Beloved Family Man and Veterinarian Memorialized

When and Nat and Amy Fenollosa moved their family to the Connecticut shoreline, they began to look for ways to support their community, continuing a tradition of philanthropy they began while living in Boston. In 2011, Nat was diagnosed with brain cancer, and Amy needed to find support for their two sons, who were 5 and 7 at the time. What she found was a void in resources and programs for young children dealing with a seriously ill parent. After Nat’s death in 2014, Amy established the Nathaniel K. Fenollosa Fund at The Community Foundation to address that void. The Fenollosa Fund has received more than 260 memorial gifts, a remarkable tribute to a man whose life and work touched people both in the local community and across the country.

To learn more about the Fenollosa family and how you can help, visit cfgnh.org/fenollosafund

New Program Helps Shoreline Youth Understand and Process Emotions

The Women and Family Life Center in Guilford — a Community Foundation grantee for more than two decades — is now home to a new program: Kids HUGS (Hope, Understanding, Growth, and Support). Kids HUGS provides support groups for children whose parents or family members have been affected by sudden illness, chronic disease, accident or injury. Groups are facilitated by a child life specialist, and each session has a creative focus to help kids explore their emotions in a fun way. The program is made possible, in part, by the Nathaniel K. Fenollosa Fund.
Undocumented Immigrants Subject of Foundation Convening

White House Advisor Speaks on President’s Executive Action

With Felicia Escobar, President Obama’s top immigration advisor, as featured speaker, The Community Foundation held a Convening on March 9 to explore the impact on our local community of recent Presidential actions. With more than 175 individuals in attendance at Fair Haven Middle School, Foundation president and CEO Will Ginsberg and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro kicked off the event, and community leaders from Junta for Progressive Action, Unidad Latina en Accion and CT Students for a DREAM discussed how undocumented immigrants and the community as a whole will benefit from President Obama’s actions.

Immigrants Make Greater New Haven a Resilient and Diverse Community

According to The Foundation’s recently released report entitled Understanding the Impact of Immigration in Greater New Haven:

- Immigrants contribute millions of dollars in property taxes to municipal governments.
- Foreign-born people are more likely to own a small business than native-born Americans, and naturalized citizens are more likely to own homes than native-born people.
- Students in Greater New Haven public schools speak over 100 languages at home.
- 1 in 8 residents of Greater New Haven is foreign-born, originating from countries in all world regions.
- About half of all immigrants are naturalized US citizens; the other half are legal permanent residents, legal temporary residents or undocumented immigrants.
- Naturalized citizens are more likely to have been born in Europe or Asia, compared to non-citizens who are most likely to have been born in the Caribbean or in Central or South America.

For more information, visit cfgnh.org/immigrationconvening

View the report at cfgnh.org/immigrationreport2015 and share it with your friends.
Consequences are Far Reaching

Teen pregnancy has serious and long-lasting impacts. Teenage mothers are less likely to graduate from high school and continue to higher education, and they have a higher risk of living in poverty than girls who delay parenthood. The consequences also extend to the children of teen mothers, who are more likely to be premature and to eventually drop out of high school than children of older parents. Both nationally and locally, teen birth rates have fallen significantly in the past 60 years, but persistent disparities along racial and ethnic lines show the need for continued and improved access to education, guidance and health care.

Preventing Teen Pregnancies

The Community Foundation makes grants to a variety of nonprofits and programs addressing teen pregnancy:

- Planned Parenthood of Southern New England has received support for the New Haven Healthy Tweens Program, which combines in-school programs with workshops that empower parents to become the primary sex educators of their children, and the Teen Engagement New Haven Initiative, aimed at improving teenagers’ understanding of, comfort with and access to reproductive health services.
- The Young Parents Program of Milford has received funding to promote healthy choices and healthy birth outcomes.
- Student Parenting and Family Services has received grants for parenting education and support services to teenage parents attending middle or high school in New Haven.
- Family Centered Services of Connecticut has received support for home visitation and outreach, parenting education, family strengthening services, counseling and advocacy.

