

City of Stamford Nonprofit Directory

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Preface

The impact of nonprofits on a community’s well-being is infinite. A large reason why Stamford has become both the economic driver and the prime city to live in Connecticut is because of the remarkable work of nonprofits. These organizations are essential to our quality of life not only because of the valuable programs they provide local citizens, but also because of the positive economic impact within our local communities. Many nonprofits rely on the support of local residents through efforts such as funding (via donations), volunteering, sponsorships, etc.

With that said, welcome to the Stamford Nonprofit Directory. This user-friendly reference book puts at your fingertips an impressive collection of Stamford’s nonprofits complete with the most important information such as the type of organization, the programs they offer, how you can get involved and contact information. The purpose of this directory is to promote nonprofits within Stamford in an effort to help expand the impact these organizations have by having their essential information all in one place.

We hope that you find this guide very helpful and can put it to great use by getting in touch with some of these organizations and expressing your interesting in supporting them while also enhancing the Stamford community on the way.

Sincerely,



Mayor David R. Martin



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Arts, Culture & Humanities





Organization: Ballet School of Stamford, Inc.
Address: 1 Blachley Rd, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Marti Etter
Tel: 203-989-1555
Email: info@balletschoolofstamford.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online to help fund the school

Programs Available

Dance Lessons:

The Ballet School of Stamford offers lesson to help teach young children the art of ballet. Classes range from private dance lessons to special occasion lesson for personally made choreography made for you.

The Steam Program:

The program will provide a learning environment where a student's natural curiosity of science will be encouraged and freed from the constraints of time, grades. The goal is to prepare them with valuable knowledge and skills to successfully become the next generation of women science leaders.

About

The Ballet School of Stamford was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organization and over the years has earned a reputation of nurturing young dancers through a disciplined and focused training program that brings out the best of their natural talent. Our faculty is a dedicated and knowledgeable group of professionals who are passionate about teaching. The outreach program "Dance for All" began the first week that the Ballet School of Stamford opened its doors almost 20 years ago, with a class at St. Luke's LifeWorks and has continued successfully by partnering with other social service organizations to ensure we are reaching young people who can benefit from our programs.



connecticut ballet

Organization: Connecticut Ballet
Address: 20 Acosta Street, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Brett Raphael
Tel: (203) 964-1211 or (860) 293-1039
Email: ctballet@ix.netcom.com

Programs Available

In-School Assembly Programs:

Suitable for grades K-8 (topics include 'The World of Dance' multi-cultural program and 'Backstage at the Ballet', an intro to the nuts and bolts of ballet technique, pointe work, and partnering) and costumed excerpts from repertory ballets.

Satellite After-School Classes:

For K-6 students featuring a Connecticut Ballet teaching artist for a 50-minute period. Classes range from ballet to jazz to ethnic dance and hip hop.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Become a member

About

Connecticut Ballet is the state's professional ballet company. The company's artistic mission is the presentation of the highest quality professional classical and contemporary ballet. Connecticut Ballet develops future artists and audiences through its affiliated school, Connecticut Ballet Center and Center for Dance Education, serving all ages and backgrounds to develop a greater appreciation for the dance art form. The professional and volunteer staff work year-round to promote and produce the educational programs and public performances.





Organization: Curtain Call
Address: 1349 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Lou Ursone
Tel: (203) 329-8207
Email: info@curtaincallinc.com

Programs Available

Summer Youth Programs:

Curtain Call offers two different summer programs for youth: our Summerstock and Summerstock Junior program, which is a full-day, conservatory-style workshop program for ages six thru sixteen, and our Summer Youth Theatre which produces a full-scale musical production each summer featuring performers and technicians grade four thru age twenty-one.

Budding Actors Workshop:

A variety pack of acting tools and techniques for budding, young talents including improv, scripted sketches, on-camera scenes and commercials! Build confidence, presentation, social and public speaking skills.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Advertise for us
- Buy a chair
- Buy a brick

About

The goal of Curtain Call, Inc. is to provide an outlet for artistic expression in Fairfield County while entertaining the general public, and to provide a safe and nurturing environment for learning for all ages. Curtain Call is longest-running, and only nonprofit producing theatre company. With year-round performances in The Kveskin Theatre and The Dressing Room Theatre – conveniently located at Sterling Farms in Stamford – we also produce an annual free outdoor Shakespeare production.



FRANKLIN STREET WORKS

Organization: Franklin Street Works
Address: 41 Franklin St, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 595-5211
Email: info@franklinstreetworks.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a member
- Corporate sponsorship

Programs Available

Thematic Group Exhibitions:

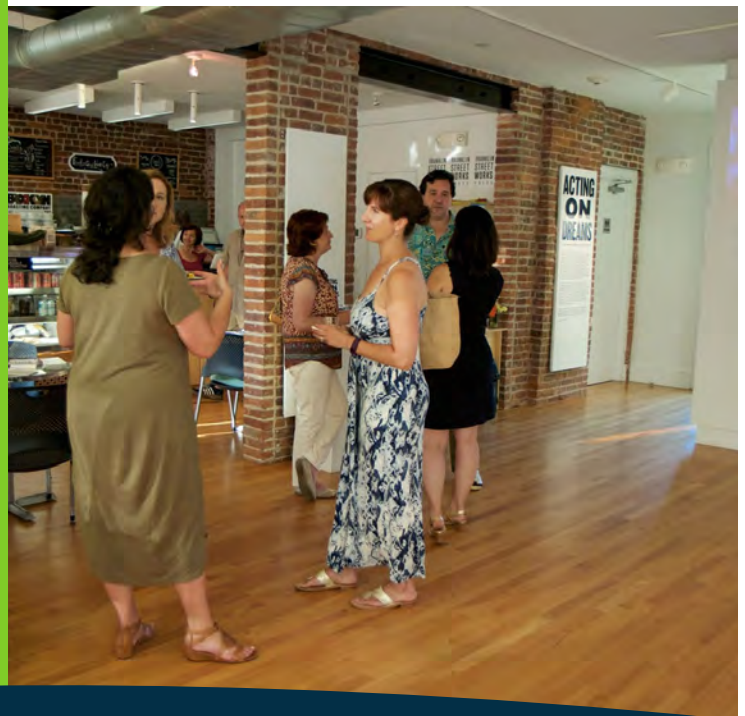
Critic Noah Dillon described Franklin Street Works as “ a non-profit art space with the curatorial vision of a marquis contemporary museum.” Each year, visitors experience two-three exhibitions featuring artists from around the world.

Free Educational Events:

Educational programming includes tours, talks, panels, and performances. This year’s presenters include: T.J. Dedeaux-Norris (fka Tameka Jenean Norris), Justseeds, Knifeandfork, and Working Artists for a Greater Economy.

About

Franklin Street Works is a non-profit contemporary art space that aims to broaden community participation in the arts and contribute to a larger arts dialogue. FSW has worked with 350 internationally exhibiting artists, curated 34 original exhibitions, and organized 150 programs. Their work has received national recognition, including two grants from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and reviews in Artforum, Art in America, Huffington Post, Hyperallergic, Art New England, Modern Painters, and more.





Organization: Project Music
Address: P.O. Box 112016 Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Ian Taylor
Tel: (203) 539-1733
Email: projectmusicstamford@gmail.com

Ways to Contribute

- Donate funding or instruments
- Volunteer as a mentor
- Visit as a guest artist or speaker
- Join the Board of Directors

Programs Available

El Sistema Academy:

Students participate in an intensive set of rehearsals and lessons, studying and practicing music after school four days per week at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford.

Trailblazers Band:

Students at Trailblazers Academy Charter Middle School participate in a mix of in-school and after-school lessons and rehearsals with PROJECT MUSIC Teaching Artists.

The Prelude Program:

Early elementary students learn music basics through drumming, singing, and instrument exploration at the Yerwood Center and Chester Addison Community Center.

About

PROJECT MUSIC is an intensive after-school music education program for students in Stamford, Connecticut which uses music instruction as the vehicle to cultivate fundamental life skills such as self-expression, cooperative learning, discipline, leadership, and creativity— all of which have been linked to improved social and academic outcomes. The program, which is offered to children at no charge, fills a gap in accessible quality music education and after-school care in the City of Stamford. PROJECT MUSIC takes inspiration from the El Sistema model, which is intended not only to provide musical instruments and training, but also to address some of the extensive social challenges affecting youth.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Organization: Hope in Harmony
Address: 980 Hope St, 2nd Fl. Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Christine Occhino
Tel: (203) 564-9464
Email: info@hopeinharmony.org

Programs Available

Performances:

Volunteer musicians go directly into the heart of the community or from room to room in healthcare facilities providing live music for patients by the bedside.

Mobile Recording Studio:

Volunteer musicians work with community members and patients to create their own music, and Hope in Harmony also brings in volunteer recording engineers to record and produce their songs.

Classroom:

Volunteer musicians bring in instruments and equipment to teach community members and patients how to play, read, and write music.

About

Hope in Harmony uses music to help and heal those in need within the community by providing various educational and therapeutic programs directly into the neighborhoods where those people reside. Our programs aid in improving quality of life, access to arts and culture, lifting spirits, and providing music education to under-served youth. Hope in Harmony also seeks to educate people and raise awareness of the many health benefits that music can provide.





Organization: INTEMPO
Address: 20 Forest Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Angelica Durrell
Tel: (203) 952-3762
Email: Angie@intempo.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer

Programs Available

INTEMPO Music School:

Our Music School inspires young musicians to strive for artistic excellence, with an engaging cross-cultural curriculum taught by experienced teaching artists.

Family Advocacy:

At INTEMPO, we take the whole child into account. Our role in our students' lives extends beyond their music lessons and into other aspects of their development, through family advocacy services that focus on our students' academic and socioemotional needs.

Music Education and Literacy:

Our programs foster children's reading and language skills by building on the connection between learning how to read music and play an instrument and literacy.

About

The INTEMPO Organization is a Stamford-based non-profit arts organization that promotes music education through multiculturalism and native instruments. INTEMPO envisions a new cultural and musical world where the future generations of concert audiences truly reflect our society and are able to experience classical music in its traditional form as well as through the voices of their own and of other cultures. Our mission is to make classical music relevant to a variety of communities through the use of native instruments, interpretations, and cultural awareness.





LOFT ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

Organization: Loft Artists Association
Address: 575 Pacific St, Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 247-2027
Email: loftartistassociation@gmail.com

Programs Available

Drawing Workshop:

This program includes live models from the Ballet School of Stamford, a variety of still life compositions set up throughout our studios and also drawing instruction led by LAA members. We open our doors to hundreds of children and adults each year to share and enjoy the power of art!

Summer Art Workshops:

As a cultural institution, we offer many creative opportunities through out the year. During the summer, we offer an eight weekend art workshop program for children ages 7 – 14 years old. The menu consists of painting, working with clay, making jewelry, building robots with recyclables, block printing and much more.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Become a partner

About

Established in 1978 as a volunteer tenant art association, and incorporated as a non-profit in 1986, the LAA has grown into one of the area's premier visual arts organizations for Studio and Associate members. Our mission is to provide artists with a supportive environment, exhibition and networking opportunities, and to reach out to the community at large with education and artistic expression. Hundreds of artists have passed through the LAA, each contributing to the health and well being of Stamford. As many as 4,000 visitors have come over a single weekend to roam through the lofts, meet the artists and discuss the art work.





Organization: New Paradigm Theatre Company
Address: 2777 Summer St, Suite 401, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Kristin Huffman
Email: info@npttheatre.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a sponsor
- Board membership

Programs Available

NPT Youth Board:

The NPT Youth Board is a group of involved teen leaders that run monthly board meetings where student leaders brainstorm fundraising, special events, and volunteer initiatives to advance the NPT mission. Write to info@npttheatre.org

NPT's Sustainable Harmony Program:

This program is an initiative that inspires local commitment, a caring and an altruistic revolution towards interdependence as social currency by way of artistic performance, collaboration, and mentorship.

Summer Program:

Each summer New Paradigm partners with another community nonprofit organization that reflects the theme of the summer production to raise money and awareness for issues and organizations surrounding the community.

About

New Paradigm Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit theatre fostering creative problem solvers, leaders, and global citizens through theatre arts education and productions. As a virtual community-based organization with a back-office headquartered in Stamford, CT, we are a theatre on the move featuring Broadway, film, and television professionals in on-site performances for nonprofit, corporate, and exclusive at home events. Our professional productions are purposefully designed with a limitless reach because NPT understands that theatre and art are key components of a healthy culture.





Organization: Palace Theatre
Address: 61 Atlantic St, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Lisa Colangelo
Tel: (203) 517-3426
Email: lcolangelo@palacestamford.org

Ways to Contribute

- Sponsor a show
- Rent the space
- Donate
- Become a member
- Purchase tickets

Programs Available

Triple Threat Performer Intensive:

A week-long summer “boot camp” in singing, dancing, and acting with NYC professionals

Circus Camp:

A fun-filled week of Circus-Arts Workshops where students learn exciting new skills

Young Playwrights Festival:

Kids work with a NYC professional to craft (and perform) a new play of their own

ArtKids:

A series of interactive Arts Education workshops in partnership with The Ferguson Library

About

The Palace is the longest arts presenter in Fairfield County. A nonprofit organization, The Palace has been a beacon for the best in music, comedy, dance & theatre since 1927. We entertain, educate, and enrich. Through live performances by world-class artists, we foster diversity of thought, ideas, and culture. We stimulate the creativity of the young artists of today through arts education programs. The Palace connect cultures, accelerate learning, transform lives & exhilarate all the joy of live performance.



The Schubert Club of Fairfield County

Organization: Schubert Club of Fairfield County
Address: P.O. Box 2338, Stamford, CT 06906
Email: sjpcinfo@sjpcenter.org
Tel: (203) 750-9955

Programs Available

Awards Program:

This program provides music students of school age with prizes and scholarships for musical achievement through annual competition. Winners are presented in a public concert. In addition, students going on to study piano at the post-secondary level may apply for the Shirley R. Koffler Memorial Piano Scholarship offered annually by the club. An endowment has been established to help provide this award.

