

Community Currents

Celebrating the impact that donors yesterday and today are having on the future of our community

New Haven Promise: A Great Start



At the launch of Pathway to Promise: New Haven Promise scholarship hopefuls surrounded by (L-R) Superintendent Dr. Reginald Mayo, Mayor John DeStefano Jr., Dr. Dorsey Kendrick, President of Gateway Community College, Marna Borgstrom, President & CEO of Yale-New Haven Hospital, Rick Levin, President of Yale University, William Ginsberg, President & CEO of The Community Foundation, Kent McClun, Community Bank President for Connecticut at Wells Fargo and College Summit co-founder Keith Frome.

Since being launched in November 2010 by the City of New Haven, Yale University and The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven, New Haven Promise (NHP) is now a two-prong program. New Haven Promise: Scholarship and New Haven Promise: Partnership. The former provides up to full tuition at in-state public universities and colleges and up to \$2,500 to in-state private nonprofit universities and colleges for qualifying New Haven public school students who live in New Haven. The later is the support system designed to create a college-going culture in all New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) and in the community. Both are part of New Haven's nationally-recognized School Change Initiative.

Joining the Partnership, Yale-New Haven Hospital announced it will donate \$500,000 annually for four years to help expand the work of College Summit in all New Haven Public Schools high schools and implement a new program, Pathway to Promise in the preK-8 schools. College Summit is a national nonprofit that has been working with NHPS as part of its nationally-recognized School Change Initiative to strengthen college-going culture within NHPS high schools. Its curriculum, focused on academic excellence, self-advocacy, career-to-college connections, College 101 and financial awareness, is being taught by teachers in the high schools to help guide students through the college process. Pathway to Promise is engaging pre-K to 8th grade NHPS students to cultivate an aspiration for college education starting in pre-K. Wells Fargo also committed \$300,000 toward the effort.

Visit www.cfgnh.org to learn who joined the Promise Board and what's been done recently to engage parents in their child's education.

Permanent Fund Created by Quiet Philanthropist

Sarah ("Sally") Ferguson, who established a donor advised fund in 1999, remained anonymous until her death on February 8, 2011 at her home in New Haven. As expressed in the fund agreement, her fund will now be named The Sarah M. Ferguson Fund, a permanent endowment dedicated to education, the environment and historic preservation, reflecting the passions of her life.

Sally was introduced to The Community Foundation by her financial advisor, Chris Getman, now of Soundview Capital Management.

Although a world traveler, Miss Ferguson lived in New Haven for nearly 30 years. Throughout her life, she took an active interest in community affairs, which led her to serve as the President on several nonprofit Boards.

Visit www.cfgnh.org to read more about Sally's contributions to her community.



Sarah Ferguson in 1939.

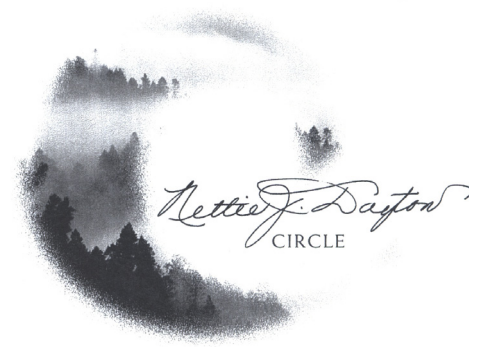
Join Dayton Circle Members In Creating a Powerful Legacy

Named for the first donor to The Community Foundation whose bequest established the first fund in 1928, the Nettie Dayton Circle honors the generous people who have created a powerful legacy through a deferred gift or bequest. We take this opportunity to thank them for their foresight and commitment to this community. A special gathering of Circle members is planned in the coming months. If you are a member and don't see your name listed below, or if you would like to join the Circle, please contact Dotty Weston-Murphy at dmurphy@cfgnh.org or call 203-777-7081.

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Richard Grave in 1986 as Chair of The Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

“A Foundation” of The Community Foundation Remembered

Richard M. Grave spent more than 30 years advancing the work of The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven about which he said, “It is the true foundation of the community.” Appointed to The Board in 1980, Dick served the seven year term and was the Chair from 1986-1987. After his Board term, he served on the Finance Committee and as the Chair of the Development Committee and insured that increasing the community's charitable endowment through new gifts was a priority. Dick and his family established the Grave Family Fund to address health issues and as a way of honoring his immigrant grandfather, “both his gratitude for the opportunities afforded him in 19th century New Haven and his commitment to the improvement of his adopted community...” We note with great respect and gratitude for his service to our community, Dick's death on March 10, 2011.

