

Community Currents

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

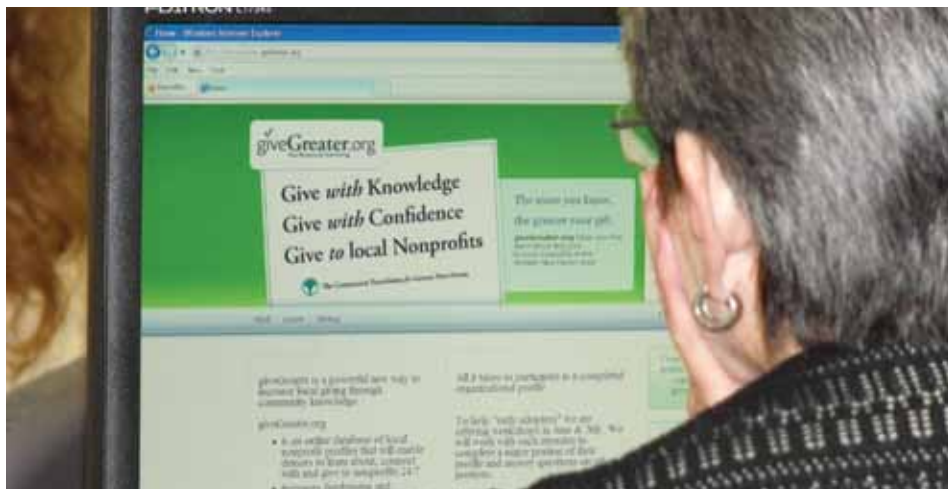
giveGreater.org: A New, Online Knowledge and Giving Resource

Soon, you will be able to give with greater knowledge and confidence to the nonprofits and causes you care about. You'll also learn about new organizations whose work may also inspire your support. For the first time, comprehensive profiles of area nonprofits will be available on a single website. These profiles will contain information from several sources and be searchable by name, geography, or interest area. Because the site also has online giving capabilities, donors have an opportunity to search, review, and give all in one place.

“Working with Guidestar, a trusted organization that compiles data from nonprofits across the country, The Community Foundation has created giveGreater.org to increase knowledge about our community and to get our local nonprofits in front of as many donors as possible,” says Will Ginsberg, President and CEO of The Community Foundation.

“This is an awesome tool and we are happy to be a part of this initiative,” said John Brooks of Columbus House, which was among one hundred nonprofits to build a giveGreater.org profile. Nonprofits which have profiles are also receiving one-on-one coaching assistance, social media and viral marketing training so they are ready for the public launch of giveGreater.org in November — the start of the traditional giving season. A major feature of the site is providing participating nonprofits with on-line giving capability.”

Stay tuned for more information about giveGreater.org at our website, www.cfgnh.org. To read the full article, [click here](#).



Barbara Feldman, of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, attended a training workshop to assist area nonprofits in creating their giveGreater.org profile. Over 100 organizations are already part of this new resource for local giving, available to the public soon.

Women & Girls Honors Founders



Fund founders (L to R) Lesley Mills, Elaine Battles and Louise Endel. Mills, who is President of Griswold Special Care, is chairing the committee preparing for the Fund's 15th anniversary celebration this Fall.

“These are remarkable women who are bright, highly accomplished and whose efforts gave birth to the success of the Community Fund for Women & Girls,” said Helene Robbins, Fund Chair, about the founders gathered for a special reception.

Also at the event, Jessica Sager of All Our Kin gave testimony to the Fund's importance to her organization from its beginning in 1999.

“With support from the Fund, it has been possible to create and sustain our toolkit program, which has launched careers for nearly two hundred women as licensed childcare providers,” said Sager.

For a list of fund founders and 2010 grants, visit www.fundforwomenandgirls.org.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Expert Cites Benefits of Giving Unusual Assets

During his “How to Repurpose Your Grandmother’s Pearls” presentation, consultant Bryan Clontz encouraged donors and advisors to think creatively when reviewing their charitable plans and goals. According to Clontz, more than half of many households’ assets are held in non-cash assets so gifts made with non-cash assets have less impact on a donor’s current lifestyle. And, most times, appreciated assets receive a fair market value deduction and an elimination of capital gains tax if donated to a public charity.

