

The Nancy P. Roberts Award – 2020

We invite you to submit a nominee for the Nancy P. Roberts Award. The award honors a Connecticut foundation or grantmaking organization that has demonstrated innovation in philanthropy.

The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy will recognize a Connecticut foundation or grantmaking organization for its innovative philanthropy. Nominee innovation must be for philanthropic activity that has some demonstrable impact or effect in Connecticut—statewide, in a region or in a community.

Criteria

This year's Awards Committee is particularly interested in nominations of philanthropic organizations that are exploring and incorporating best practices for:

- Engaging with the communities they serve;
- advancing equity; or
- applying new feedback loops and evaluation methods to improve grantmaking.

Types of innovation in philanthropy can include, but are not limited to:

- Forming a creative public/private partnership
- Encouraging a paradigm shift
- Developing an unusual collaboration
- Engaging in creative funding or investing
- Implementing a unique grantmaking strategy
- Leveraging resources by engaging in public policy activities
- Creating a culture of learning

Eligibility

Individuals are not eligible for the award. Nominee organizations must be a current Connecticut Council for Philanthropy member.

Who May Nominate

Anyone may nominate a member funder, except members of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy's Awards Committee. If an Awards Committee member's organization is nominated, they will recuse themselves from the selection process.

Selection

The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy will appoint a committee to review nominations and to select the honoree. This award will be given in conjunction with the CCP's Philanthropy Conference in Spring 2018.

Nomination Procedure

Please write a letter of nomination describing the nominee organization related to the innovative philanthropy selection criteria. Be specific in your comments. Attach the completed nomination and references forms and a brief (up to one-page) history of the nominee organization.

Send nominations by March 31, 2020 to The Nancy P. Roberts Award: ccp@CTphilanthropy.org

QUESTIONS? Contact: Annie Adams: 860-525-5585 or aadams@CTphilanthropy.org

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Previous Awardees

2018 - Tauck Family Foundation

2015 - The Walker Group

2014 - The Melville Charitable Trust

Nancy P. Roberts

No one has played a larger role in philanthropy in our state over the past two decades than Nancy Roberts, who was the president of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy for 22 years, from 1991 to 2013.

Under her leadership, the Council grew in both size and stature, from a Hartford-based organization with small local membership to a statewide presence with more than 100 members representing a broad cross-section of the field.

Nancy created and then realized the vision of the Council as the voice of philanthropy in CT – thereby earning philanthropy a seat at the table for policymaking, and establishing the Council as the go-to resource for information on philanthropy and the issues with which funders are engaged

Largely through Nancy’s efforts, “philanthropy” became visible in the state, both literally—in 1997, when the Coordinating Council for Foundations became the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy—and figuratively, as Leave A Legacy and The Connecticut Giving Project increased the public’s knowledge and awareness of philanthropic giving. Together they were a highly successful response to the generational transfer of wealth that was predicted in the 1990s.

Nancy was the first to collect and disseminate statewide data on philanthropic giving in Connecticut, knowing how important that was to inform the discussion and to track changes over time.

She was always ahead of the crowd and passionate about sharing her knowledge. She kept the Council and its members on the cutting edge of philanthropic trends and best practices.

Always ready to take on new challenges, she recognized early on the importance of advocacy and public policy in achieving greater impact and made great efforts to educate and persuade funders to take on this work.

Connecticut Council for Philanthropy

The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (CCP) is an association of grantmakers committed to supporting and promoting effective philanthropy for the public good. CCP’s members are foundations (private, corporate, community), business and corporate giving programs, bank trusts, donor-advised funds, individual philanthropists, and those serving the philanthropic sector. CCP members annually grant more than \$1.2 billion from assets of more than \$8.2 billion. CCP is dedicated to providing its members with the highest quality programs, resources and services, networking opportunities, and insight and news about grantmaking and philanthropy.

Photo Caption: Tauck Family Foundation receives the 2018 Nancy P. Roberts Award for Innovation in Philanthropy. (Left to right) CCP President Karla Fortunato, CCP Board Chair Kathryn Luria, Webster Bank; Tauck Family Foundation President Liz Tauck Walters, and Nancy P. Roberts.