Schubert Club Juniors:

This program educates young students in the art of performance and provides them an opportunity to play before an audience. Membership is open to any school-age student whose teacher is a member of the Schubert Club.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Become a member
- Purchase performance DVDs

About

The mission of The Schubert Club is to create opportunities for all ages to perform and enjoy music on any level, to stimulate a love of music in children through our annual competitions and also non-competitive festivals, and to inspire children to further their studies. We provide our adult members with the opportunity to perform in various choral groups and musical ensembles. Most importantly, The Schubert Club is a community of musicians where many new friendships form, and old friendships grow stronger through our common interest in classical music.





Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Organization: Stamford Museum & Nature Center
Address: 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT 06903
Email: info@stamfordmuseum.org
Tel: (203) 322-1646

Programs Available

School & Group Programs:

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is an excellent educational resource for schools and groups. Our four focuses - nature, agriculture, astronomy and art - allow for an extensive variety of educational options. Our varied site creates an unparalleled experience for your field trip!

Adult and Child Classes:

Our newly-formatted caregiver/child classes provide age-appropriate opportunities to explore the seasons through art projects, live animal visits, sensory experiences, stories, and more! Weekly themes will reflect seasonal happenings on the farm and in the forest, so we'll explore pumpkins and squash, how animals prepare for fall, and changing colors of leaves!

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Corporate and foundation support
- Sponsor a species

About

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of art and popular culture, the natural and agricultural sciences, and history. The Museum is a vital cultural and educational resource for the community, and a focal point for family activity and interaction. We seek to inspire creativity, foster self-discovery, promote environmental stewardship, and nurture an appreciation for lifelong learning through exhibitions, educational programs, and special events that enhance the visitor's experience of our unique site.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Corporate sponsorship

Organization: Stamford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
Address: 263 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT, 06902
Contact Name: Russell Jones
Email: rjones@stamfordsymphony.org
Tel: (203) 325-1407

Programs Available

MUSIKIDS:

Families with children ages 5-12 are invited to come one hour early (at 2:00 pm) to our Sunday orchestra concerts to participate in a special program designed especially for kids. The program, led by our enthusiastic and talented music educator, is an interactive, informative and fun session that previews the coming concert and discusses relevant musical topics.

Composer Project:

To enhance the music curriculum of local elementary and middle schools, the Stamford Symphony's Composer Project provides specially-designed educational materials and posters about famous classical composers. For more information contact our Education Manager at MusicEd@stamfordsymphony.org.

About

The Stamford Symphony Orchestra aspires to build a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of classical music among all populations of Stamford and its neighboring communities. It fulfills this mission through passionate, professional performances of the highest caliber, diverse and innovative programming, and inspiring educational initiative. The Stamford Symphony's home is the Stamford Center for the Arts' 1586-seat Palace Theatre, a spectacularly renovated former vaudeville house in the heart of Stamford's downtown. The Stamford Symphony's subscription season features a series of five orchestral concerts, each performed on both a Saturday night and a Sunday afternoon.





Organization: Young Artists Philharmonic
Address: PO Box 3301 Ridgeway Station, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Gregory Robbins
Email: greg@youngartistsphil.org
Tel: (203) 489-5423

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Join the board

Programs Available

Instrument Petting Zoo:

YAP's Instrument Petting Zoo program is a key feature of its community outreach. These seminars provide children with what is usually their first interaction with a stringed instrument. They get the chance not only to see and hear, but to touch and learn.

Music in the Schools:

We are committed to helping to improve classical music education in all its forms. To that end, YAP is proud to collaborate with public and private schools in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, and other cities. Music programs are often the first target in budget cuts, so we help out by making our teaching artists available for "side-by-side" rehearsals, guest performances, and other enrichment seminars.

About

The mission of the Young Artists Philharmonic is to educate, enrich and inspire young people through the trans-formative power and beauty of music. Through the teaching, study, practice and performance of music under the guidance of professional musicians, our goal is to help our members develop the skills of self-discipline, teamwork and character. We strive to enable and inspire students to reach their highest musical potential and take pride in their accomplishments.



Education & After School Programs





Advancing abilities for people with special needs since 1951

Organization: Abilis Inc.
Address: 1150 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Dennis Perry
Tel: (203) 324-1880
Email: klair@abilis.us

Ways to Contribute

- Send gifts
- Donate
- Sponsor
- Join board by invitation or reach out to CEO: (203) 531-1880 Ext: 128

Programs Available

Social Skills Group:

This Social Skills Group is led by a special education teacher. The group will be discussing how to greet people, initiate conversation, read social cues, problem solve and navigate conflict resolution.

Friday Night Hangout:

Listen to music, socialize with peers, and have some dinner. Designed to foster social skills, increase social opportunities, and create friendships in an age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate environment.

Abilis Extended Day Program:

A day of fun activities such as games, arts & crafts, and movie night

About

Abilis is a non-profit organization that provides services and supports for over 700 individuals with special needs and their families from birth through the life span. Abilis has been a leader in serving the special needs community in lower Fairfield County for 65 years and has a long-standing reputation for high quality care. Abilis provides early intervention and customized therapies, as well as family education and advocacy to help individuals achieve important developmental milestones through our Therapeutic and Family Advisory Services programs.





Organization: 100 Black Men
Address: PO Box 1313, Stamford, CT 06904
Contact Name: Curt Battles
Tel: (203) 918-7780

Ways to Contribute

- Volunteer to become a mentor
- Donate on website

Programs Available

College Fair Program:

Helps expose high school students to Colleges and Universities that seek high achieving candidates.

Youth Tennis Program:

Introduces children to sports at a young age so they can be prepared for a high school or college team in the future.

Robotics Program:

A powerful program that helps young people discover the fun in science and technology while building self-confidence, knowledge, and valuable employment and life skills.

About

The 100 Black Men of Stamford, Inc. chapter was founded in 1993, as a non-profit community action organization comprised of successful men committed to improving the educational and economic conditions of African Americans and others in need, with a particular focus on the development of youth. We are an affiliate of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF STAMFORD

Organization: Boys and Girls Club of Stamford
Address: 347 Stillwater avenue, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Michael Cotela
Tel: (203) 324-0594
Email: mcotela@bgcastamford.org

Programs Available

Sports & Recreation Programs:

These Club programs help develop physical fitness, reduce stress and promote a positive use of leisure time, appreciation for the environment and interpersonal skills.

Arts Programs:

These programs are designed to foster creativity in young people, and give them outlets for self-expression. From photography to hip-hop, our arts programs have something that will inspire everyone.

Health and Wellness

Programs:

These programs develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer
- Join the board by nomination for a 3 year term

About

The Boys & Girls Club enables all children to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. We strive to achieve our mission by the offering of facilities, programs and support systems that assist young people in their academic, social, athletic and cultural pursuits. Our formula for impact focuses on children's academic success, good character, citizenship and healthy lifestyles. We serve more than 1,400 children. We inspire confidence, a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence in this Positive Place for Kids.





Organization: buildOn
Address: P.O. Box 16741, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Maurice Muchene
Tel: (508) 395-9703
Email: info@buildon.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Build a school
- Purchase merchandise from online store

Programs Available

Issues Education:

Explores critical issues, such as youth violence, hunger, and poverty, and shows students how they can take action on challenges that face their local and global communities.

Community Service:

Students in buildOn's programs contribute intensive service to their communities on a weekly basis – helping the homeless, senior citizens, and younger children in need.

Building Schools:

Students travel to some of the economically poorest countries on the planet to help build schools.

About

buildOn is an international nonprofit organization that runs youth service after-school programs in United States high schools and builds schools in developing countries. The organization's programs engage young Americans from mostly urban areas in community service and promote literacy among children and adults in developing countries. We empower U.S. urban youth to transform their neighborhoods and the world through intensive community service. Globally, we're constructing a new school every two days in some of the economically poorest countries around the world.





Organization: Children's Learning Center of Fairfield
Address: 64 Palmers Hill Rd, Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 323-5944
Email: info@clcstamford.org

Programs Available

Child Development Program:

The Child Development Program is open to all families. The program provides an education team, nutritionists, nurses and family service workers to address the comprehensive needs of the children.

School Readiness Program:

This program utilizes the Creative Curriculum, with instruction in reading, math, science, social studies, the arts and technology. The School Readiness Program is a collaboration with the Stamford Board of Education

Health & Family Services:

This program provides health maintenance and referrals, nutritious meals, food education, family social services and parent participation activities.

Ways to Contribute

- Donating by mail, online or phone
- Volunteering

About

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County provides high quality, early childhood education programs for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years. All children, regardless of background or financial need, experience an age-appropriate comprehensive curriculum delivered by highly trained teachers including on-site health care, nutrition and exercise programs. CLC programs are very affordable because CLC benefits from several federal and state funding resources





Organization: Child Guidance Center of Southern CT
Address: 196 Greyrock Pl, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 324-6127
Email: generalmailbox@childguidancect.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donating by mail or online
- Volunteering

Programs Available

Crisis Services:

Mobile Crisis Intervention Services are provided 365 days a year to stabilize critical situations and prevent suicide, violence, and dangerous behaviors.

Specialized Treatment Services:

Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy offer intensive, in-home child and parent treatment for youth abusing alcohol or drugs and engaging in delinquent or dangerous behaviors.

Testing/Assessment Services:

Developmental Evaluations: assess the cognitive, social and emotional functioning of children ages 3-6, identify strengths and challenges in early development and outline ways to address them.

About

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is dedicated to improving the mental and behavioral health of children and teens through treatment, education and community support. We serve children, birth to 18, who experience mental health challenges that interfere with their everyday lives. CGC offers a broad range of individualized mental health diagnostic, assessment and treatment services to aid children psychological, behavioral, developmental, social and familial problems.





Organization: DOMUS
Address: 83 Lockwood Ave, Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 324-4277
Email: info@domuskids.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer

Programs Available

Work & Learn Business Center:

Provides paid training and employment to the most needy youth aged 16 to 25 in Domus programs, teaching soft employment skills about workplace conduct, employment search techniques, and keys to employment retention as well as specific skills in bicycle repair, woodworking, small engine repair, food preparation, and hair and nails.

The Lion's Den:

This is an after-school program operating during the school year and the summer providing academic, recreational, and social activities to the middle school students at Trailblazers Academy

About

Domus is a human services nonprofit which opened in 1972 and serves more than 1,100 of the most struggling youth in Stamford. Young people come to us with many challenges; most are living in abject poverty, have had involvement in the criminal justice system, and have experienced homelessness, neglect, abuse, academic failure, and chronic untreated healthcare issues. Our overarching goal is to create the conditions necessary for them to get on a path toward health and opportunity so they can succeed in school and ultimately lead satisfying and productive lives.





Organization: English Learner Support Services
Address: 65 High Ridge Rd., #221, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 206-6412
Email: board@elss-fairfieldcounty.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Make purchases on Amazon, 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases will be donated to ELSS

Programs Available

Test Preparation Program:

ELSS provides a test preparation program in which students have the opportunity to prepare for test like SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS, and GED.

Aspire Program:

It is designed to help English Language Learner students pick up basic language skills at a faster pace and to make graduation and participation in post-secondary programs more likely for them.

Writing Workshop Program:

This program offers students the opportunity to better their writing skills by providing additional assistance on top of the workload already given during school.

About

English Learner Support Services of Fairfield County provides educational programs to underrepresented populations in Fairfield County, with emphasis on multilingual populations and English Language Learners. Our mission is to foster greater academic achievement, enabling individuals from these underrepresented groups to achieve their higher education goals and become productive members of a global society. Many of the students we serve are newly arrived immigrants. Some have experienced limited or interrupted education due to war, civil unrest, or severe poverty in their native countries.





Organization: Eagle Student Mentoring, Inc.
Address: 65 High Ridge Rd #185, Stamford, CT 06905
Tel: (203) 536-7655

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Sponsor us

Programs Available

Youth Development After-School

Programing:

This program provides academic services, health & wellness initiatives, as well as off-site field/immersion trips.

Parent & Community Engagements:

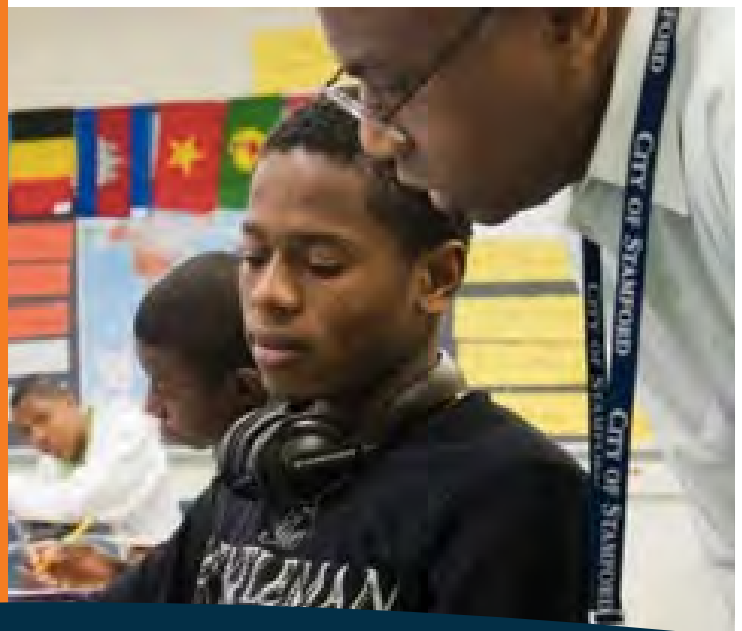
An outstanding program that provides parent resource events, community engagement collaborations, 1:1 parent consulting from academics to community resources and more!

Board level Mentorships:

This program engages with aspiring community leaders and current social entrepreneurs for a mentorship.

