On April 9, The Community Foundation and Long Wharf Theatre convened local leaders, national experts and community members in an effort to promote greater understanding and empathy about local violence. The event featured Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith from Harvard as the keynote speaker, followed by Mayor Harp explaining the City’s outreach efforts with youth, individuals, families and teachers. A panel of local experts next shared stories of the impact of violence and four powerful video testimonials captivated participants. A thought-provoking performance of *Brownsville Song* capped the day’s event.

**Everybody Can Do Something to Prevent Violence; Every Life Matters**

In Greater New Haven and north through the state’s central corridor, off-road linear trails are getting lots of people moving again, while also bringing value to the economy, the environment and the community. Often built on abandoned railroad beds and following rivers or other natural features, linear trails are usually paved and handicapped accessible. They provide natural corridors for birds and wildlife. They connect residents and visitors to parks, historic sites and other special places.

**Linear Trails: Connecting People to Places and Each Other**

Visit [www.cfgnh.org/lineartrails](http://www.cfgnh.org/lineartrails) to learn more about these special spaces in our community.
Alcoholism Among Affluent Women

Growing up in Connecticut, Prue Meehan saw firsthand the particular problem of affluent women abusing alcohol. Driven by the pain of losing friends, Meehan has dedicated herself to bringing the issue into the open and removing the shame and stigma that has prevented her friends from seeking treatment. As the founder of The Women of Substance, an organization that raises awareness and advocates for programs that meet the specific needs of affluent women, Meehan is dedicated to the issue of substance abuse. Although she lives out of state today, her affection for New Haven has led her to support the APT Foundation through the Meehan donor advised fund at The Community Foundation.

Substance Abuse: A Mental Health Issue

In recent years, the general public has become more open to discussions about mental illness and more sympathetic to individuals living with psychiatric conditions. The same cannot be said about addiction, which is often viewed as a moral failing resulting from a lack of will power.

Recent advancements in the understanding of addiction have led to improved therapeutic treatments. But stigma, whether imposed by others or self-perceived, is keeping many substance users from trying new therapies.

Recent Foundation grant recipients providing behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services include Bridges- A Community Support System and BHcare. Both received general operating support from the Anne Hope Bennett Fund for their comprehensive behavioral health services.
Is a Charitable Gift Annuity Right for You?

Help Yourself Now. Support Your Community Forever.

There are a myriad of reasons why establishing a charitable gift annuity may be beneficial to you. Maybe you recently retired and want to continue to be charitable but are concerned about income. Or, you’re still working, could benefit from a tax deduction now and want to plan for your retirement. Charitable gift annuities pay you income for life for cash or stock you donate now. You gain tax benefits and a permanent fund is created after your death to support the causes of your choice forever.

Your Chance to Be Heard

Telemarketers and survey phone calls can be disruptive at times. But this summer and fall you may get a call to participate in the 2015 Community Wellbeing Survey. If you do, we encourage you to take the survey. Findings will be used to inform individuals, community leaders and policy makers about the issues and opportunities in our region and state.

Calls will be made by Siena College, in New York State — (518) area code — from May to October. Responses are anonymous and completely confidential. Results depend on individuals like you contributing to this high-quality, meaningful data collection.

Find out your personal gift annuity rate at cfghn.org/mygiftannuity
Can we have just 3 minutes of your time?

Please Tell Us What You Think

Inside this issue of Community Currents is a survey. A digital version is also available online at cfgnh.org/survey.

Your answers, by August 15th, will help us serve you better and increase matching grants to local nonprofits.
Please take a moment to complete this brief survey about your readership of the newsletter *Community Currents* and return it in the enclosed pre-paid envelope. If you would prefer to complete this survey online, please visit cfgnh.org/survey.

For every completed survey we will add $1 to The Great Give® 2016 matching pool (minimum of $1,000 to maximum of $5,000). Your answers will help us serve you better and increase matching grants to local nonprofits.

1. What is your age?
   - [ ] 18 to 24
   - [ ] 25 to 34
   - [ ] 35 to 44
   - [ ] 45 to 54
   - [ ] 55 to 64
   - [ ] 65 to 74
   - [ ] 75 or older

2. What is your gender?
   - [ ] Female
   - [ ] Male

3. How often do you typically read The Community Foundation’s newsletter, *Community Currents*?
   - [ ] Every issue
   - [ ] Most issues
   - [ ] Occasional issues
   - [ ] Never read an issue

4. When there is additional content from *Community Currents* available online, how likely are you to go to the website and read it?
   - [ ] Not at all likely
   - [ ] A little
   - [ ] Moderately
   - [ ] Very likely

5. *Community Currents* can cover a broad range of topics. Please rate your interest in learning about the following:

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6. Please identify the ways in which *Community Currents* strengthens your connection to The Community Foundation. (check all that apply)

   - [ ] Reminds me of the work of The Community Foundation
   - [ ] Encourages me to take action about an issue
   - [ ] Gives me information about nonprofits and their work
   - [ ] Inspires me about donors and what giving can accomplish
   - [ ] Encourages me to be in touch with The Community Foundation

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7. How would you rate the following aspects of *Community Currents*?

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8. Other than *Community Currents*, where do you get news about The Community Foundation? (check all that apply)

- [ ] The Community Foundation’s website
- [ ] Invitations and mailings
- [ ] Annual Reports
- [ ] Emails from The Community Foundation
- [ ] The Community Foundation’s social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In)
- [ ] Media (TV, Radio, Newspaper)
- [ ] Word of Mouth
- [ ] Other

9. How do you prefer to be contacted by The Community Foundation? (check all that apply)

- [ ] Mail sent to home or work address
- [ ] Email/enews
- [ ] Social Media (Facebook, Twitter)
- [ ] Phone call
- [ ] Text message
- [ ] Other

10. What is your relationship with The Community Foundation? (check all that apply)

- [ ] Donor
- [ ] Fund holder
- [ ] Nonprofit staff member
- [ ] Nonprofit Board member
- [ ] Community leader
- [ ] Legal, financial or other advisor
- [ ] Other

Answers are anonymous, but if you would like us to follow-up with you, please provide us with your name and email.

Name (optional) __________________________

Email (optional) __________________________

☐ Remove me from the *Community Currents* hardcopy mail list; please send email only

Thank You!