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Member eBrief

MEMBER NEWSLETTER - February 2015

a monthly benefit of your Council membership

Dear <<First Name>>,

Your monthly member newsletter is here -- filled with useful information and resources. As always, please [email us](#) news about your work and colleagues so we may share it with fellow Council members.

[Philanthropy Awards Nominations](#)

Find information on how to nominate a colleague or grantmaker for the Filer, Newman or Roberts awards. The nomination deadline is February 20.

[Save the Date - Annual Meeting](#)

Learn about the Council's annual mMeeting and keynote Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation.

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Learn about recent developments in the markup of charitable bills.

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Be informed on news and opinions shaping the nonprofit sector and our communities across the state, the nation and the world.

[New Resources](#)

Find links to new resources on foundation activism, board leadership, food funders, income security and volunteerism.

[Colleague News](#)

Read the latest on new hires and colleague activities.

[CCP Blog](#)

Read the new CTPhilanthropyNotes blog post by Maggie Osborn about Get on the Map.

[Other Events](#)

Find links for local, regional and national conferences and workshops.

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

From Council on Foundations:

Ways and Means Passes Charitable Tax Provisions

The House Ways and Means Committee met on February 4, 2015, to markup several important bills focused on the charitable sector. The actions included making permanent charitable "tax extenders," such as the IRA charitable rollover and simplifying the private foundation excise tax on investment income to a single rate of 1%. All four bills were passed out of the Committee, and will move to a full House of Representatives vote. Here is a full list of the charitable bills passed by the Committee:

IRA Charitable Rollover: [H.R. 637](#), "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the rule allowing certain tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes."

Simplified Private Foundation Excise Tax: [H.R. 640](#), "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax rate for excise tax on investment income of private foundations."

Conservation Easement Deduction: [H.R. 644](#), "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory."

Food Inventory Deduction: [H.R. 641](#), "Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2015."

What You Can Do

You can send a simple email to your member of Congress asking them to speak out in support of these bills!

[Find congressional contacts >>](#)

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CALL FOR PHILANTHROPY AWARDS NOMINATIONS: DEADLINE FEB 20

COUNCIL EVENTS

All meetings, convenings and programs are open to all CCP members. Feel free to attend one or all.

Questions? Contact [Deb Werner](#), 860-525-5585.

February 12: [Transformation, Transparency and Ongoing Learning](#)

February 12: [Get on the Map "How-To" Webinar](#)

February 17: [Connecticut Food Funders - A Special Meeting](#)

February 24: [Working Well with Grantees - Post Program Call](#)

February 25: [Northwestern Connecticut Funders - A Special Gathering](#)

February 26: [Early Childhood Funders Collaborative](#)

February 26: [Fairfield County Funders Network](#)

March 2: [Community Foundation CEO Meeting](#)

March 9: [Southeastern Connecticut Funders Network](#)

March 12: [Workforce Affinity Group](#)

March 12: [Get on the Map "How-To" Webinar](#)

March 12: [Funding Film to Educate, Engage and Achieve Social Change](#)

March 17: [Greater Hartford](#)



Honor a colleague or funder by submitting a nomination for one of the Council's Philanthropy Awards. Award recipients will be recognized at the Council's annual meeting on April 30, 2015 at the Omini Hotel in New Haven.

The nomination process is easy! You can learn about the awards criterias and needed nomination materials by visiting the [Philanthropy Awards webpage >>](#) But time is running out! **Please send your nominations in by the deadline on February 20.**

The **John H. Filer Award** honors an individual(s) who has demonstrated leadership in encouraging private action for the public good in Connecticut.

The **Martha S. Newman Award** honors an individual who has demonstrated outstanding staff performance in serving the philanthropic community.

The **Nancy P. Roberts Award** honors a foundation or grantmaking organization for sustained innovation in philanthropy.

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SAVE the DATE

April 30, 2015 - Annual Meeting and Philanthropy Awards

Plan to attend the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy's Annual Meeting and Philanthropy Awards. Join your colleagues for a thought provoking conversation on *Philanthropy's Role in Empowering Change*, in recognition of the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

[Funders Network](#)

March 26: [Early Childhood Funders Collaborative](#)

March 26: [Network for Non-Family Senior Staff of Family Foundations](#)

April 2: [Corporate Philanthropy Network](#)

April 9: [Get on the Map "How-To" Webinar](#)

April 16: [Foundation Administrators Network](#)

April 23: [Early Childhood Funders Collaborative](#)

April 30: [Annual Meeting: Philanthropy's Role in Empowering Change](#)

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OTHER EVENTS

[Local](#), [Regional](#) & [National](#) Events

Here are conferences and events of interest to help you with planning out your year. [For a more complete listing, check the January 2015 eBrief >>](#)