About

EAGLE Student Mentoring, Inc. is a community based organization committed to empowering language learners to reach their academic potential, bridge professional goals, and contribute in the betterment of society. The Young Haitian-American Professional Society created EAGLE Student Mentoring, Inc. as a community-based organization committed to the Haitian heritage youth and their leadership development. Over the years, leadership watched that the organization's youth development program succeed through the tireless efforts of the program team's work with student, parent, and community engagement.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Sponsor
- Volunteer

Organization: Fairfield County Sports Commission
Address: 1 University Place, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 251-8481
Email: tomc@fairfieldcountysports.com

Programs Available

Chelsea Cohen Fitness Academy:

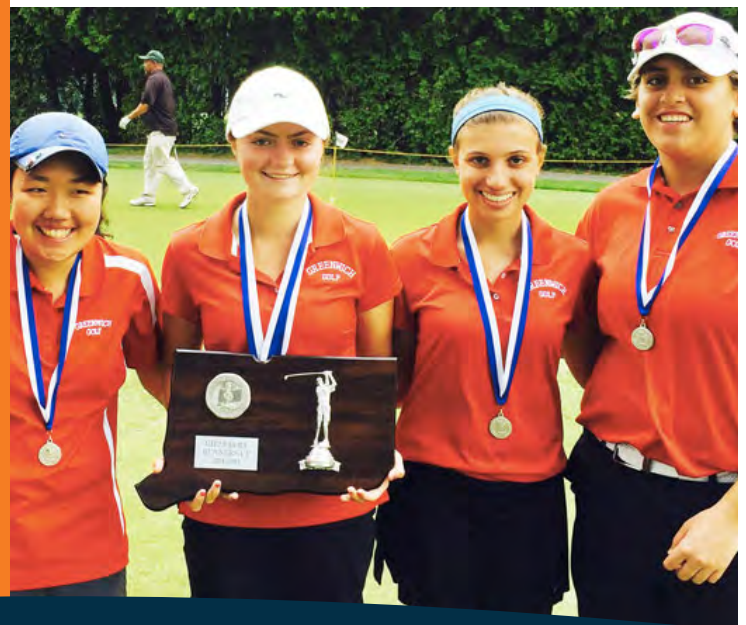
The Academy's focus on the healthy body, health mind equation provides leadership in helping to build a generation of children leading a daily, active lifestyle.

Equipment Donation:

The Fairfield County Sports Commission is currently accepting "gently" used sports equipment donations. This means providing the opportunity for youth to engage with positive adults, build character through their participation in sports and to have adequate equipment and facilities.

About

The Fairfield County Sports Commission is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to promoting youth fitness and an active, healthy lifestyle, as well as personal development through sports. The Commission, which is an all-volunteer organization except for the executive director position, is the one-stop resource for the sports communities in the county. The focus of the Commission is creating and supporting programs for fitness awareness education, primarily geared toward combating childhood obesity that threatens the 110,000 school age youngsters in the 16 communities the Commission serves.



Organization: The Friendship Circle
Address: 1074 Hope Street Suite 201, Stamford, CT
Email: Malya@FriendshipCT.com
Tel: (203) 409-1543

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Families of kids with special needs get involved

Programs Available

Friends @ Home:

Friends @ Home gives individuals with special needs the chance to bond with teen volunteers in the environment in which they are most comfortable, their own home. Children and their volunteers spend an hour each week baking cookies, playing games, creating arts 'n crafts, reading books or doing just about anything fun!

Children's Circle:

On Sunday, trained specialists and a team of teen volunteers lead children through art, music, cooking, sports, and animal play. Through these experiences, children with special needs develop and practice important life skills in a comfortable setting catered to their specific needs while at the same time, benefiting volunteers as well, teaching them leadership, kindness, and compassion.

About

The Mission of the Friendship Circle is to bridge the gap between special needs and typical youth through shared experience, empower special needs youth with the skills they need to live a productive and independent adult life, give parents and families much-needed respite, and nurture a sense of awareness and communal responsibility in our teens. The Friendship Circle aims to provide children and teenagers with special needs and their families with many of the social and recreational opportunities that are currently available to the general community. We envision a world in which people with special needs experience acceptance, inclusion and friendship.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a corporate partner

Organization: Future 5
Address: 135 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 358-8787 ext. 109
Email: rdewey@futurefive.org

Programs Available

Here To There Workshops:

Here to There is our required student membership entry workshop. In this life-skills workshop, students embark on self discovery through facilitated discussions.

Job Prep:

Job Prep is a Future 5 workshop that helps students master the soft skills needed to excel in the work place. Through discussions and real-time application of the strategies learned, students gain the confidence and skill set necessary to network, secure a job, and sustain employment.

College Prep Workshops:

High school students receive the academic preparation needed to transition successfully from high school to college including guidance on how to navigate the college and financial aid application.

About

Future 5 helps motivated, low-income Stamford high school students connect to their full potential, leading to independence and productive citizenship. We believe that it is never too late to positively shape the life of a child, no matter their socioeconomic or family circumstance. We see that the difference between high-income and low-income backgrounds is not solely a monetary issue, but instead a disparity of connections. Future 5 bridges the “connections gap” by connecting students to themselves, a caring membership-based community, a network of coaches, and the Fairfield County business and nonprofit communities, as well as by teaching student members the skills to maximize their connections.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online at fergusonlibrary.org or by mail
- Volunteer

Organization: Ferguson Library
Address: 1 Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 964-1000
Contact Name: Alice Knapp

Programs Available

Children's Story Time:

Literature-based programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Check our online calendar or call 203-964-1000 for more information

English Language & Citizenship

Classes:

We offer English conversation groups for all levels, adult English classes and citizenship courses on an ongoing basis. Call 203 351-8228 for more information

Stamford 1 Million Cups:

A free, national program designed to educate, engage and connect entrepreneurs. The library hosts monthly

About

The Ferguson Library has been the heart of the Stamford community for more than 130 years, a place of learning and education, a gathering place where people could meet and exchange ideas. The Ferguson serves nearly a million visitors each year, and countless others access our online services. But our core values haven't changed. Our mission is to provide free and equal access to information, ideas, books and technology to educate, engage and enrich the Stamford community with a vision to inspire lifelong learning and personal growth.





Organization: German School of Connecticut
Address: 1010 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06905
Tel: (203) 328-9442
Email: stamfordinfo@germanschoolct.org

Programs Available

Children and Adult Learners:

Classes are offered for beginning, intermediate and advanced students. Emphasis is on mastering communication requirements for social and business settings. The classroom atmosphere is relaxed and includes cultural programs.

Testing:

GSC offers the AATG National German Exams and prepares its students for taking the German Achievement and AP Exams. Students also participate in the IVA 1 and IVA 2 exercises and prepare for the German Sprachdiplom Exams I and II, levels of A2/ B1 and B2/C1. The latter satisfy the German language requirements for matriculation at a German University.

Ways to Contribute

- Monetary donation online or by mail
- Donate box tops for education
- Volunteer

About

The German School of Connecticut is a high-quality German educational program for children and adults that meets on Saturday morning during the school year. The School aims to empower language learners from diverse backgrounds and of all ages to experience the full richness of the German language and culture so that they may better appreciate the enduring impact of German in today's world. The school is an exciting place where those inspired by all things German can celebrate German language and culture.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer

Organization: Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT
Address: 1035 Newfield Ave, Stamford, CT 06905
Tel: (203) 487-0940
Email: mkurland@stamfordjcc.org

Programs Available

JumpStart at the JCC:

JumpStart is a therapeutic early childhood classroom experience for 2-year-olds with special needs. The JumpStart classroom follows the pattern of a typical nursery school classroom, offering invaluable social and educational experiences in a group setting for children who typically get one-on-one services at home, in a more isolated setting.

The Center Women:

The Center Women is to foster a welcoming environment for all women and to support the JCC through fundraising, volunteering and programming, while providing social and leadership opportunities.

About

The Stamford JCC is a cultural, educational and recreational center, offering exceptional programs, classes and special events designed to enrich the mind, body and spirit. We are driven by the Jewish values of welcoming guests, kindness, respect, and communal responsibility, and we warmly welcome people of all ages, faiths, ethnicities and backgrounds. The Stamford JCC provides a uniquely warm, welcoming and inclusive gathering place, rooted in Jewish values, that fosters lasting relationships and meaningful experiences through high-quality social, recreational, educational and cultural programs and services.





Organization: Kids Helping Kids
Address: 110 Lenox Ave Suite #102, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 884-1500
Email: rcosgrove@kidshelpingkidsct.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Children can join by attending one of our monthly orientation meetings
- To join board contact Rebecca Cosgrove, (203) 884-1810

Programs Available

Gift of Giving:

The annual “Gift of Giving” project started in 2013 when a team of 5th grade kids, led by Ethan Lange, talked about their love of getting and giving gifts around the holidays. So the seed of this idea grew into the Annual Gift of Giving and we now collect thousands of gently used and new gifts for under-served kids to go shopping for their loved ones.

Handled With Care:

This annual event collects hundreds of gently worn and new dresses of all sizes for girls that can benefit from this one day shopping boutique. KHK partners with many schools and stores to collect all of the dresses, jewelry, shoes and accessories to make this spring event a memorable experience.

About

Kids Helping Kids is an organization that has motivated students to participate in youth-led service projects in their communities. Our youth-led approach serves as a way to proactively get middle and high school students involved in creating service projects that have impacted 65,000 under-served kids in their community. KHK offers a path for youth to learn how to ignite an idea and follow it through with a project and possibly even a grant. We partner with local schools in Fairfield County and collaborate with other not-for-profits in needed areas to expose children to the numerous opportunities to meet the needs of people locally and globally!





Kiwanis®

Organization: Kiwanis International Stamford
Address: P.O. Box 3404, Stamford CT 06905-3404
Tel: (203) 548-0767
Email: kiwanis.stamford@gmail.com

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a member online
- Members can join the board

Programs Available

K-Kids:

This program allows primary school students to learn about empowerment and leadership by planning and participating in service projects.

Aktion Club:

This program is a club that allows adults living with disabilities to learn leadership skills by participating in a variety of service projects.

Builders Club:

This program is the place where students between the ages of 11-14 can develop leadership, improve self-esteem and learn life skills through service.

About

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Stamford Kiwanis is dedicated to serving the local community through various service projects and scholarships supported by our annual golf outing and our annual fruit sale. Kiwanis members dedicate more than 18 million service hours each year to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas.



The Learning Center at

Piper's Hill



Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Organization: Learning Center at Piper's Hill
Address: 17 Roxbury Rd, Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 968-2468
Email: Info@pipershill.org

Programs Available

Explorers:

The Explorer Program enrolls children ages 12 months to 24 months. The curriculum includes cognitive development, gross and fine motor skills, self help skills, social/emotional skills, and language development.

Toddlers:

The Toddler program enrolls children ages two to three years old. The curriculum includes goals for cognitive development, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, self-help skills, social/emotional development, and language development.

Pre-K:

The Preschool program is a two year program for children ages three to five. The curriculum focuses on cognitive development, motor development, social/emotional development, and language development.

About

The Learning Center at Piper's Hill is a non-profit organization that is licensed by the State of Connecticut. We are licensed for 134 children ranging in age from six weeks to Five years. We were founded in 1970 as a hotel and camp for children. It was a unique environment for its time since it provided overnight and weekend care for family emergencies and business travel. The original site was a leased ten-acre location that gave the children the opportunity to explore nature. We continue a long record of recognizing the need for early intervention and assisting parents in finding appropriate resources.





Organization: National Society for the Gifted & Talented
Address: 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905
Tel: (866) 303-4744
Email: info@nsgt.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Sponsor us
- Become a member
- Join Board of Trustees by checking our newsletter

Programs Available

SIG Summer Programs:

SIG summer programs combine academics with social, cultural and recreational opportunities for a truly engaging summer. Programs are available for gifted students ages 5-17.

SIG Online Programs:

The SIG Online Learning Program is an exciting 8-week online program for Gifted and Talented students. These courses offer students curriculum beyond what is offered during the school day, are wide ranging in potential interest areas for individualized learning, and engage students in hands-on learning while applying school content through speaking, writing, researching, analyzing, reasoning and questioning.

About

The National Society for the Gifted & Talented (NSGT) is a not-for-profit organization created to honor and nurture gifted and talented (G&T) children and youth. It is committed to acknowledging and supporting the needs of G&T children and youth by providing recognition of their significant academic and performance accomplishments and access to educational resources and advanced learning opportunities directly related to their interests and talent areas. Members can expect to find information and opportunities that directly relate to, and cultivate, their abilities and desires to achieve at a high level.



THE PROMETHEUM FOUNDATION

Organization: Prometheus Foundation
Address: 300 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Email: info@prometheum.foundation
Tel: (203) 653-7172

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Join the board

Programs Available

Franklin Forum:

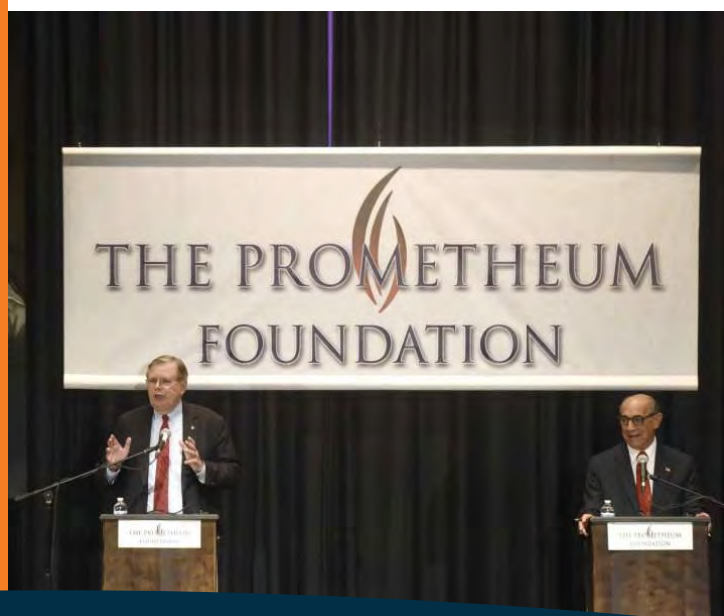
The Franklin Forum is a high school program that puts students in the arena of public debate. By placing students in the arena of public debate, students are obliged to think about issues and public policy, allowing them to test their opinions, hear opposing views, and debate current issues, all in a setting with a free and open exchange of ideas.

Health Project:

This is an outreach program that is starting at the school level to educate students and their families on nutrition, fitness, and healthy lifestyle choices. Our goal is to instill healthy eating and exercise habits that are easy to understand and follow.

About

The Prometheus Foundation is a non-profit organization that encourages critical and analytical thinking, freedom of thought, and entrance into the “marketplace of ideas”. The Prometheus Foundation was created to change this dynamic: We bring civility into civil discourse, We bring the ability to speak and listen openly, We bring information and awareness about current and past issues, We bring knowledge and understanding of important documents. With many accepting what they read and hear at face value, we teach people to question and analyze.