Life-Income Gifts... A Wise Choice For You, *Too?*

Planned charitable giving expert Conrad Teitell visited New Haven in early 2011 to speak to area professional advisors at the invitation of The Community Foundation and the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Addressing a group of 65 attorneys, accountants and financial advisors, Teitell delivered a presentation entitled *Choosing Wisely Among Life-Income Gifts & Recent Developments in Estate and Gift Planning*.

“Community foundations and Jewish foundations across the country really enable people to make great choices,” said Teitell.

In simple terms, he said, life income plans enable you to make a charitable gift and keep some income for yourself and/or for others. Different plans appeal to different people based on their unique circumstances.

Donors Randy Reinhold and Rita Berkson, for example, chose to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) at The Community

Foundation in 2010 that will benefit Fellowship Place, Schooner Inc. and LEAP after their deaths because the timing was right for them, given their age, assets and interests.

“We’ve always planned to give a certain portion of our estate to different New Haven nonprofits with which we’ve been involved,” says Randy, former President of the Board of Directors for Schooner Inc. and retired Chief of Surgery at the Hospital of St. Raphael.

With a CGA, you can make a gift of cash or securities to The Community Foundation now, get immediate tax benefits, and ensure that you or a loved one receive income payments for life.

“If you have money in cash and bonds, the return on the CGA because of the tax advantages is actually far greater than what you could get from the money or bond market and it’s fixed for an indefinite future,” explains Randy.

Read the full article at www.cfgnh.org.



Top and Bottom: Conrad Teitell; Randy Reinhold and Rita Berkson.

NewAlliance Foundation Establishes \$5 Million Fund

The NewAlliance Foundation has created a fund with a transfer of \$5 million. The announcement comes after the acquisition of NewAlliance Bank by First Niagara and the establishment of the NewAlliance Foundation as a separate private foundation. “NewAlliance Foundation has been a valued partner in supporting Greater New Haven. We believe their decision to establish a fund at The Community Foundation is a testament to our successful endowment management investment philosophy,” said Will Ginsberg.

“We have collaborated with The Community Foundation on many issues of mutual interest,” said Kim Healey, Executive Director of the NewAlliance Foundation. “The Board and staff of the NewAlliance Foundation are pleased that this collaboration has extended to establishing The NewAlliance Foundation Fund and we are looking forward to working with our colleagues for the good of our community.”





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Grants Foster Neighborhood Leadership; Boost Women's Health Research; Improve Local Wildlife Habitat in 2011

Through its New Haven Leadership Grant Program, formerly known as The Neighborhood Small Grants Program, The Community Foundation invested more than \$30,000 in 2011 in individuals and groups with leadership and organizational skills working in New Haven's neighborhoods. This year, priority was given to programs taking place in the vicinity of, or benefiting children, youth and families in the vicinity of the four K-8 pilot Boost! schools (Barnard, Clinton Ave., Troup and Wexler Grant) identified by the New Haven Public School System, as part of its school change reform efforts.

Eighteen agencies were awarded nearly \$110,000 in grants by The Community Fund for Women & Girls. Among them was the single largest and first-ever multi-year grant of \$50,000 made to Women's Health Research at Yale to advance health equity for women. The Fund also sponsored an event entitled *Raising Our Voices: Supporting Advocacy to Leverage Impact* featuring the advocacy work of two grant recipients: Mothers For Justice and the New Haven Diaper Bank.

Twelve organizations were awarded \$112,000 from The Quinnipiac River Fund for programs that reduce river pollution, support the environment and educate the public about the Quinnipiac River. Catalyst Collaborative received a grant to create a website that provides a consolidated source for Quinnipiac River information, resources, research, and advocacy, specifically related to the work and impact of the Quinnipiac River Fund. Audubon Connecticut will use its funding to raise awareness about ways to reduce sources of pollution and to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife within the Quinnipiac River Watershed.

Visit www.cfgnh.org for a complete list of Neighborhood Leadership, Community Fund for Women & Girls and Quinnipiac River Fund grants.

Biennial Report Highlights Impact & Activities

A new microsite showcases The Community Foundation's work in 2009-2010 to increase local giving, improve student achievement, strengthen local nonprofits and build this community's charitable endowment. We invite you to visit cfgnh2009-2010report.org and then share your thoughts on our Facebook page.

