college-level courses, and provides them with connections to college support services, student activity groups, tutoring, and financial support.
- **Norwalk/Stamford Grassroots Tennis & 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 court.
- **Shakespeare on the Sound:** 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.
- **Stamford Cradle to Career (United Way of Western CT):** To expand the Stamford Cradle to Career initiative's Restorative Practices program 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.
- **Stamford Public Education Foundation:** 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.

#### **About the New Canaan Community Foundation**

New Canaan Community Foundation, formed in 1977, serves as New Canaan's local partner for advice, leadership and facilitation of charitable giving. The Foundation's vision strives for a New Canaan that comes together to address both individual and local challenges, enriching the lives of all community members. The New Canaan Community Foundation works with individuals and organizations to achieve their philanthropic goals through donor-advised funds and other partnerships. Learn more at [www.newcanaancf.org](http://www.newcanaancf.org)

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