LOCAL

February 13: Yale School of Management - [Yale Philanthropy Conference](#), Edward P. Evans Hall, New Haven

March 20-21: Childhood Conversations - [Annual Conference](#), Hartford-Windsor Marriott, Windsor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DARREN WALKER, president of the Ford Foundation

**CONCURRENT CONVERSATIONS:**

Why Philanthropy Needs Community Engagement and Equity - Presented by *Everyday Democracy*, a project of *The Paul J. Aicher Foundation*

Educational Equity in Connecticut Schools - Presenters to be confirmed

AGENDA:

Reception, keynote and luncheon: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Optional concurrent conversations: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Omni Hotel, New Haven

[Learn more about Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities >>](#)

Special thanks to our annual meeting sponsors to date:

Silver Sponsors: **Bank of America, Webster Bank**

Bronze Sponsor: **BlumShapiro**

MEMBER NEWS and RELEASES

If you would like to be featured here, send your press releases, e-newsletters, grant updates and other online communications to [Laurie Allen](#). For more member news read the latest [Connecticut Philanthropy Digest](#).

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Universal Health Care Foundation has published two reports on the changing hospital landscape in Connecticut. [Hospital Consolidations and](#)

[Conversions](#), is designed to increase understanding of how hospital mergers, the potential conversion of non-profit hospitals to for-profit entities and hospital absorption of physician practices may impact health care cost, quality and

REGIONAL

April 16-17: Africa Grantmakers Affinity Group - [Generation Next: Young People Shaping Africa's Future](#), New York, NY

May 19-20: Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy - [CECP Summit](#), New York, NY

May 28: White House Conference on Aging - [Regional Forum](#) - Boston, MA

June 10-11: Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO) - [The Learning Conference](#), Boston, MA

September 27-30: Environmental Grantmakers Association - [Annual Fall Retreat](#), New Paltz, NY

NATIONAL

February 18-20: Funders Together to End Homelessness - [National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness](#), San Diego, CA

February 27: Hispanics in Philanthropy - [Conference and HIPGiver Gala](#), San Francisco, CA

March 4-6: Grant Makers in Health - [Pathways to Health](#), Austin, TX

access in Connecticut. [The State of Connecticut's Hospitals](#), with data from several public sources, presents selected utilization, quality and financial measures to provide a useful overview of the health of Connecticut's hospitals and hospital systems.

OTHER NEWS

Northeast Utilities has become Eversource Energy and the Northeast Utilities Foundation is now the Eversource Energy Foundation. All of the company's subsidiaries, including Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and Yankee Gas Services Company (Yankee Gas) will immediately adopt and operate under the Eversource brand, including a [new website](#). Check the Council's [Member Directory](#) for updated colleague emails. [Read more >>](#)



Main Street Community Foundation has moved their offices to 120 Halcyon Drive, Bristol, CT.

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven has refreshed their [website >>](#)

Health Leadership Fellows Program Update: The Connecticut Health Foundation will not be recruiting for and convening a 2016 class of Health Leadership Fellows. However, they will continue to engage the existing network of Fellows in ongoing activities. [Read more >>](#)

The ZOOM Foundation is recruiting for the fourth class of ZOOM Public Policy Fellows. The application deadline is Friday, February 20, 2015. [Learn more >>](#)

Fairfield County Grantee Opportunity
[Social Venture Partners Connecticut \(SVP-CT\)](#), a field of interest fund administered by Fairfield County's Community Foundation, is requesting letters of interest for funding and capacity building from nonprofits in Fairfield County and the vicinity. Leaders of interested nonprofits are strongly encouraged to attend an information session on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 8:00-9:00 am** at the Westport Innovation Hub in Westport. [Learn more >>](#)

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TRENDS & PERSPECTIVES

March 8-11: Association of Corporate Contributions Professionals - [Annual Conference](#), Nashville, TN

March 10-11: Philanthropy Roundtable - [National Forum on K-12 Philanthropy](#), New Orleans, LA

March 16-18: Grants Managers Network - [Annual Conference](#), Washington, DC

March 16-18: Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities - [Annual Conference](#), Los Angeles, CA

March 16-18: Literacy Funders Network - [Annual Symposium](#), Houston, TX

March 18-19: The Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers and Council on Foundations - [Foundations on the Hill](#) - Washington, DC

March 18-20: Funders for LGBTQ Issues - [Funding Forward 2015](#), Atlanta, GA

April 7-9: Asset Funders Network - [Integrating Across Sectors: Asset Building and Collective Impact](#), Dallas, TX

April 22-24: Neighborhood Funders Group - [Annual Policy Briefing](#), Washington, DC

Keeping you informed on current news and opinions shaping the nonprofit sector and our communities across the state, the nation and the world.

