Connecticut Council for Philanthropy
State Budget Impact Forum

Thursday, March 7, 2019
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Hilton Hartford
The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, the state’s association of grantmakers, promotes and supports effective philanthropy for the public good. During 2019, CCP is celebrating 50 years of leadership in the philanthropic sector. CCP membership includes foundations, business and corporate giving programs, individual philanthropists, and those serving the philanthropic sector. CCP members annually grant more than $1.4 billion from assets of more than $8.3 billion. Learn more at www.CTphilanthropy.org.

CCP will be documenting this event through photography and video for use on its website, publicity, and other purposes.

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Registration, Breakfast, and Networking

Welcome

Kathryn Luria, Senior Vice President, Webster Bank
Board Chair, Connecticut Council for Philanthropy

Opening Remarks

Governor Ned Lamont

Connecticut, the Regional Economy, and Lessons from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Prabal Chakrabarti, Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

CT’s Fiscal Crisis and Its Impacts on the State Budget

Keith Phaneuf, State Budget Reporter, CT Mirror

How Nonprofits Are Responding

Elizabeth Fraser, Policy Director
Connecticut Association for Human Services

Steven Hernández, Esq., Executive Director
Commission on Women, Children and Seniors
Interim Executive Director, Commission on Equity and Opportunity

Sharon Langer, M.Ed., J.D., Interim Executive Director
Connecticut Voices for Children

Moderator: Tiffany Donelson, VP of Program, Connecticut Health Foundation

How Philanthropy Can Engage

Paul Mounds, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Governor

Jim Smith, Chairman, Webster Bank

Closing Remarks

Karla Fortunato, CCP President

The program is generously sponsored by The Nutmeg Foundation.
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Prabal Chakrabarti | Prabal Chakrabarti is senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in the Regional and Community Outreach department, which focuses on economic growth for low and moderate income people. He has published and presented research on community development topics such as affordable housing, venture capital in secondary cities, and urban business development. He plays a key role in designing and implementing a competition to revitalize smaller cities called the Working Cities Challenge. He has edited volumes on the future of the Community Reinvestment Act and on addressing challenges from foreclosed properties.

Previously, Prabal was at the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, where he led a research effort under Harvard Business School Professor Michael Porter to measure economic competitiveness in America’s inner cities. Prabal previously served in the U.S. Treasury in economic policy and he co-wrote a UNDP report, Unleashing Entrepreneurship: Making Business Work for the Poor.

Prabal holds graduate degrees from MIT and Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and a B.S. from the University of Illinois, where he was a Truman Scholar. He serves on the Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee and on the board of directors of the Children’s Investment Fund.

Tiffany Donelson | Tiffany Donelson is vice president of program for the Connecticut Health Foundation. She sets the foundation’s programmatic strategy, which includes grantmaking, the leadership program, and evaluation. She works to continuously ensure that CT Health’s grantmaking practices are equitable, transparent, and advance the organization’s strategic objectives. Tiffany is a member of several boards and advisory committees, including the board of the Connecticut Oral Health Coalition, and the State Innovation Model Community Health Worker Advisory Council and Quality Council. Tiffany also serves on the boards of the United Way of Connecticut and the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy.

Tiffany previously held several leadership roles at Aetna, Inc., including as the deputy chief of staff for Aetna’s National Businesses Office and as a director in corporate strategy. Before joining Aetna, Tiffany was a consultant at Ingenix Consulting and PricewaterhouseCoopers. She received her M.P.H in health policy and management at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health, and her B.S. in biology at Georgetown University.

Elizabeth W. Fraser | Elizabeth Fraser is policy director at the Connecticut Association for Human Services. Elizabeth works with a wide variety of social service agencies, task forces and legislative officials to advocate for legislative change, sources of funding, and the building of self-sustaining and accountable social development programs. Prior to CAHS, Elizabeth was the director of the Middletown Even Start Program. Prior to Middletown Even Start,
Elizabeth spent 25 years in both the public and private sector in the field of early childhood. Elizabeth holds a M.E. from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a B.S. in Early Childhood Education and Human Growth and Development from Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts. She serves on the Connecticut Two Generation Interagency Council, both the Early Childhood Alliance Steering Committee and Advocacy Committee, and the Connecticut Parent Power Steering Committee.

Karla Fortunato | Karla Fortunato is the president of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (CCP), the state’s association for public, private, and corporate grantmakers. Fortunato came to CCP with deep experience in philanthropy, funder collaboration, systems change, and public policy. Prior to CCP, Fortunato served as director of the Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN) where she worked to mobilize philanthropy nationally around solutions to environmental health and justice problems. Before joining the philanthropic arena, she managed policy campaigns for Health Care For All, a Massachusetts-based advocacy group best known for the passage of the 2006 health care insurance reform law. Fortunato holds an M.B.A. from the George Washington University and a B.A. from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College. Fortunato regularly writes for CCP’s blog, Giving Voice, among others, and has been published in Health Affairs.