Ways to Contribute

- Donating online or by mail
- Join the board by invitation at 3 year terms

Organization: Reach Prep
Address: One Dock Street, Suite 100, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Gina Lucas
Tel: (203) 487-0750

Programs Available

Prep Academy:

Prep Academy is a 15-month academic enrichment program designed to prepare students for middle school admission to rigorous independent schools. Taught by independent school faculty, students are challenged academically, enriched culturally and become a part of a supportive community.

Independent School Placement

Support:

During the fall of 5th grade, REACH Prep guides each family through the independent school admissions process. This includes one-on-one assistance with the admissions application, preparing Scholars for the interview process and ISEE testing, as well as help with the financial aid application.

About

REACH Prep helps motivated and talented black and Latino students from under served communities in Fairfield and Westchester counties and the Bronx gain admission to and thrive in rigorous independent schools. Upon placement, students benefit from a 12-year educational continuum, including comprehensive academic enrichment, leadership training and supplementary individual and family guidance, which prepares them to succeed at and graduate from competitive colleges. REACH Prep's model of access to high-quality education along with sustained, comprehensive and long-term support achieves college success rates that defy trends and national statistics.





Organization: ROSCCO
Address: 85 Scofieldtown Rd. Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Christina Ramoglou
Tel: (203) 609-9027

Ways to Contribute

- Donating online or by mail

Programs Available

Family Resource Center Program:

The Family Resource Center Program Components are: Full-time Preschool Child Care; School-Age Child Care; Families in Training; Adult Education; Support and Training for Family Day Care Providers; Positive Youth Development and Resource and Referral Services.

Extended School Day Program:

The ROSCCO Extended School Day Programs provide academic and enrichment courses to children during after school hours. The program staff provides a safe, caring and nurturing environment fostering the social and emotional development and growth of our participants.

About

ROSCCO is a recognized pioneer and leader in the After School Field maintaining a focus on licensed school age/school based programming since 1975. Our mission is to address the need for safe, structured and quality programs for families and their children. Our vision is to work in collaboration and partnerships with the SPS and community agencies to provide school-based direct service, recreational, educational, enrichment and cultural activities. ROSCCO is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of parents, educators, and community representatives.





Organization: Saint Joseph Parenting Center
Address: 90 Fairfield Ave, Stamford, CT 06902
Email: sjpcinfo@sjpcenter.org
Tel: (203) 588-1934

Ways to Contribute

- Teach a class or donate a meal
- Donate online or by mail
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Volunteer on our board or an event committee

Programs Available

Parenting Programs:

This is a 28-week parent education program in English and Spanish that is ongoing throughout the year. In addition to our classes, we provide ongoing case management, connections to community resources, incentives and hot meals.

Men's Parenting Program:

The 24/7 Dad program - a 12 week program that meets once a week developed by the National Fatherhood Initiative. This program focuses on the important role Dads play in their children's lives. Some of the class topics discussed include: What It Means to Be a Man, Showing & Handling Feelings, Men's Health, and much more!

Childcare offered for all classes.

About

Established in 2010, SJPC is a nonsectarian community and resource center for parents. SJPC offers 28 different parenting classes and a fatherhood program, individual case management along with a food pantry, hot meals, and incentives for attendance. Saint Joseph Parenting Center's goal is to equip parents through education to change unhealthy parenting patterns and to foster healthy ones in an effort to decrease the incidence of child abuse and neglect. SJPC will provide these parents of children, from birth to age twelve, with the knowledge and tools to be more caring and productive people, parents and members of society.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Join the board

Organization: Sexual Assault Crisis & Education Address:
733 Summer St, Stamford, CT 06901
Email: info@thecenter-ct.org
Tel: (203) 348-9346

Programs Available

HOTLINE:

For over 35 years, The Center's hotline has been the first step toward recovery for thousands of victims of sexual assault in Lower Fairfield County. Our Certified Sexual Assault Crisis Advocates complete a 40-hour, intensive training program, helping them to listen, empower and connect callers to the resources they need.

K-12 Prevention Education

Programs:

This program includes various types of programs designed for students ranging from K-12. The comprehensive K-12 prevention education programs are in full compliance with these standards, meeting all of the requirements within the framework of the law.

About

The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education provides free, 24-hour confidential help to men, women and children who have experienced sexual assault. We can be there from the time the victim enters the emergency room, throughout making a police statement, to preliminary court proceedings for trial. We can also be with the victims as the healing takes place, delivering goal-oriented counseling. Additionally, The Center provides age and developmentally appropriate awareness and prevention education from children ages 4-18 and for the community at large.





Organization: Stamford Public Education Foundation
Address: 247 Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Email: info@spefct.org
Tel: (203) 965-7733

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Join the team
- Join the board by contacting us

Programs Available

Stamford Mentoring Program:

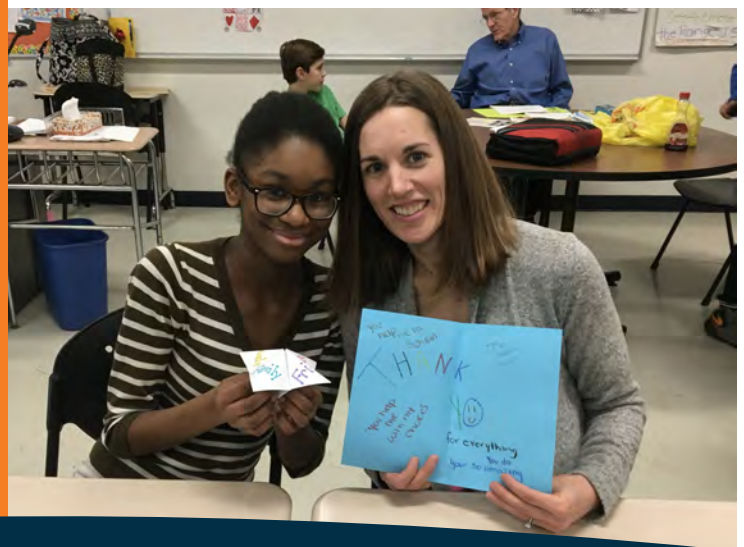
For more than a decade, SPEF's nationally-recognized mentoring program provides middle school students who need additional academic and/or social support with resources and guidance required to be successful. The four primary objectives are: help students set goals, improve their academic standing, become engaged in positive after school activities and prepare for college, career training, or full-time employment after high school graduation.

Student-Athlete Program:

SPEF's new Student-Athlete Program will provide academic support to student-athletes from Stamford High School and Westhill High School. Approximately 60 student-athletes from each high school will be supported.

About

Founded in 1996, the mission of the Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF) is to deliver educational programs and resources that elevate student, educator, and parent success by bridging the gap between needs in the Stamford Public Schools and resources in our community. The Foundation's vision is that each and every student in the Stamford Public Schools will graduate high school prepared and inspired to be a productive member of society. SPEF has built a strong reputation for delivering programs and resources that connect college, corporate and community volunteers with Stamford Public School students.





Organization: Starfish Connection Inc.
Address: 1127 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 561-0858
Email: jss.starfish@gmail.com

Programs Available

Mentor Program:

Six third grade students per year receive a highly qualified mentor and establish a meaningful relationship with their mentor until high school graduation. We are proactive in setting high expectations, monitoring progress each step of the way, advocating and providing interventions when necessary.

Enrichment:

We seek out enrichment opportunities to ensure each and every child will become a successful adult. We provide financial support for student- selected after-school activities and seven weeks of summer camp.

College Application Process:

We provide guidance and support to ensure our students are successful in the college application process. This includes test review, college visits, and college selection.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Donate a musical instrument
- Become a mentor
- Join the board

About

Starfish Connection, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to address Stamford's academic achievement gap by providing long-term mentoring, after-school and summer enrichment programs, and educational support to promising students from the city's under served families. Our goal is to ensure these students reach their potential and dreams of attending competitive 4-year colleges, breaking the cycle of poverty for themselves and future generations. Starfish Connection supports promising students from low-income families in the City of Stamford. Our approach is longitudinal, comprehensive, and individual – it's about transforming lives, one at a time.





Organization: United Jewish Federation
Address: 1035 Newfield Ave, Stamford, CT 06905
Email: office@ujf.org
Tel: (203) 321-1373

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Make a pledge
- Join the board by contacting us

Programs Available

Reading Partners:

The Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners program is a volunteer based reading program sponsored by the United Jewish Federation. Working one-on-one with young children from K-3rd grade in the Stamford Public School system and beyond, each volunteer devotes at least one hour a week through the school year, spending a half-hour weekly with each of two children who need a boost in reading skills.

Behrend Institute for Leadership:

The Behrend Institute for Leadership is a nine session, multi faceted program designed to prepare graduates for leadership roles within the organizations which nominate them and for community wide positions of leadership.

About

The United Jewish Federation (UJF) of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien is committed to unifying the Jewish community through planning and coordination of community resources, support of Jewish education for all ages, a strong fundraising campaign and judicious allocations. Central to UJF's mission is a community built on the Jewish ideal of tzedakah: charity, righteousness and social justice. Our support for the programs of our local agencies and the humanitarian work of the Jewish Federations of North America throughout the world enriches local, national and international Jewish life.





FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Organization: YMCA of Stamford
Address: 10 Bell Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Email: inna@stamfordymca.org
Tel: (203) 357-7000

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a member
- Join the board by invitation at 3 year terms

Programs Available

LEAD Academy:

The Stamford Family YMCA's LEAD Academy after-school program serves children in kindergarten through fifth grade. LEAD Academy students have the good fortune to engage with peers from other schools and are provided with multiple opportunities to develop social skills and character.

LEAD Middle School:

This program is designed to build a solid moral foundation, strong character, valuable life skills, high self-esteem, leadership skills, a sense of responsibility, respect for others, personal motivation, physical well-being and strong family values and academic success.

About

The YMCA provides youth and families healthy living and swimming activities daily for all ages. The Y is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That's because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. Our areas of focus are: Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Y makes accessible the support and opportunities that empower people and communities to learn, grow and thrive. With a focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.



Environment, Neighborhood, & Animal Care





BARTLETT ARBORETUM & GARDENS

Organization: Bartlett Arboretum Association Inc.
Address: 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, CT 06903
Tel: (203) 322 6971
Email: jvontrapp@bartlettarboretum.org

Programs Available

Summer Camps:

We offer environmental programs that offer a unique transformational journey to help youth discover the natural “unplugged” world around them. Our programs are hands-on, incorporating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) as we investigate the Bartlett’s extraordinary 93-acre campus.

School & Group Programs:

Offers educational mentorship, professional development, advocacy and leadership opportunities, and a network of relationships with other family child care providers. Our forested trails, wetlands, gardens, and greenhouse are extraordinary settings for learning.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer

About

The mission of the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens is to provide a sanctuary and foster curiosity to explore, enjoy and learn about the habitats of the natural world. We accomplish this mission by preserving a 93-acre sanctuary of southwest New England natural ecosystems for generations to explore and enjoy. We also provide a comprehensive environmental, horticulture and plant science educational programs for children and adults. We do all of this with the vision to inspire generations to care about and conserve Earth’s resources.





Organization: East Side Partnership
Address: 79 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: James Grunberger
Tel: (203) 554-1113
Email: jamesgrunberger@hotmail.com

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Email through application process and background check

Programs Available

Dedication:

We are committed to the commercial and residential improvement of our neighborhood.

Diversity:

We have identified the strengths of our multiple cultures and will foster them to promote the improvement of the East Side.

Expertise:

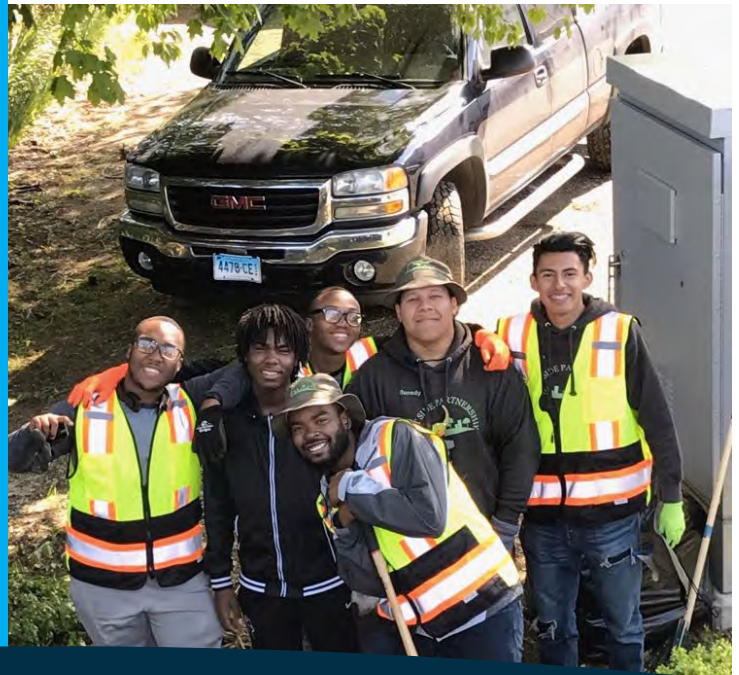
We will use both internal and external experts in various fields to achieve the goals of the community.

Leadership:

We commit to providing direction in addressing the needs and opportunities for neighborhood improvements.

About

Founded in 2002, the East Side Partnership as a non-profit organization, supporting community development efforts and transforming the East Side into a vibrant urban village. The organization is comprised of area residents, business owners and community advisors with a common goal of transforming the East Side into Stamford's next great neighborhood and promoting clean, safe and green initiatives. The East Side Partnership strives to create an exceptional quality of life for those who live and work in the community.





KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

Organization: Keep America Beautiful, Inc.
Address: 1010 Washington Blvd 3rd Floor, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Helen Lowman
Tel: (203) 659-3000
Email: info@kab.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a corporate partner

Programs Available

Great American Cleanup:

The Great American Cleanup prompts individuals to take greater responsibility for their local environment by conducting grassroots community service projects that engage volunteers, local businesses and civic leaders.

The Cigarette Litter Prevention Program:

Recycle-Bowl is Keep America Beautiful's fun and exciting national in-school recycling competition for K-12 students, teachers, school administrators, school facility managers, PTA/PTO and other parent groups, and local recycling advocates. The contest to see which schools collect the most recyclables runs for four weeks each fall.

