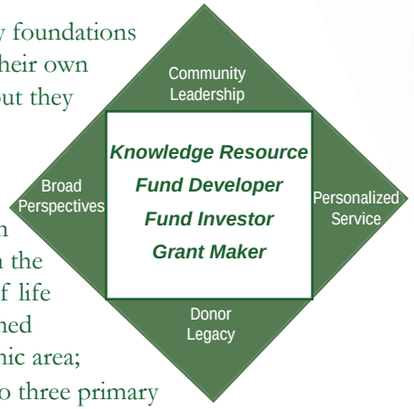
Community Foundations:
A unique combination

Community foundations each have their own character, but they all share common traits:



- a mission to enrich the quality of life in a defined geographic area;
- service to three primary constituencies:
  donors—as partners in giving and a resource for information about local needs
  charitable organizations—as a source of grants and technical assistance, and as a guardian of nonprofit endowments
  the community at large—as a force committed to helping their communities thrive over the long-term;
- a focus on building permanent endowments in order to meet changing community needs;
- an independent local volunteer governing body that knows about and generally represents the community; and
- accountability to the public and an openness to its broad participation.

Community foundations welcome gifts of any size—you don't have to be wealthy to participate! If you're thinking about making a charitable gift, call one of the community foundations or the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (860-525-5585 or ccp@ctphilanthropy.org).

We can help.

About community foundations in Connecticut

Community foundations have existed in Connecticut for more than three-quarters of a century—the first community foundation in the state was started in 1923.

- There are more than 700 community foundations in the country.
- The Connecticut Network of Community Foundations includes 11 of the community foundations serving the state.
- Connecticut is home to two of the largest community foundations in the country.
- Individually and collectively, community foundations provide Connecticut with a wealth of community leadership, resources, ideas and energy.

"Helping our clients think about charitable giving has become an essential part of our estate planning practice. It's good for our clients and it's good for our firm."

Gina Silvestri, Cummings & Lockwood

"For the past fifteen years the community foundation has helped two generations of our family learn about and respond to community needs. Now it's time for a third generation to become involved!"

Ann Mandel, community foundation fundholder

Connecticut Network of Community Foundations

Building Your Community's Future

Connecticut Council for Philanthropy

CONNECTING CONNECTICUT

The decision to make a charitable contribution to benefit your community is an important one. You want your donation to go where it will do the most good. You want to know its use will make a difference.

A community foundation can help you. Community foundations serve every town and city in Connecticut. They know the community you care about. They connect the givers with the charitable areas that interest them. They are unique in their communities, and they are able to help you make the most of your charitable gift. Community foundations can:

- carry on your philanthropic goals for generations to come;
- help you teach your children about giving wisely;
- acquaint you with effective charities in your areas of interest;
- evaluate an organization's programs and finances;
- in some cases, administer an organized program of scholarships, corporate contributions, or private foundation grants.

Donors who give through a community foundation enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts will be safely and efficiently administered for the charitable purposes they specify—plus, they receive the maximum tax advantages for their contributions.

The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy is a statewide association of grantmakers founded in 1969. Our mission is to promote and support effective philanthropy for the public good in Connecticut. For further information about the Council, or for links to community foundations across the state, visit **www.CTphilanthropy.org**

Community Foundations

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
Serves 12 towns in Northwest Litchfield County
P.O. Box 400
800 North Main Street
Sheffield, MA 01257
413-229-0370
www.berkshiretaconic.org
Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Warren, Winchester

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
Serves 20 towns in Greater New Haven
70 Audubon Street
New Haven, CT 06510
203-777-2386
www.cfgnh.org
Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge

Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut
Serves 20 towns in Litchfield County
37 City Hall Avenue
PO Box 1144
Torrington, CT 06790
860-626-1245
www.cfnwct.org
Barkhamsted, Bethlehem, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winchester

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut
Serves 42 towns in Eastern Connecticut
147 State Street
PO Box 769
New London, CT 06320
860-442-3572
www.cfsect.org
Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Mansfield, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Old Lyme, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Stafford, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Waterford, Willington, Windham, Woodstock

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
Serves 4 towns in Greater New Britain
74A Vine Street
New Britain, CT 06052
860-229-6018
www.cfgnb.org
Berlin, New Britain, Plainville, Southington