Steven Hernández, Esq. | Steven Hernandez is the executive director for the Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors; and interim executive director for the Commission on Equity and Opportunity. Steven previously served the CT state legislature as director of public policy and research for the Connecticut Commission on Children. Prior to joining the Commission, he served seven years as legislative and budget director in the office of Washington, D.C., Council Member Jim Graham. Steven served as a clerk to two judges in the District’s Court of Appeals and as a consultant to the Washington law firm Baker & Miller, LLC. He received a B.A. from Bennington College in Vermont in 1995 and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University.

Paul Mounds, Jr. | Paul Mounds was recently appointed as chief operating officer, Office of the Governor. Prior to joining Governor Lamont’s team, Paul served as vice president of policy and communications for the Connecticut Health Foundation. He served as senior director of public policy and government relations for Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, working with the state’s health and human services agencies and developing relationships with leaders from both parties. Paul previously worked for U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, serving as deputy state director for outreach. He began his career in public service as the federal grants coordinator and press assistant for U.S. Representative John B. Larson, and eventually served as the congressman’s communications director.
Paul is a member of Trinity College’s board of trustees, where he serves as co-chair of the Student Life Committee, and previously served on the board of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center. He was born in Hartford and raised in East Hartford.

**Sharon Langer, M.Ed., J.D.** Sharon Langer is interim executive director at Connecticut Voices for Children. Previously, Sharon was a senior policy fellow in health and later was advocacy director. She is a widely recognized advocate with more than two decades of experience in policy research and analysis, legislative advocacy, community education, and coalition-building to promote policy reforms that support families and improve the health and well-being of low-income communities. She received a B.A. from Simmons College, an M.Ed. from Tufts University, and a J.D. with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

**Kathryn T. Luria** Kathy Luria serves as senior vice president of community affairs and director of philanthropy at the corporate headquarters of Webster Bank in Waterbury, CT. In this role, she oversees the corporate philanthropic arm of the organization across the franchise. Kathy helps guide the bank toward achieving a key tenant of The Webster Way, to give of ourselves in the communities we serve.

Previously, Kathy served the State of Connecticut as the director of continuing education and community services, and then director of marketing at Naugatuck Valley Community College. With almost 20 years of employment with the college, and now over 12 years serving as Webster’s ambassador to the community, Luria remains a strong advocate and resource throughout the state and the region.

Kathy attended the University of Connecticut where she earned her bachelor’s degree in 1991, and continued on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven in 1999.

Kathy currently serves as a director and vice president of the Harold Webster Smith Foundation. She is board chair of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy; sits on the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, CT Working Cities Challenge Advisory Council; serves United Way of Greater Waterbury as a voting member; and is a United Way of Central and Notheastern Connecticut Women United Member.
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Keith Phaneuf | Keith Phaneuf is a winner of numerous journalism awards and has been covering state finances and the economy for the Connecticut Mirror since 2010. A former political reporter for The Journal Inquirer of Manchester and The Day of New London, Keith has spent most of his 30 years in journalism specializing in state government finances, analyzing such topics as income tax equity, waste in government, and the complex funding systems behind Connecticut’s transportation and social services networks. A former contributing writer to The New York Times and American Prospect magazine, Keith is a graduate of and a former journalism instructor at the University of Connecticut.

Jim Smith | Jim Smith is chairman of the board and former CEO of Webster Financial Corporation (NYSE: WBS) and Webster Bank. Jim joined Webster in 1975. He was appointed CEO of the bank and the holding company in 1987 and chairman in 1995. He was succeeded as CEO by President John Ciulla on January 1, 2018.

Jim served until recently as vice chairman of the Midsize Banks Coalition of America. He is a past member of the board of directors of the American Bankers Association and served as co-chairman of the ABA’s American (Midsize) Bankers Council. He also served on the board of directors of the Financial Services Roundtable. Jim served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council, which advises the deliberations of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and served on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He served on the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. Jim served on the executive committee of the Connecticut Bankers Association. He served as a director of MacDermid, Inc. (NYSE:MRD) from 1994 until its acquisition in June 2007.

Jim was recently named co-chairman of the board of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) by Governor Lamont. CERC is part of an innovative public-private partnership known as the Partnership to Advance the Connecticut of Tomorrow (PACT). Through this collaboration among the Governor’s Office, the business community, and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), CERC will function as the outward-facing recruitment arm on behalf of the state.

Jim previously served, at Governor Malloy’s appointment, as co-chairman of the Connecticut Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth. He is actively engaged in community service and supports numerous civic organizations, including serving as chairman of the Harold Webster Smith Foundation; general chairman of the Hartford Bishops’ Foundation which is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Hartford; serving on the Trinity Health of New England board of directors, and formerly as a member of the Saint Mary’s Health System board in Waterbury, Connecticut.
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Reimagining Philanthropy: Strategies for Success

Tuesday, May 7
8:30 am-3:00 pm
Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, New Haven

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Founder and President, NXTHVN

Join us to celebrate CCP’s 50th Anniversary and 50 years of giving together. With a theme of Reimagining Philanthropy, this year’s speakers and sessions will explore the future of charitable giving with new visions for practice, leadership, and impact.

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