About

A leading national nonprofit, Keep America Beautiful inspires and educates people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. We envision a country in which every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live. Keep America Beautiful inspires & educates people to take action everyday to improve & beautify America's communities. Our collective action champions environmentally healthy, socially-connected, and economically-sound communities. Keep America Beautiful continues to bring people together to transform public spaces into beautiful places.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a member

Organization: Mill River Park Collaborative Inc.
Address: 1010 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Milton Puryear
Tel: (203) 977-4713

Programs Available

Nature Walk:

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Mill River Park's riparian meadows. We will take a leisurely stroll around the Park to observe a variety of bird species, unique native plant habitats, and clues left behind by elusive mammals and reptiles of the Park.

Water Sampling:

Collect water samples at various points along the Mill River, ranging from freshwater to tidal brackish water, and compare nitrate, dissolved oxygen, and pH levels. We discuss the factors that influence these characteristics of the water.

About

As a nonprofit, Mill River Park Collaborative works hand-in-hand with the public and the City of Stamford to bring to life the community vision of a central park in the heart of downtown. With your help, the Collaborative guides the long-term development of Mill River Park as a vibrant, evolving green space where the community can gather to relax, play, learn and connect with nature. We assume the majority of the responsibility of the Park's maintenance and operation and has committed, along with the City of Stamford, to ensure that it is maintained at a high standard.





Organization: Outreach to Pets in Need
Address: 1747 Summer St, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Ali Girardi
Tel: (203) 977-4437

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Charitable Shopping

Programs Available

Medical Care:

We provide financial support for the medical care of pets we have rescued and pets in our foster program, and, now and in the past, have done so for Stamford Animal Control Center pets.

Microchipping Program:

In 2007, OPIN received a generous grant from the Michael Graham Foundation for the purpose of implementing a microchipping program in an effort to reunite pets and their guardians in case of a disaster, or if the animal should become lost.

Pets for Patriots:

We're proud to make the joys of pet ownership achievable and affordable to members of the military community.

About

Formed in 2007, OPIN, Inc. is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to put an end to pet homelessness in Connecticut by providing a suite of preventative programs such as training, education, adoption and medical care. All of OPIN's adoptable pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and receive ongoing medical care until adopted. Our pets come from various sources and are cared for in foster homes. They may have been abandoned at a veterinarian facility due to finances or illness.





American Pet Products Association

Organization: American Pet Products Association
Address: 225 High Ridge Road, W200, Stamford, CT
Email: info@petleadershipcouncil.org
Tel: (203) 532-3603

Ways to Contribute

- Join as a member

Programs Available

APPA Market Access Program:

This program is a suite of services that provide our members with the resources to identify viable new markets and expand their business internationally.

The Branded Program:

Open to pre-qualified applicants that meet eligibility requirements, the program offers 50% reimbursement of your international marketing expenses

Market Builder Program:

The Market Builder Program assists U.S. exporters looking to launch their product in international markets, find new distributors or importers, and receive valuable feedback about their product.

About

The mission of the American Pet Products Association (APPA) is to promote responsible pet care and advance the pet products industry. Founded in 1958, APPA is the leading trade association in the pet industry made up of more than 1,200 pet product manufacturers, their representatives, importers and livestock suppliers. Our membership consists of a diverse group representing both large corporations and growing business enterprises worldwide.





Organization: SoundWaters
Address: 1281 Cove Rd, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Olena Czebiniak
Email: connect@soundwaters.org
Tel: (203) 323-1978

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Corporate Volunteer Day
- Join the board by invitation at 3 year terms

Programs Available

Young Mariners Academy:

Young Mariners Academy is a very unique summer enrichment experience for students entering grades 5-9. There is a strong emphasis on sailing instruction to promote teamwork, leadership, and learning while promoting a close sense of community amongst a culturally, economically, and academically diverse group of students.

Science Stars:

The SoundWaters Science Stars program motivates, empowers, and develops the skills girls need to excel in science during their formative years. The Science Stars program encourages creativity, critical thinking and curiosity in elementary and middle school girls.

About

SoundWaters is a recognized and trusted organization locally and in the Long Island Sound region. We have sustained relationships built on shared value and trust for 25 years that includes community, school, business, and political leaders. We are committed to ensuring that no child or school will be excluded from our programs due to an inability to pay. The generosity of our supporters enables our work, whether it's an education sail aboard the Schooner SoundWaters, summer camp scholarships for children or STEM education at our Coastal Education Center.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Organization: Stamford Garden Club
Address: 52 Rocky Rapids Rd, Stamford, CT 06903

Programs Available

Horticulture Workshops:

Learn how to propagate begonias by cuttings in soil, rhizomes in soil or just a leaf in the water. One of our Horticulture gurus who is also a GCA Horticulture judge, demonstrates where to find the perfect rhizomes on this gorgeous specimen.

Hortitherapy:

Stamford Garden Club brings Holiday Cheer to Seniors. The Stamford Seniors enjoy creating holiday arrangements with the help of Stamford Garden Club in what has become a holiday tradition. For many, the festive décor they create at this event is the only touch of the holidays they have in their homes.

About

Founded 1921, The Stamford Garden Club is a member of The Garden Club of America, Inc., the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. The purpose of the Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs, and actions in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Join Amazon wish list
- Join the board by contacting

Organization: STARRelief and Pet Assistance
Address: P.O. Box 3035 Stamford, CT 06905
Email: care@starelief.org
Tel: (203) 636-0971

Programs Available

Pet Food Pantry:

No one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves or their pet. To ensure that no pet goes hungry, our pet food pantry provides free life-saving pet food and supplies to anyone having financial difficulties.

Pets For Military Vets:

Honoring those who serve our country, military personnel and their families may now have a new “friend” waiting for them at any city run animal shelter. Our Pets For Military Vets program will cover the cost of adopting a pet from any Municipal Animal Shelter, six months worth of heartworm and flea & tick medication.

About

The mission of STARRelief and Pet Assistance is to provide life-saving pet food and veterinary care, emergency boarding and foster care to pets whose caretakers are struggling with financial hardship. We recognized that there were two main needs: food and veterinary care. We immediately created a pet food pantry where pet owners could access food and other pet related items. We also created a grant program so people could apply for grant money to help pay for their pet’s veterinary care. The long-term vision of STARRelief and Pet Assistance is to ensure that no person will ever have to surrender their pet due to financial hardship, and to ensure that all companion animals are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.





SUSTAINABLE
— A M E R I C A —

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Become a partner

Organization: Sustainable America
Address: 700 Canal St, Stamford, CT 06902
Email: info@sustainableamerica.org
Tel: (203) 803-1250

Programs Available

Food Waste Prevention:

As much as 40% of the food produced in the United States is going to waste, yet 49 million Americans struggle with food insecurity. Get the tools to help prevent food waste at I Value Food.

Fuel Conservation:

Vehicle idling wastes 12 million gallons of fuel daily in the United States. Pledge to stop idling, and get tools to start anti-idling campaigns in your community.

Food Recovery:

Connect with groups who are rescuing, preparing, and distributing food that would otherwise be wasted to the needy in their communities through the Food Rescue Locator.

About

Sustainable America is an environmental non-profit organization with the mission to make the nation's food and fuel systems more efficient and resilient. Through broad public education, hands-on technical assistance, and strategic investment in emerging entrepreneurs and technologies, we work to reduce oil usage and increase food availability in the United States. We believe that attainable behavioral changes, like turning off our engines instead of idling, buying hybrid cars, supporting local food sources, and reducing food waste are critical to building sustainable fuel and food systems. We also believe in the power of entrepreneurs and markets to effect positive change.



Human Health Services





Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Join celebration dinner
- Join Annual Golf Tournament

Organization: Allyson Rioux Memorial Foundation
Address: PO Box 17297, Stamford, CT 06907
Tel: (203) 359-9574
Email: rioux.info@gmail.com

Programs Available

Outreach Support:

Provide support to families experiencing financial hardship because of a serious illness.

Allyson Rioux Memorial Award:

Each year the foundation recognizes an outstanding female athlete in Stamford. This award promotes the character, spirit and ideals of Allyson, one of Stamford's most recognized hometown heroes.

Annual Golf Tournament:

Golf tournament hosted by The Allyson Rioux Memorial Foundation to raise funds for the many awards given out to exceptional athletes throughout the year.

About

The Allyson Rioux Memorial Foundation provides outreach support to the Stamford Community, particularly those families experiencing financial hardship because of a serious illness. The foundation also recognizes outstanding female athletes in Stamford which promotes the character, spirit and ideals of Allyson, one of Stamford's most recognized hometown heroes. Through fundraising activities the Rioux Foundation strives to expand our current level of financial support while searching for new and alternative ways to honor the talented and giving life of Allyson Rioux.





ALL OUR KIN

Organization: All Our Kin, Inc.

Address: 1231 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06902

Tel: (475) 619-9641

Email: info@allourkin.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer

Programs Available

Tool Kit Licensing Program:

Provides materials, mentorship and support to help unlicensed family, friend and neighbor caregivers meet health and safety standards, fulfill state licensing requirements, and become part of a professional community of child care providers.

Family Child Care Network:

Offers educational mentorship, professional development, advocacy and leadership opportunities, and a network of relationships with other family child care providers.

Training and Technical Assistance:

Provides training and technical assistance to agencies, networks, and associations working to improve the quality and sustainability of family child care in their communities.

About

All Our Kin trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. Through our programs, child care professionals succeed as business owners; working parents find stable, high-quality care for their children; and children gain an educational foundation that lays the groundwork for achievement in school and beyond. Child care providers will have access to training and education opportunities, livable wages and benefits, and respect for a hard job done well.





Organization: Alliance for Gene Cancer Therapy
Address: 96 Cummings Point Rd, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: John Walter
Tel: (203) 358-5055
Email: info@acgtfoundation.org

Programs Available

Swim Across America:

We unite the swimming community by hosting benefit swims that raise money to fund life saving cancer research and clinical trials.

Dew Yoga for Cancer Research:

The structure of the class is inspired by Journey into Power sequence. This intelligent sequence will leave you feeling complete and fully rinsed out. The alignment principles are presented in clear and concise way, enabling students of all levels to experience the power associated with physicality, movement and breath.

Cancer Gene Therapy:

Join ACGT for a panel discussion and reception with some of the world's foremost experts on cancer gene therapy.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Invest
- Host a fundraiser
- Join by being referred or invited, then interviewed. Call and ask for Margaret Cianci.

About

The mission of ACGT is to seek out and support revolutionary scientific research into the causes, treatment and prevention of all types of cancer using cells and genes as medicine. ACGT's rigorous grant review process, under the guidance of a preeminent Scientific Advisory Council, have resulted in some of the most successful breakthroughs in the history of cancer treatments and led to many patients in complete remission. 100% of our funding supports innovation and translational science that is proving again and again to offer better treatment options than the traditional therapies of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online

Organization: ARI of Connecticut, Inc.
Address: 174 Richmond Hill Ave, Stamford, CT
Email: kuligowskis@arict.org
Tel: (203) 324-9258 x3028

Programs Available

Residential Program:

The ARI Residential Program currently operates four 24 hour staffed community living arrangements/group homes and an individualized home supports (IHS) program, which provides staffing and support services for individuals living independently in their own apartment or with family.

Day Program:

The ARI Day Program currently provides both employment and non-vocational day programs. Employment Services include job-readiness, placement and on-the-job training and coaching. Non-vocational programs focus on building skills that increase independence and improve quality of life.

Recreation Program:

The ARI Recreation Program provides social and recreational activities that encourage personal growth and build relationships through participation in a variety of activities. Supported activities include the ARI Artists Initiative, aqua aerobics, movie nights and social/cultural outings.

About

ARI of Connecticut Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1952, ARI enriches the lives of people with disabilities and their families by enabling them to achieve their fullest potential at home, at work and in the community. ARI strives to offer the highest quality of service for nearly 150 individuals in the Stamford community.





Organization: AmeriCares Foundation Inc.
Address: 88 Hamilton Ave, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Michael J. Nyenhuis
Tel: (203) 658-9500
Email: info@americares.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Fundraise
- Volunteer

Programs Available

Emergency Programs:

Americares responds to approximately 30 natural disasters and humanitarian crises worldwide each year, establishes long-term recovery projects and brings disaster preparedness programs to vulnerable communities.

Clinical Services:

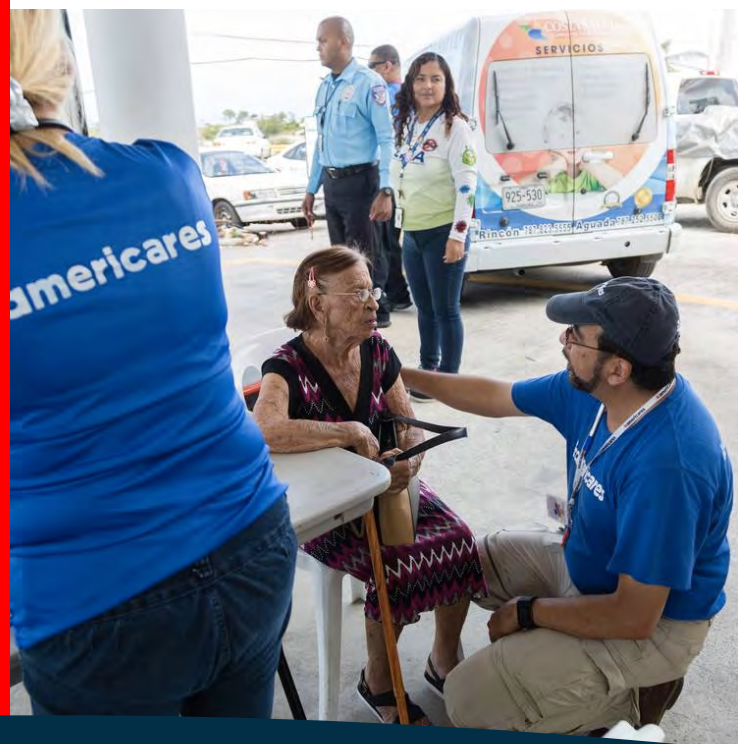
Americares delivers and supports quality clinical services at AmeriCares-run clinics and through emergency medical teams and builds the capacity of health workers in partner clinics to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Access to Medicine:

Americares increases access and quality of medicine and supplies for partner hospitals, clinics and medical teams.