For more information, visit cfnh.org/teenpregnancy
Showcasing New Haven’s Architectural History

Architecture Provides Glimpse into Past

There is no greater display of a city’s artistic and cultural heritage than its architecture. New Haven’s historic districts — from Wooster Square to City Point, and the revered buildings and homes found there — are constant reminders of our deeply rooted past. A small nonprofit, the New Haven Preservation Trust, is focused on honoring and protecting that storied past through advocacy, education and collaboration. Over the past two years, the Trust’s part-time staff, with the assistance of a $20,000 general operating support grant from The Community Foundation, has helped area residents and visitors cultivate a deeper appreciation for New Haven’s architectural treasures.

Workshops Available to Area Nonprofits

The Community Foundation offers training forums, workshops and other opportunities to share best practices with organizations serving Greater New Haven and the Valley. Workshops and follow-up consultation are both designed to strengthen the leadership, management and adaptive capacities of nonprofits at different stages of organizational development.

Upcoming event topics include:

• Asking for Money (April 22)
• Grantwriting 101 (May 12)
• Conversations with Donors: Building a Sustainable Relationship with Your Investors (May 28)
• Financial Management (June 11)
• Purposeful Boards, Powerful Fundraising (September 12)
• Best Practices for All Volunteer Organizations (October TBD)
• Planned Giving 101 (November 5)

For more information and to register, visit cfnh.org/workshops
20 Years of Support for Area Youth

Workers Keep Skills at High Level
What happens when you team a research-based center affiliated with the Yale School of Medicine with a vibrant network of organizations serving New Haven’s youth? The result is an experienced and dedicated training center that empowers youth organizations in New Haven and beyond. The Youth Development Training and Resource Center (YDTRC) started in 1994 as a collaboration between Citywide Youth Coalition and The Consultation Center. The Community Foundation has provided critical matching support from the very beginning.

Young African-American Men Benefit Little from US Health Care

The US health care system is failing young African-American men despite health care spending being at an all-time high.

African-American men have a life expectancy nearly five years less than white men, according to a March, 2015 commentary published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. While heart disease and cancer contribute to this decreased life expectancy, homicide also plays a large role. This opinion piece was co-authored by The Community Foundation’s New Haven Healthy Start program director, Kenn Harris. It calls for improved funding and other support for social and public health programs to address disparities in health care and health outcomes.
A Bequest Could be the Most Important Charitable Gift You Ever Make

And One of the Easiest

It’s a universal truth: you can’t take it with you. But you can create a lasting legacy within your community through a bequest (even while providing for your heirs through your estate plans). Visit cfnh.org/mybequest to learn about Foundation Board member Shelly Saczynski, whose bequest will create a permanent fund to support two outstanding organizations working to end chronic homelessness. While at that site, download your copy of Why Not Forever?, our new publication that shows just how easy it really is to create a legacy.

Improving Learning

When a program works, you stick with it. And when it works well, you expand it to maximize the number of people that may benefit from it. That has certainly been the case for the Educational Care Collaborative (ECC) in Hamden Public Schools. With the help of two multi-year grants from The Community Foundation’s Grace Donahue and Doris Feldman Fund, the ECC has grown from a pilot program addressing emotional and behavioral needs of elementary students in three classrooms at Church Street School to an integrated, multi-faceted service for students and parents at two Hamden schools. Classroom interventionists — graduate students in school psychology, special education or related fields at Southern Connecticut State and Fairfield Universities — assist teachers by defusing emotional or behavioral outbursts, redirecting students back to the classwork at hand.
Collaborating to End Homelessness

Coordination Produces Results

Job loss, illness, a death in the family — various immediate circumstances can cause a person to become homeless. But the underlying cause most often comes down to money. While no single intervention works for all people who are homeless, housing subsidies are the primary way to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness, according to the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness. Until recently, the system for dealing with homelessness had been a patchwork of shelters and service agencies working independently to help people get back on their feet. That approach is changing.

What’s Being Done

Homeless service providers in the region have formed the collaborative Greater New Haven Opening Doors to create a unified approach to ending homelessness. This is particularly important considering that New Haven County had the highest percent of homeless families in the state in 2014. Under the new Opening Doors model, providers of emergency shelter, food, and case management throughout the region are using a standardized process to assess people walking through their doors. This enables various providers to work together to help people find stable housing as quickly as possible and receive the services they need to remain housed. The coordination of efforts will help hundreds of homeless individuals who reside in our region’s shelters at any given time.

Learn more at cfnh.org/endhomelessness
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