The Community Foundation has received several gifts of property and one donor recently announced an intention of leaving his 1929 Packard Phaeton and 1941 Packard Woodie (pictured below). Proceeds from the sale of these historical gems will be added to his family’s fund.

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Supporting Arts & Ideas



The Community Foundation was a founding funder and continues to support this world-class Festival today.

Stunning music and dance. Brilliant theater. Bright and emergent thinkers from around the globe.

We think you’ll agree that having a world-class Festival in our own backyard is important.

It’s one of the reasons we’ve been a champion of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas since its inception. With support from donors who agree, we’ve distributed more than \$3 million in grants over the past 15 years to fund hundreds of Festival events like the one pictured here.

Consider creating a fund during your lifetime or through a gift in your will to support the Festival and other community treasures.



Advisory Board Formed for Proposed Center for Arts & Technology

ConnCAT, or the Connecticut Center for Arts & Technology (affiliated with Bill Strickland’s Center in Pittsburgh), is moving closer to becoming a reality now that an Advisory Board has been created, under the leadership of local businessman and community leader Carlton Highsmith (pictured). Highsmith and Committee members are solidifying a location for the center and raising financial support.

Entrepreneur's Fund Helps Teens Learn Global Marketplace Skills



With a grant from the Peter & Judith Schurman Fund students from Granville Academy flew to Cleveland, OH to attend a leadership convention organized to prepare youth for success in the global marketplace under the theme, "Economic Integration through Leadership and Education." Taught entirely by volunteers, Granville Academy is a national after-school coaching and counseling program designed to give grade 8-12 students an introductory knowledge of business and industry. Established in 2003, the New Haven affiliate has sent students to the national conference every year.

"Granville Academy is not only about having fun, it's also about networking and obtaining the resources to better myself," Christina Seldon, a high school junior and conference attendee, said. "Granville Academy has taught me powerful tools and I learned many amazing things that I doubt I would have learned anywhere else."

Curlena McDonald has been president of the academy since its establishment. "Our goal is to try to get kids to see business is an option, but gaining an education beyond high school is essential," McDonald said.

"We are helping students to get the attention to stay in school. They are coming because they want to and we give them one-on-one attention. If individuals are good at something, we give them the support to pursue that skill."

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"... for the education, in the broadest sense, of young people who have had few advantages... particularly... in improving educational opportunities at the secondary level, through both traditional and non-traditional methods."

The Peter & Judith Schurman Fund, 1984

The Peter & Judith Schurman Fund has distributed more than half-a-million dollars in the twenty-five years since it was established, and has increased in value from the initial \$20,000 gift to more than 1.2 million dollars today.

During his life, Peter introduced a new concept to the blow-molding plastics industry, designing and producing double-walled carry cases and tool boxes. He garnered fifty patents and started the Woodbridge, CT-based Plastic Forming Company, with Judy working by his side. Peter served on the boards of several nonprofits and was a Stephen Minister in the First Presbyterian Church in New Canaan, where his wife served as a deacon.

Judy continues to be active in the Church and is a founding member of Staying Put in New Canaan, a nonprofit that helps seniors live healthy and independent lives.

Top Left and Left: Over the course of the three-day convention, students attended seminars and were introduced to business leaders and local college options.



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Progreso Latino Fund Gala: A Big Success

Amid pulsating music, Latin cuisine, and tropical scenery, hundreds of supporters turned out for The Progreso Latino Fund's Noche Bohemia Gala and fundraiser in June. During the night, friends and family paid tribute to John Soto, President & CEO of Space-Craft Manufacturing Inc. for his community leadership, philanthropy and advocacy of higher education.

Nearly \$40,000 was raised from the event; proceeds will be used to help meet a goal of raising the endowment to \$250,000. The Progreso Latino Fund was established in 2003 to promote the educational and socioeconomic well-being of Latinos in New Haven and the region through grantmaking and educational forums.

To make sure you get information about PLF activities and upcoming events, please join the mailing list at www.progresolatinofund.org.



Top: Honoree John Soto surrounded by his family
Bottom: More than 200 guests enjoyed
"A Night in Old San Juan."