About

Americares is a health-focused relief and development organization that saves lives and improves health for people affected by poverty or disaster. Each year, AmeriCares reaches more than 90 countries, including the United States, with life-changing health programs, medicine and medical supplies. AmeriCares is the world's leading nonprofit provider of donated medicine and medical supplies. For more information, visit www.americares.org





American Red Cross

Organization: American Red Cross
Address: 158 Brook Lawn Ave Stamford CT 06901
Contact Name: Betty Dugan
Tel: (203) 683-4271
Email: CTINFO@CTRedcross.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donating
- Hosting a blood drive
- Volunteering

Programs Available

Disaster Relief:

Support those in need from disasters by providing overnight shelter stays, food, medical attention and emergency vehicles.

Blood Drive:

Participate and run local drives for donating blood in your area.

Military & Veteran Families

Support:

Help members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

About

The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, is always there in times of need. We aspire to turn compassion into action so that all people affected by disaster across the country and around the world receive care, shelter and hope; our communities are ready and prepared for disasters; everyone in our country has access to safe, lifesaving blood and blood products; all members of our armed services and their families find support and comfort whenever needed; and in an emergency, there are always trained individuals nearby, ready to use their Red Cross skills to save lives.





Organization: Back To School Shop, Inc.
Address: 1127 High Ridge Road #232, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Meryl Japha
Tel: (203) 554-5318
Email: contact@backtoschoolshop.org

Programs Available

One Day pop-Up Shop:

Back to School Shop, Inc. creates a one-day pop-up store where disadvantaged elementary school children from the local community come to shop for their back to school clothing and supplies for free. The participating children are chosen by social workers in the Stamford Public School System from local families most in need, and the children are preregistered for the event. Volunteer Personal Shoppers accompany the children through all of the different “departments,” and help them choose their own new items.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer for the pop-up store

About

The mission of Back To School Shop, Inc. is to provide economically disadvantaged elementary school children in the local community with brand new clothing and school supplies, to help build the confidence and enthusiasm they need for a successful start to the school year. Each summer, prior to the start of the new school year, Back to School Shop, Inc. creates a one-day pop-up store where disadvantaged elementary school children from the local community come to shop for their back to school clothing and supplies for free.





The Center for Immigrant Opportunity

Organization: Building One Community
Address: 75 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Catalina Horak
Tel: (203) 674-8585
Email: Info@Building1Community.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer
- Join the board by nomination for a 3 year term

Programs Available

Individual and Family Services:

Support Services assist clients with medical, legal, and social challenges. We have on-site resources and connect with other community-based organizations to make sure that every client has the support they need to succeed.

Workforce Development Program:

Designed to foster creativity in young people, and give them outlets for self-expression. From photography to hip-hop, our arts programs have something that will inspire everyone.

English & Adult Literacy:

We offer 4 levels of ESL, from beginner to conversational, and also provide English and Spanish literacy for adults who would like to learn to read/write, and English practice for the US Citizenship test.

About

We bring passionate people together to help immigrants and their families succeed in the community. We focus on creating one community in which all immigrants are active, contributing members and where we apply our knowledge and experience to inform immigration policy at all levels. We deliver compassionate service to make all immigrants feel welcome and to enrich the entire community. We engage the community in our work and in ongoing dialogue about the benefits and challenges immigrants bring to our community.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer
- Join a prevention council

Organization: Communities 4 Action
Address: 76 Progress Drive, Suite 235-I
Tel: (203) 588 0457
Email: igillespie@communities4action.org

Programs Available

Opioid Abuse Prevention:

Medical boxes in police station to help get rid of unwanted prescription drugs, and posters to help raise awareness about overdoses and proper way to get rid of unwanted medication. We also offer a wide variety of workshops about different self damage behavior.

Coalition Building Assistance:

We provide training and technical assistance to community groups to build their organizational capacity and skills to promote healthy change within their target population, such as schools, youth groups, faith-based, older adult groups.

About

The Communities 4 Action mission is to serve as a catalyst for regional groups and collaborations in order to strengthen local efforts to reduce substance misuse from youth through older adults, including persons living in Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, and New Canaan. We are passionate about inspiring healthy choices and addressing substance abuse, problem gambling and other risky behaviors, and promoting mental wellness. We are concerned about alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drug abuse, the Opiate Crisis, and Problem Gambling.





Organization: Easter Seals Coastal Fairfield County
Address: 733 Summer St, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 388-2192

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer
- Fundraise
- Advocacy

Programs Available

Self Advocacy Program:

This program offers relief to caregivers, while providing a variety of fun activities to our participants with 1 to 1 specialized care from our highly-qualified staff.

Easterseals Camp Hemlocks:

This is an accessible camp for youth and adults with physical, sensory, intellectual and developmental disabilities in the scenic woods of Central Connecticut.

Learn:

Easterseals provides programs designed to help children and adults learn—and often re-learn—basic functions, master skills needed to develop and thrive, and be sharp and active as they age.

About

Easter Seals is a national organization that provides a variety of services to children and adults with special needs and disabilities. Easterseals provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. We also provide exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.





Organization: Family Centers
Address: 60 Palmer's Hill Road Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 324-3167
Contact Name: Bob Arnold

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Join groups and classes available

Programs Available

Early Care & Education:

All of our centers utilize Teaching Strategies Gold, a respected online assessment system, to track the growth and progress of our students. The objectives are aligned with the State of Connecticut's Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS).

Care to Care:

Care to Care works to provide health services to licensed child care and early learning centers in Stamford. The program is staffed by a Nurse Consultant and is designed to enhance the quality of licensed child care facilities by meeting the requirements of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Statutes and Regulations.

About

Family Centers is a private, nonprofit organization offering education, health and human services to children, adults and families in Fairfield County. More than 200 professionals and 2,500 trained volunteers work together to provide our communities with a wide range of responsive and innovative services. Our multi-faceted network of health, education and human service programs give individuals and families the tools needed to establish a strong educational foundation, overcome complex and critical problems, carry on healthy productive lives and achieve personal improvement.





Organization: Healing Hearts Recreational
Address: 48 Union Street, Stamford, CT 06906
Contact Name: Kimberly Colletto
Tel: (203) 708-0076
Email: healingheartsrecreational@gmail.com

Ways to Contribute

- Monetary donation online or by mail
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer

Programs Available

Friday Night Club Night:

This program is great for developing social skills! Fitness, games, music, dancing and just “hanging out”. Club Nighters can choose their own kind of activity from quieter structured fun to more energetic activities. Kids can also chose to simply hang out with friends and chit chat.

Sports Skills Express:

Kids can expect to have fun while developing motor skills and hand/eye coordination, with the very creative, coordinated and kid friendly Andre Woodberry.

Practical Self Defense:

Through the use of drills and games, children learn life skills, self-reliance and self-defense along with discipline, focus, common sense and respect for others.

About

Healing Hearts is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with special needs. We aim to address social and recreational needs of children, teens and adults with a variety of neuro-developmental disabilities. We offer programming adapted to the individual’s physical and/or cognitive and developmental challenges while emphasizing peer interactions. Our classes are geared toward development of motor skills, eye/hand coordination and socialization as well as recreation





Organization: Intense Intestines Foundation Inc
Address: P.O. Box 8097, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Brian Phillip Greenberg
Tel: (203) 274-8711
Email: Info@IntenseIntestines.org

Programs Available

Intense Intestines Scholarship:

The scholarship is designed support young adults and IBD sufferers in their quest to achieve a higher education.

The Intense Intestines IBDebt:

This program is designed to help patients and their families with the medical bills that can quickly add up with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and ostomies. We have designed this program to help with a variety of medical bills including insurance, hospital, prescriptions, specialists and other medical bills.

Never Stay Quiet Ambassador:

This program is designed to help patients who reach out the IIF while they are in times of need

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer

About

The Intense Intestines Foundation's mission is to help patients in their journey with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and ostomies by connecting, supporting and educating those with IBD and their loves ones by promoting a healthy lifestyle. The IIF aims to connect those with Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) through unique events and social media engagement. We are forming a community of individuals who are empowered to fight back against IBD conditions and live active, fulfilling lives. We want everyone to have a support network around them to make their lives with IBD and ostomies easier.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Join planned giving

Organization: Laurel House, Inc.
 Address: 1616 Washington Blvd Stamford CT 06902
 Contact Name: Linda M. Autore
 Tel: (203) 324-1816
 Email: contact@laurelhouse.net

Programs Available

Supported Employment:

An evidence-based program that uses the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model to help individuals with serious mental illness obtain and keep competitive jobs

Supported Education:

An evidence-based program that assists participants in obtaining post-secondary education through each step of the application, enrollment, and course process. Supported Education Counselors work with area high schools to ensure smooth transition to post-secondary education.

Social Rehabilitation Services:

Counselors provide curriculum-based skill building workshops to increase self-sufficiency, communication and coping skills and independent living skills.

About

Laurel House, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been in operation since 1984 and serves 8 towns in lower Fairfield County from Greenwich to Westport. Laurel House helps individuals and families achieve and sustain mental health to lead fulfilling lives in the community. Its goals are to increase access to service, expand the reach of programs to communities and enhance services for young adults. The core purpose is early intervention, social inclusion and recovery.





LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY®

Organization: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Address: 3 Landmark Square Suite 330, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 388-9160
Email: andrea.greif@lls.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Sponsor

Programs Available

Collect For Cures:

This program is for high school students to demonstrate leadership, creativity and teamwork to make an impact and raise money for blood cancer research. Students see firsthand how their involvement can make a difference in helping save the lives of blood cancer patients simply by fundraising.

Students of the Year:

This is a leadership development and philanthropy program for highly motivated high school students. Students participate in a fundraising competition to benefit LLS. This program ensures they stand out among their peers when engaging with colleges and/or future employers.

About

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is at the forefront of the fight to cure cancer. We are the largest nonprofit dedicated to creating a world without blood cancers. Since 1949, we've invested more than \$1.2 billion in groundbreaking research, pioneering many of today's most innovative approaches. Our mission consists of three pillars which include the following: Research by investing in cutting-edge research. Patient support by providing free information, support services and financial assistance to over 300,000 people. Policy & Advocacy having more than 100,000 volunteers advocate for policies that benefit patients





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online
- Donate by phone using your credit card
- Donate by mail by sending check or money order

Organization: Orthopedic Foundation
Address: 2777 Summer Street, Suite 500 Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Janine Bahar
Tel: (203) 869-2002 Ext. 113
Email: jbahar@ofals.org

Programs Available

Medical Education:

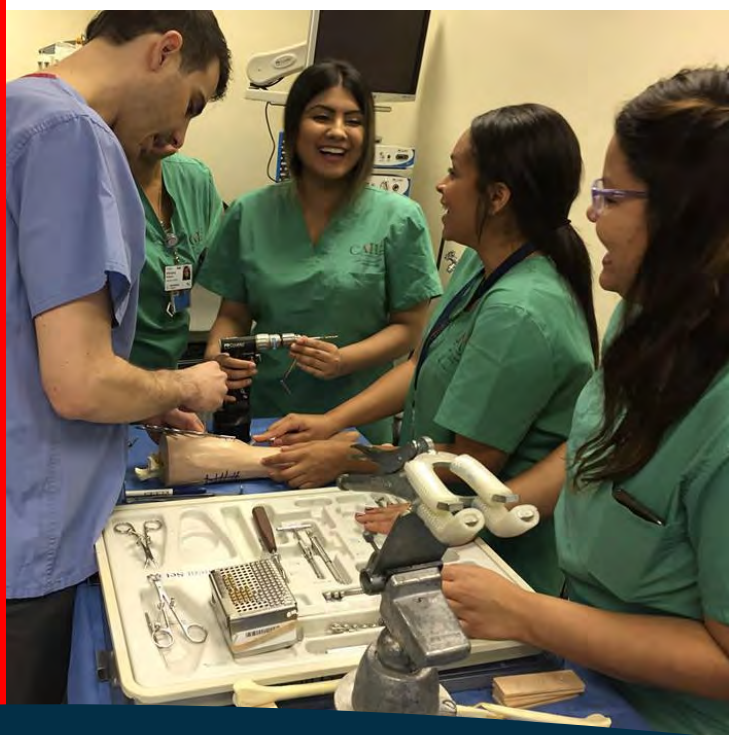
The Foundation is an Independent academic Institute accredited by ACGME (Accredited Council for Graduate medical Education), and we sponsor a Sports Medicine Fellowship. An ACGME Fellowship certificate is provided after the successful completion of a 12 month program. We also provide medical education for physicians and other health care professionals

Community Outreach:

Presentations to augment and enhance science assignments for middle and high school students. Sports Medicine and Athletic Training programs for high school students. Self management health education programs for arthritis sufferers to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence to manage the disease

About

The Orthopaedic Foundation was created as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization located on the East Coast whose primary function is to effectively promote, support, develop and encourage research and education concerning orthopaedic care and advancements in musculoskeletal diseases. It will encourage participation by physicians in orthopaedic surgery, physical medicine and rehabilitation whose practice also includes the care of persons with sport-related musculoskeletal injuries.





STAMFORD COUNSELING CENTER

Couples, Families, Individuals, Children

Organization: Stamford Counseling Center
Address: 22 Long Ridge Rd, 3rd Floor Stamford, CT
Email: stamcc@optonline.net
Tel: (203) 323-8560

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Programs Available

The Turning Point Program:

This program was launched in 2000, is an out-patient, community subsidized, mental health program for lower income, uninsured individuals and families who are experiencing relationship crises and who are unable to pay the usual cost for professional counseling.

Adult Probation Outreach:

Under the direction of Karen Mazarin-Stanek, LMFT, and in collaboration with the Probation Department of the Stamford Superior Court, this program provides short-term, solution-focused therapy for individuals on probation to help them alter maladaptive behavior and ways of thinking, assist them in utilizing the strengths and resources of their families and community, and improve the quality of their relationships.

About

The Stamford Counseling Center (SCC) is your resource for integrated mental and spiritual health treatment. You'll find a friendly, helpful staff and a comforting, peaceful environment. We are an independent, nonprofit mental health organization relying on a combination of fees, insurance, grants and donations to fund our services. We provide counseling and psychotherapy to individuals, couples and families seeking professional help with emotional difficulties, family crises and relationship conflicts.