[Good Drones, Rising Inequality and Beyond: Ten Predictions for Philanthrocapitalism in 2015](#) - *Philanthrocapitalism*

[The New Communications Imperative](#) - *Stanford Social Innovation Review*

[Transparency in Philanthropy: Get On Board or Get Run Over](#) - *Nonprofit Quarterly*

[What Nonprofits Need To Do More in 2015: Embrace Stillness](#) - *Beth's Blog*

April 23-25: ABFE (A philanthropic partnership for Black communities) - [Empower Philanthropy](#), Napa, CA

April 26-28: Council on Foundations - [Leading Together: Hope and Opportunity in a Destabilized World](#), San Francisco, CA

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NEW REPORTS

ACTIVISM



The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) new release, [Freedom Funders: Philanthropy and the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1965](#), marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The paper explores the impact of four foundations that defied convention by supporting the leadership organizations of the civil rights movement. Their modest financial support proved to be a critical factor in passing the historic legislation.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

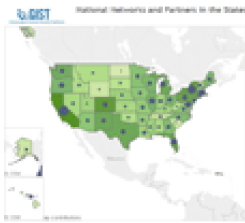


BoardSource's [Leading with Intent: A National Index of Nonprofit Board Practices](#) provides a comprehensive review and analysis of the *Leading with Intent* survey data which includes insights into trends, strengths, and challenges across the sector.

FOOD FUNDERS

[Community Food Funders](#) (CFF) has initiated the CFF Community Corner, a message board/online forum that gets emailed to you directly. Information in the Community Corner is kept to a funder-only audience and will never be made public. To submit a post, use the [online form](#). CFF will then disseminate the information in an email.

INCOME SECURITY



Grantmakers Income Security Taxforce (GIST) has developed a new [online mapping tool](#) to help illustrate to funders where investments are being made in policy, advocacy and communications work in the states, and to foster connections across these efforts.

VOLUNTEERISM



Fidelity's 2015 Charitable Volunteer Study, [Time and Money the Role of Volunteering in Philanthropy](#), investigates the relationship between volunteerism and charitable financial support, the influence of age and life stage on volunteer activity, factors donors used to evaluate volunteer commitments, and intent to increase or decrease volunteer activity in the future.

COLLEAGUE NEWS

Keep us in the loop! Send news about your colleagues to [Laurie Allen](#).

WELCOME NEW COLLEAGUE



The **Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut** welcomes **LILLIAN RHODES** as their new director of development. For the past fifteen years, Lillian was Natchaug Hospital's director of community relations. She was previously a communications officer at the **Hartford Foundation for Public Giving** and was also in corporate communications at **The Travelers**.

PROMOTIONS



JARRE BETTS was recently promoted to vice president of programs at **Main Street Community Foundation**. Jarre joined the Foundation in 2000 and most recently served as the director of programs & community relations. In her new role, she will direct program activities, including grantmaking, special projects and community leadership initiatives. [Read more >>](#)



The **Community Foundation of Greater New Britain** has announced two promotions. Part-time Director of Program **JOELINE WRUCK**, who joined the Foundation in 1997, has been promoted to a newly created full-time position as director of community initiatives. **KAYLAH SMITH**, who joined the Foundation in 2013 as an administrative assistant,

has been promoted to program and scholarship associate, which now becomes a full-time post with increased responsibilities. [Read more >>](#)

COLLEAGUE HAPPENINGS



KIM HEALEY, executive director of the **NewAlliance Foundation**, will be inducted into the **Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame** on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at a Ceremony and Dinner at the New Haven Lawn Club. This event recognizes business and community leaders who have made significant contributions to the prosperity and quality of life of the Greater New Haven region and Connecticut. [Read more >>](#)



HEATHER PONTONIO, program director for the **Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation** has been selected by The Funders Network as one of seventeen **PLACES Fellows**. The [PLACES Fellowship](#) challenges assumptions and exposes Fellows to new ways of thinking about the role of philanthropy in empowering historically under-served and low-income communities.

FAREWELLS




KATE MILLER, executive director of **The Fund for Greater Hartford**, announced her retirement after 15 years of service to The Fund, effective June 30, 2015. Kate served the larger philanthropic community through her leadership on the board of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy from 2002 through 2009, with two years as board chair. In 2012, Miller received the Council's **Martha S. Newman Award** for sustained and exemplary service to the philanthropic sector. [Read more >>](#)



EDEN WERRING, executive director of The Tauck Family Foundation (TFF) for the past five years, has notified the TFF board of her decision to pursue new and expanded professional opportunities. The Foundation has lauded Eden's accomplishments, including the guiding of the Foundation's visioning and strategic planning [here >>](#)

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