Connecticut Community Foundation
Serves 21 towns in Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills
43 Field Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
203-753-1315
www.conncf.org
Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Cheshire, Goshen, Litchfield, Middlebury, Morris, Naugatuck, New Milford, Oxford, Prospect, Roxbury, Southbury, Thomaston, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury

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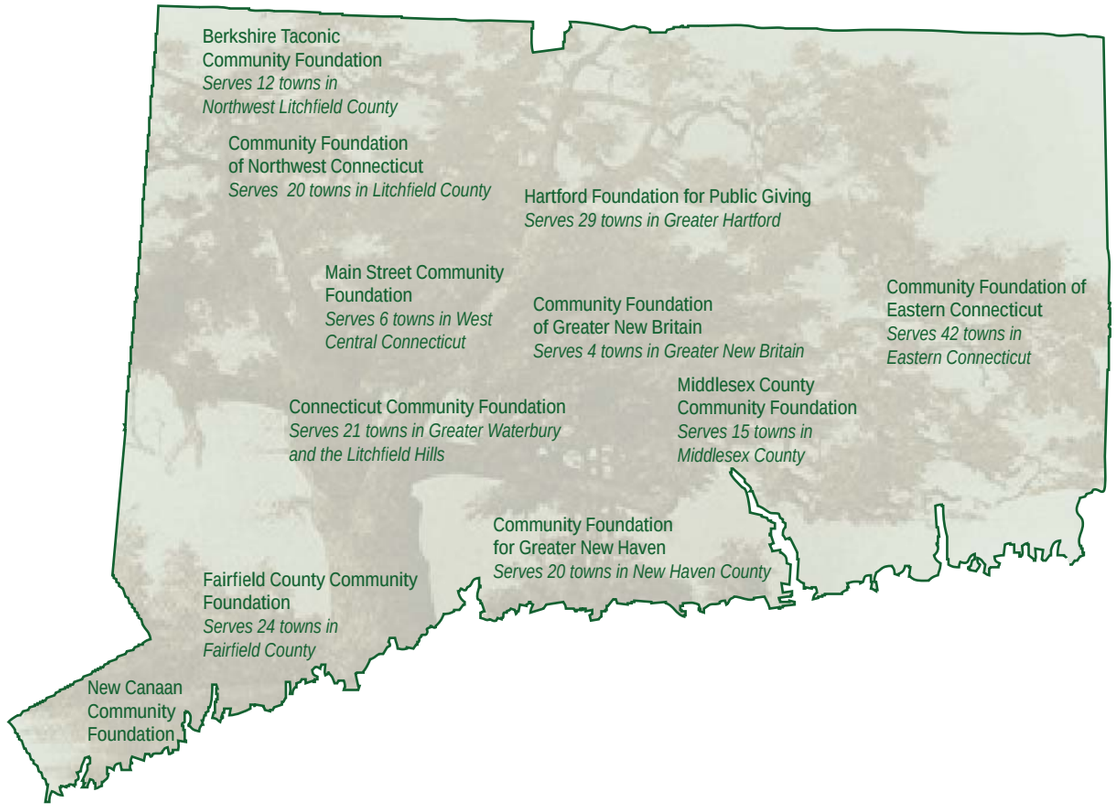

DEMAND STANDARDS!

Community foundations listed in this brochure are members of the Connecticut Network of Community Foundations and the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy as of June 2011 and have met Council on Foundations' national standards for U.S. community foundations.

Community Foundations

Fairfield County Community Foundation
Serves 24 towns in Fairfield County
383 Main Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06851-1543
203-750-3200
www.fccfoundation.org
Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Milford, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Shelton, Sherman, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Serves 29 towns in Greater Hartford
10 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06106
860-548-1888
www.hfpg.org
Andover, Avon, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks

Main Street Community Foundation
Serves 6 towns in West Central Connecticut
200 Main Street
PO Box 2702
Bristol, CT 06011-2702
860-583-6363
www.mainstreetfoundation.org
Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, Wolcott

Middlesex County Community Foundation
Serves 15 towns in Middlesex County
211 South Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457
860-347-0025
www.middlesexcountycf.org
Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook

New Canaan Community Foundation
Serves New Canaan
11 Cherry Street
New Canaan, CT 06840
203-966-0231
www.newcanaancf.org
New Canaan