Organization: Stamford Hospital Foundation
Address: 1351 Washington Blvd Ste 202, Stamford, CT
Email: Foundation@stamhealth.org
Tel: (203) 276-5900

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Join Planned Giving
- Volunteer
- Join board by invitation at 2 year terms

Programs Available

Grateful Giving:

Through our Grateful Giving Program, we provide patients and family members with a way to say “thank you” to a caregiver who made an extraordinary difference in their lives. When a gift is made, the person whom you are honoring will be sent an acknowledgment of your appreciation.

David’s Treasure Chest:

David’s Treasure Chest toy closet is in the new pediatric unit at Stamford Hospital offers new, age-appropriate gifts. Any child admitted to the hospital receives a free gift. The ‘treasures’ from the toy closet are made possible through gifts of toys and monetary donations from local organizations, businesses, and the community.

About

The Foundation’s mission is to secure the financial resources necessary to support Stamford Hospital. Through a multitude of fundraising initiatives, our efforts help supplement the cost of acquiring the latest technology, sustaining the Hospital’s core medical programs, and most importantly, enhancing our patient-centered services. Generous gifts, both large and small, to Stamford Hospital Foundation help save lives and advance the health and well-being of children, individuals and families throughout our community.





THE ELM PROJECT

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Organization: The Elm Project
Address: 88 Hamilton Avenue Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Nyeka Desther
Email: info@elm-project.org
Tel: (203) 658-9547

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become an ambassador

Programs Available

Camp AmeriKids:

Camp AmeriKids is our first and longest running program — a one-week residential summer camp for children ages 8-16 who are affected by HIV/AIDS, sickle cell disease, and other chronic illnesses.

Leader-In-Training (LIT) Program:

The Leader-In-Training (LIT) Program is a critical program for youth ages 12-18 that emphasizes self-esteem and exposure to new opportunities. The program allows teens to stay connected with the Camp AmeriKids community year-round by sponsoring monthly activities in New York City.

About

The mission of The ELM Project is to enhance the lives of youth living with the challenges of HIV/AIDS and sickle cell disease by providing an enriching summer camp experience, year-round skill building and a supported transition to adulthood. It continues to be our firm conviction that children, regardless of their economic, social or medical challenges should have the opportunity to experience the carefree joys of childhood. Through the addition of a teen leadership program and most recently, a mentor program for young adults, we have grown into an organization that supports youth from childhood through young adulthood (ages 8-21).





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Organization: The Exchange Club
Address: 141 Franklin street, Stamford CT 06901
Contact Name: Donna L. Miller
Tel: (203) 327-9419

Programs Available

Bilingual Community Services:

Since our inception, we have recognized the growing need in our community to work with the especially isolated segments of the greater Stamford Hispanic and Haitian population. Hispanic and Haitian staff at the Center provides translation services and links to community programs in a culturally-appropriate manor

Services for Families With Special Needs:

All programs include provisions to serve clients with diagnosed mental illnesses such as schizophrenia or depression; physical illnesses such as AIDS; circumstances such as the developmental disabilities of a parent or child; and much more!

About

The Mission of the Center is to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect by providing home based remedial and preventive intervention to abused and/or neglected children or those considered to be “at risk” and their families. The goal is to stop violence and to preserve the family. All programs at the Center are strength based, have been piloted, field tested and are proven as evidence-based practices known for their effectiveness in treating this horrific problem. Since its founding, The Exchange Club Parenting Skills Center has helped over 10,000 children and their families, and case studies show a greater than 85% success rate among families served!



Social Services & Business Improvement



The Business Council of Fairfield County

Strengthening Businesses. Strengthening Communities.

Organization: Business Council of Fairfield County
Address: 1 Landmark Square, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 359-3220
Email: info@businessfairfield.com

Ways to Contribute

- Join our network
- Engage with other business leaders and professional staff

Programs Available

Policy Leadership:

The Business Council plays a significant role in developing bipartisan state policies in economic growth, health care, workforce development, transportation, innovation and resilience.

Fairfield County Information

Exchange:

Resource for media and business leaders about the trends related to the region's economy through public events and presentations.

Health, Wellbeing & Safety:

Provides professional education, public events and best practice exchange with multi-dimension focus on health.

About

The Business Council of Fairfield County leads private sector efforts to shape a prosperous, equitable, sustainable future. Our work is driven by data, policy research and best practice exchange. We develop practical, bipartisan solutions to critical issues and provide a framework for business action to achieve high performing infrastructure, resilient communities, a competitive talent pool, and a vibrant innovation ecosystem.





Organization: Clothes To Kids of Fairfield County
Address: 90 Fairfield Ave, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Elaine Rubinson
Tel: (203) 533-9846
Email: info@clothestokidsfairfieldcounty.org

Programs Available

Apparel Partner Program:

Apparel Partner representatives serve as the liaison between CTKF and the retail community, and work with the Director to identify and approach companies who may be willing to partner with our organization.

Student Ambassador:

Student Ambassadors help both their own school and schools in their area plan and carry out clothing drives on behalf of CTKF. This is ideally suited for older students looking for a challenging, on-going volunteer project.

Ways to Contribute

- Donating by mail or online
- Volunteering
- Hosting a clothing drive

About

Clothes To Kids of Fairfield County is a nonprofit organization serving low-income or in-crisis school age children in Fairfield County, Connecticut. We envision a community in which every child has quality clothing so that he or she may attend school with the confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success. Our mission is to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in-crisis school age children, free of charge.





Organization: Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Address: 777 Summer St #400, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 588-9100

Programs Available

Counseling Services:

Our professional staff of counselors provides crisis intervention, safety planning and individual and group counseling in both English and Spanish to anyone who may be experiencing domestic abuse or previously has been involved in an abusive relationship.

PeaceWorks:

PeaceWorks, an educational project of the DVCC, believes the prevention of violence in our society begins with the education of children. Our programs focus on peaceful conflict resolution; recognizing and maintaining healthy interpersonal relationships; and recognizing and reducing aggression, anti-social behavior, bullying, harassment, and intolerance.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Direct service volunteers
- Project-based volunteers

About

The staff at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center is dedicated to the task of helping you and your children find ways to live your lives in peace, without the threat of violence, intimidation or abuse. We are nearly 50 individuals with years of experience and expertise in the field of domestic violence; we are counselors, educators and attorneys; we advocate for you in the court system and medical community; we offer SafeHouses where victims and their children can be safe while making more permanent plans; we partner with an organization that can find temporary foster care for your pet while you are in the SafeHouse.





Organization: Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
Address: 461 Glenbrook Road, Stamford, CT 06906
Contact Name: Kate Lombardo
Tel: (203) 358-8898
Email: atarantino@foodbanklfc.org

Ways to Contribute

- Monetary Donate online or by mail
- Food donations
- Volunteer
- Conduct a food drive

Programs Available

Food Distribution Facts:

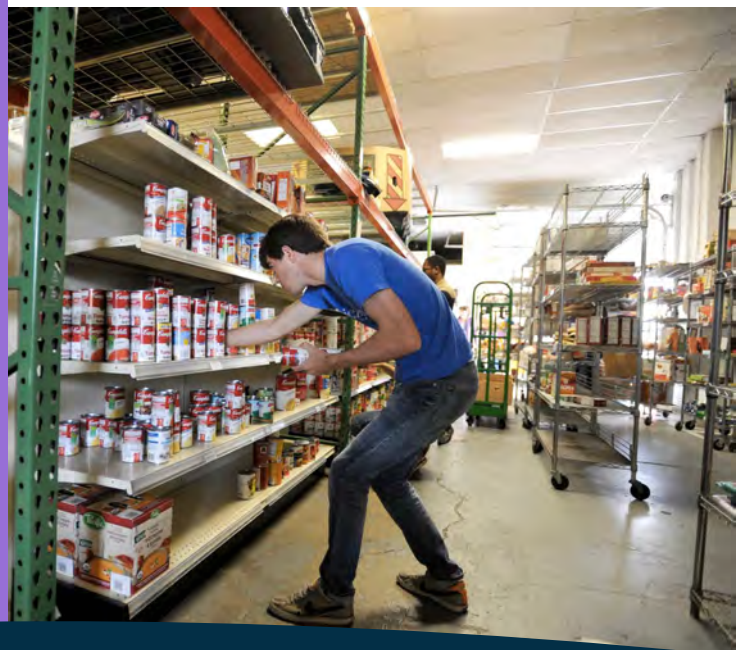
The Food Bank distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of food to its member agencies and programs at a savings to them of more than \$2 million over the wholesale cost of the food. These agencies reported serving over 5 million meals to more than 200,000 individuals during this period.

Hunger Facts:

It is estimated that in Fairfield County, a family of four needs an annual salary of about \$71,000 to avoid being “food insecure”; lacking reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

About

The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County’s mission is to serve as an efficient and effective provider of nutritious food to non-profit organizations that feed the hungry in Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton, while seeking to raise awareness of, and promote action to combat, hunger in those communities. We provide food for low-income residents of the six town area we serve through approximately 79 member agencies and programs. The efforts of our local businesses, churches and clubs helped feed over 200,000 individuals in lower Fairfield County.





Organization: Goodwill Industries
Address: 587 Elm St, Stamford, CT 06902
Tel: (203) 327-8240

Ways to Contribute

- Monetary donation online or by mail
- Donate items
- Volunteer

Programs Available

Senior Community Service:

This program is an on-the-job training and employment program designed to help those aged 55 and older update their jobs skills, build work experience and confidence, and continue to have economic security.

Beyond Jobs:

This program helps single mothers find jobs and provides them the long-term planning and tools they need to retain their jobs, advance in their careers, and ensure permanent financial stability for themselves and their children.

Good Guides:

This program is a national mentoring program for youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who are at risk for making harmful choices such as dropping out of school or joining a gang.

About

Goodwill is a nonprofit organization that provides job training, employment placement services, and other community-based programs for people who have barriers preventing them from otherwise obtaining a job. In addition, Goodwill Industries may hire veterans and individuals who lack education or job experience or face employment challenges. Goodwill is funded by a massive network of retail thrift stores which operate as nonprofits as well. Goodwill makes it easy for individuals, businesses, and communities to come together to support people with disabilities, economic disadvantages and other barriers to employment.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Sponsoring events
- Employee matching gifts

Organization: Housing Development Fund Inc.
Address: 100 Prospect St, Suite 100, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 969-1830

Programs Available

Down Payment Assistance:

First time home buyers can take advantage of a number of down payment and closing cost assistance programs designed to make homeownership achievable and sustainable, such as HDF's SmartMove down payment assistance loan.

Home Buyer Education:

Whether you have already applied for a mortgage or are just beginning to consider your options, 8-hour home-buyer classes provides in-depth instruction on the steps towards homeownership.

Landlord Entrepreneurship

Affordability:

This program is designed to help income-eligible landlord entrepreneurs purchase 2-4 family homes in the state of Connecticut.

About

HDF's strives to facilitate the development of affordable housing, both rental and homeownership, and to assist households to become and remain owners of affordable homes. With HDF, first time home buyers become homeowners through free counseling and unique lending products, developers build affordable housing units with competitive financing, and homeowners are encouraged and supported through innovative programs. There's programs for pre-development, acquisition, rehabilitation, down payment and closing cost assistance loans to low-income families.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer

Organization: Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT
Address: 461 Glenbrook Rd, Stamford, CT 06906
Tel: (203) 348-2800
Email: interfaithcouncilswct@gmail.com

Programs Available

Annual Interfaith Iftar:

Every year, the Interfaith Council co-sponsors this event, where the greater community is invited to join in a Ramadan Iftar, which is when Muslims around the globe break their fast at the end of the day during the month long observance of Ramadan.

Friendship House:

Friendship House is a West Side apartment building for low-income renters was sold for \$2.3 million to a partnership formed by the Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut and New Neighborhoods Inc.

About

The Interfaith Council provides spiritual leadership to solve community problems. As a catalyst fostering community-building action and conversation, we provide resources and convene events that increase interfaith understanding and create a safe space for growing and nurturing interfaith relationships; engage diverse religious groups and individuals in action to meet societal needs; advocate for communities and issues that are often overlooked; collaborate as an essential partner with congregations, non-profits, schools, and government agencies to foster a responsive, connected and compassionate community.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Donate items

Organization: Inspirica, Inc.
Address: 141 Franklin Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Nzinga King
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Email: nking@inspircact.org

Programs Available

Emergency Shelters:

Our Family Housing emergency shelter is the only one of its kind in the area. It provides critical housing to 42-45 participants for up to two months.

Jumpstart Career Program:

Our Jumpstart Career Program provides our clients the skills to secure employment and earn the income necessary to exit homelessness.

Transitional Housing:

Our transitional housing program for families provides critical housing support to 63-70 men, women and children. Each family has its own room(s), allowing for privacy and dignity. Families share bathrooms, kitchens, living rooms and community areas.

About

Inspirica is one of the largest providers of services to the homeless in Connecticut and the largest in lower Fairfield County. Inspirica serves individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Our mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve and maintain permanent housing and stability in their lives. We operate 11 facilities in lower Fairfield County and provide an extensive array of support services, including vocational training, workforce education, job placement, housing placement and much more.





Organization: Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County
Address: 196 Greyrock Street, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 921-4161
Email: info@ctjfs.org

Ways to Contribute

- Donate by mail or online
- Volunteer
- Donate to Kosher food pantry

Programs Available

Individual and Family Counseling:

This program helps people deal with behavioral and interpersonal difficulties, such as loss of a loved one, depression, anxiety, relationship conflicts, ADHD, divorce, and the stress of everyday life.

Kosher Food Pantry:

This program provides Kosher food and personal care items, including assistance for pharmacy and transportation, to members of our community experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to afford food and household items for their families.

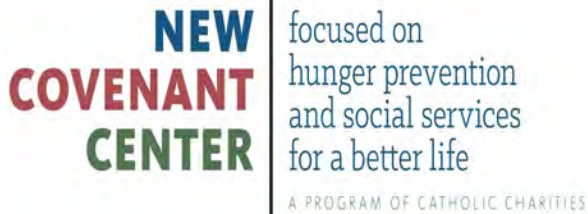
Employment & Training:

This program provides comprehensive employment and training services to individuals who are unemployed, displaced, or looking to improve or change their jobs.

