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## **Community Fund is special**

To the Editor: It's surprising to us how many people don't know what makes the **Community Fund of Darien** unique. We are unique because, as a large grant maker we are literally helping thousands **of** our neighbors meet basic human service needs **of** all kinds each and every year. We are unique because we offer the organizations that serve these people capacity building grants as well as strategic advice to make their businesses stronger.

We are unique because as a major funder, we can serve as a convener **of** organizations doing similar work, and help them work together so that your dollars go farther.

We are unique because we have the ability to look broadly at local issues like housing, hunger, addiction, and domestic violence, and understand how they are impacting our **community** overall-not solely a certain population served by a single organization. We are unique because we represent you and all members **of** the **Darien Community** who have an interest in making our **community** stronger.

As we wrap up our 60th Anniversary year, it is our hope that you will take the time to understand what we do, for you, and for those around you.

And too, we hope you will support us in our endeavor to make this **community** a better place.

Sixty years ago 90% **of Darien** families supported the **Community Fund**. We hope to come together today to reach that same goal. Please, join us, and support the **Community Fund of Darien**.

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