About

Since 1978, the Elayne and James Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County has been all about families and community. Our mission is to sustain families and individuals through all of life's challenges and build strong, healthy communities. An ever-changing, ever-evolving social service agency, Schoke JFS is a presence in the community that continuously responds to challenges with the highest degree of professionalism, so that those who need us the most can benefit from our services.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer

Organization: New Covenant Center
Address: 174 Richmond Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT
Tel: (203) 964-8228
Email: nch@ccfc-ct.org

Programs Available

Job Skills Programs:

New programs focused on the food/hospitality industry are offered for our clients in partnership with other not-for-profit agencies. The new computer center provides a venue to search for work, write resumes, & develop employable skills.

Life Coaching:

Knowledgeable staff provides assistance to address basic individual & family issues, identify and overcome barriers/obstacles, and provide links to supportive services, such as medical & mental health referrals.

Medical Services:

A dedicated medical room is available to provide basic medical care, inoculations, and screenings.

About

New Covenant Center (NCCenter), formerly known as New Covenant House of Hospitality and operating under the programmatic umbrella of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc., opened in 1978 as a soup kitchen “to help the neediest in greater Stamford meet the most basic need for food in a dignified and respectful environment.” Over the last 38 years, we have evolved to be one of the largest soup kitchens in Connecticut and the only one in the area open 365 days per year, providing three meals daily. We also now operate one of the largest food pantries in the state and the largest in Stamford.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Join our programs

Organization: Pacific House
Address: 137 Henry st, suite 205, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Rafael Pagan Jr.
Tel: (203) 406-0017
Email: rpagan@pacifichouse.org

Programs Available

Recovery Program:

Drug and alcohol addiction is a major cause of homelessness. The shelter operates an in-house recovery program in collaboration with Liberation Programs with the goal of helping clients adopt a more stable lifestyle without the use of alcohol or drugs.

Young Adult Program:

This new program aims to meet the immediate critical needs of homeless young adults ages 18 - 24 with enhanced facilities and dedicated case manager with experience dealing with the unique needs of this age group. The goal is to connect clients with services they may not know are available to them and to keep them off the streets where they are most vulnerable.

About

The mission of Pacific House is to provide emergency food and shelter for homeless men in lower Fairfield County and to help them live more fulfilling lives through providing support services designed to help them find employment and stable long-term housing. Pacific House is the only regional shelter for men and young adult men in lower Fairfield County serving the four-town area of Stamford, Darien, Greenwich and New Canaan. The shelter provides overnight emergency beds for men, and operates a drop-in day program that provides case management services for men and women.





PERSON-TO-PERSON

Organization: Person to Person
Address: 425 Fairfield Ave. Suite 111, Stamford, CT
Contact Name: Avery Whidden
Tel: (203) 621-0698

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Give food

Programs Available

Dove Program:

This program has been coordinated by Person-to-Person for more than 40 years and provides a full day of food at the holidays for approximately 800 seniors or families. Local churches display paper doves representing a family in need.

Toy Store:

A Holiday “store” is set up for clients who have visited P2P at least six times during the year.

P2P On Wheels:

P2P On Wheels in Stamford provides groceries and casework services to residents living in food-insecure homes and the residents who are struggling financially because of the high cost of living in this area.

About

Person-to-Person began using their resources to help those in need while educating others about the impact of poverty and injustice. Efforts to help began with food and clothing and grew to include: Financial Assistance for emergencies, Camperships so children would be safe during the summer while their parents worked, College Scholarships to help break the cycle of poverty. Person-to-Person harnesses a committed, well-trained staff and strong board of directors to provide assistance within The Theory of Change. Volunteers, Clients and Donors all come together to form a stronger community for all.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Organization: Rapid Results Institute
Address: 6 Landmark Square Suite 400, Stamford, CT
Email: info@rapidresults.org
Tel: (203) 329-5800

Programs Available

Housing and Homelessness:

RRI is supporting communities and states to come together to reach ambitious goals to prevent and end homelessness. This is achieved by building more efficient systems.

Health & Social Care:

RRI's health and social care initiatives concentrate on leveraging the knowledge and energy of front line health and care professionals to transform the way health and social care are provided in their communities.

Building Government/Community:

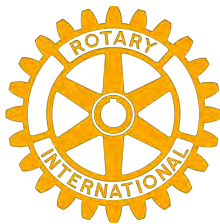
RRI has a long history of supporting governments, public institutions, and community based organizations in driving progress towards solving critical social problems.

About

We envision a world in which those tackling the world's greatest problems have the ability and agility to translate their ambitions into positive impact on the ground. Our mission is to coach and train leaders and teams from around the world in the choreography of the 100-Day Challenge and build a global network of change agents to catalyze and accelerate scalable solutions to critical societal problems. We are a small and nimble organization of change agents that works with communities around the world to catalyze the results needed for communities to achieve positive social change.



Rotary



Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Become a member

Organization: Rotary Club of Stamford
Address: P.O. Box 8026, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: John Kane
Email: stamfordrotaryinfo@gmail.com
Tel: (203) 570-9595

Programs Available

Rotary Cub Scouts:

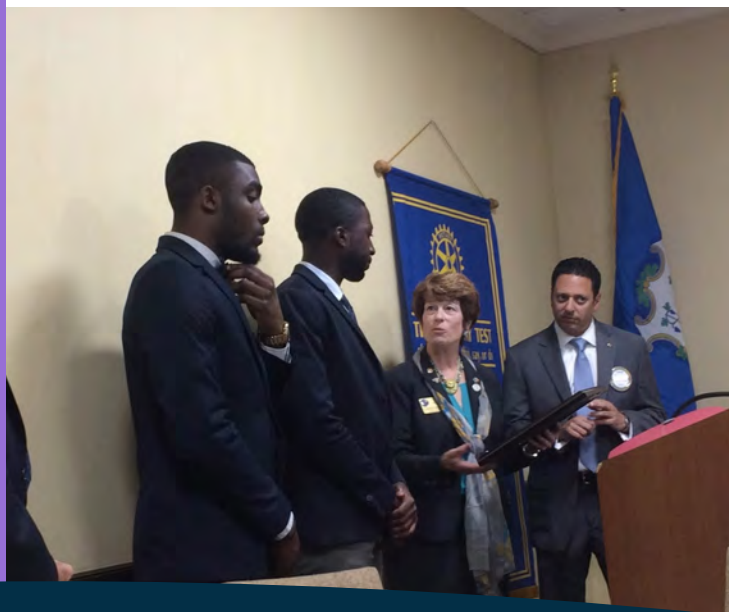
Den 8 was established in 2018 under the vision and leadership of Jim Patterson, the BSA District Executive and Vanessa Love. We hope to provide the opportunity for the boys and girls in the Den to participate in events all over New England, learn skills for all aspects of life and get them ready for a secure and good future.

Family Programs:

Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

About

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.22 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,558 Rotary clubs. The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.





Organization: SilverSource, Inc.
Address: 2009 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Kathleen Bordelon
Email: questions@silversource.org
Tel: (203) 324-6584

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Join planned giving
- Become a corporate giver
- Join board by calling and asking for Kathleen Bordelon

Programs Available

Individual Assistance:

Assistance for Housing Stability, Medical Care and Utilities, providing financial assistance, budget counseling, referrals and advocacy to ensure that seniors have safe, livable homes, basic necessities and the medical care they need

Ride to Wellness:

Transportation Program provides safe, affordable transportation to medical appointments, for seniors who are ambulatory or using wheelchairs

Neighborhood Outreach Program:

Provides home visits, information resources, expertise in navigating complex systems, referrals and application assistance.

About

SilverSource is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency and all services are provided free of charge. A leading resource for older adults, SilverSource provides direct assistance and supportive services to older residents in need, to ensure their safety, health and well-being. The SilverSource safety net for older adults prevents homelessness, loss of utilities, or loss of health due to the high cost of prescriptions and medical care. We offer affordable, reliable medical transportation to Stamford seniors, and information resources to families seeking solutions for aging relatives.





STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP
connecting people and ideas

Organization: Stamford Partnership
Address: 2 Landmark SQ, Suite 108, Stamford, CT 06901
Tel: (203) 325-4461

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail

Programs Available

Housing/Living:

Increase the economic resources so that every resident can live active, healthy and sustainable lives and contribute to making Stamford the best community it can be.

Innovation:

Create an environment where creating new things happens organically through cultural and entrepreneurial activities.

Skills/Education:

Encourage lifelong learning opportunities so that all residents are able to contribute their skills, talents, and abilities to shape the future Stamford.

About

For over 40 years, the Stamford Partnership has been dedicated to enhancing Stamford's business environment and the quality of life for all those who work and/or live in the City. The Stamford Partnership is a collaboration between government, business, and the Stamford community, driving and reporting on progress towards a shared vision for the future of Stamford. We achieve this through digital and physical events, research and projects. We continue to monitor and examine where the Stamford Partnership can add value to the needs of the community.





Organization: United Way of Western Connecticut
Address: 1150 Summer St, Stamford, CT 06905
Email: deborah.ducksworth@uwwesternct.org
Tel: (203) 348-7711

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a sponsor
- Join the board by contacting and asking for Bridget Fox

Programs Available

Stamford Cradle to Career:

The Stamford Cradle to Career partnership develops and increases the number of young adults ready to join a skilled work force by preparing every child, every step of the way--from cradle to career. United Way serves as the backbone entity for this work in Stamford.

FamilyWize Prescription Discounts:

The FamilyWize Community Partnership seeks to reduce the cost of medicine for children, families and individuals with no prescription drug coverage by \$100 million. The FamilyWize prescription drug discount card can save you and your family an average of 20% or more on 8 out of 10 prescriptions.

About

United Way is a leader in the nonprofit community and has its pulse on community needs in regards to education, financial stability and the health of our residents. United Way of Western Connecticut has reached an exciting time in our long history. Growing from our roots as five separate local entities, we are now one united, strong organization supporting 15 towns across Fairfield and Litchfield Counties. We are dedicated to serving our colleagues, friends and neighbors who must make difficult choices in their lives with their limited resources, a population called ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.





Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Make a corporate contribution

Organization: Women's Business Development Council
Address: 184 Bedford St #201, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Kenyetta Banks
Email: kbanks@ctwbdc.org
Tel: (203) 353-1750

Programs Available

Financial Coaching:

The Women's Business Development Council offers personal financial coaching tailored to individual needs and goals for the purpose of creating a stable financial future and improved quality of life.

Finding Funding for Your Business:

Learn how to take the appropriate steps for obtaining business capital. Meet with our experts and leading business lenders to learn how you can access capital for your small business.

Access to Capital Counseling:

Leverage extraordinary access to a comprehensive financial resource.

About

The mission of the Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) is to support economic prosperity for women and strengthen communities through entrepreneurial and financial education services that create and grow sustainable jobs and businesses across Connecticut. From starting or growing a business to increasing income, the Women's Business Development Council drives business success in a tangible and accessible way. Through workshops, one-on-one coaching and training programs, the Women's Business Development Council is making a difference in people's lives. We help women and men to reach beyond where they are and grow to the next level.





Organization: Women's Mentoring Network, Inc.
Address: 141 Franklin St, Stamford, CT 06901
Contact Name: Lana Gifas
Email: lgifas@wmninc.org
Tel: (203) 348-3828

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Host a networking event
- Join the board by contacting Lana Gifas

Programs Available

Workforce Preparedness:

Includes the Goal Setting, Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, On-the-Job Issues Management, Workplace Advancement

Life Skills Workshops:

Taught by professionals in the community that focus on Workforce Development, Financial Literacy, including Budget Coaching and Reviewing Credit Scores, and Health & Well-being

Women's Empowerment Hour:

Allows members to meet and share resources and discuss their job search

About

Women's Mentoring Network empowers low-income women and their families by providing the support services and programs needed to help them find better employment and educational opportunities. Programs focus on Workforce Development and Financial Literacy. The individuals that walk through our door are hardworking individuals. These women voluntarily seek our help so that they may have the ability to move forward in life and provide a better life for their families. In addition to assisting the women, we work with the children of the families that we serve to assist the students with achieving their goals as they navigate their way through high school and college.





Urban League of Southern Connecticut

Organization: Urban League of Southern Connecticut
Address: 137 Henry St, Stamford, CT 06902
Contact Name: Theresa Gainer
Email: tgainerulsc@gmail.com
Tel: (203) 327-5810 ext. 110

Programs Available

Financial Education for Youth:

We at the Urban League of Southern Connecticut have made it a priority to empower the youth of our communities to stop this trend and empower people, both young and old to gain knowledge to better manage their finances with our financial education courses.

Housing Development:

The Urban League's housing program offers education and counseling services that support individuals and families as they navigate the ever changing financial markets. Our programs are designed to assist in the purchase and maintenance of a new home, avoid foreclosure, repair damaged credit or plan for college education and/or retirement.

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Volunteer
- Become a corporate supporter
- Join the board by invitation at 2 year terms

About

The mission at the Urban League of Southern Connecticut (ULSC) is to enable African Americans and other minority groups to secure and sustain economic self-reliance and parity through education and instruction. The vision of ULSC is to unify, inspire and empower our community through leadership, advocacy and development. Countless men, women and children have benefited from the hard work of board members, staff, community partners and volunteers who put in endless hours realizing the mission and vision of the Urban League movement.





Organization: World Affairs Forum
Address: 30 Oak St #105, Stamford, CT 06905
Contact Name: Karine Hills
Tel: (203) 356-0340

Ways to Contribute

- Donate online or by mail
- Become a program sponsor
- Join the board by calling (203) 356-0340 for application process

Programs Available

Learn:

A lot is happening in the world around us. Attend our events and see the world through the eyes of those at the fore-front of the news.

Network:

Meet business leaders, entrepreneurs & motivated people just like you from Fairfield and Westchester Counties and beyond at our events.

Travel:

See the world! Cuba, Vietnam, Italy... Just some of the places our members have visited on trips sponsored by member World Affairs Councils.

About

Our local organization, serving Fairfield and Westchester counties, was established in 1946 in response to the founding of the United Nations. We are a non-partisan, non-profit organization serving over 500 members and the larger community through a variety of quality programs. We bring the best thinkers, writers and policy makers involved in world affairs to our audiences through approximately 30 events each year. We are affiliated with World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), with more than 95 affiliate Councils representing 86,000 members nationwide.

