

COMMUNITY FUND RECOGNIZES ITS BUSINESS DONORS

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A Business Leadership reception was held recently at **the Darien** Arts Center Weatherstone Studio to recognize **the Darien** businesses that donated their support to **the Community Fund of Darien** this past year. A Business Campaign Committee of six **community** volunteers, led by Greg Palmer of Palmer's Market, worked all year long to help raise money for **the Community Fund's** work to help meet health and human service needs in **the** town and region. Committee members included Dan Anderson of Merrill Lynch; John Hertz of Hertz Construction; Joe Viesta of Michael Joseph's; and George Reilly of Rucci, Burnham, Carta, Carello & Reilly.

More than \$60,000 was raised in contributions from 26 local businesses. In addition to leadership gifts, another 55 businesses supported **the Community Fund**, including those that participated in **the** annual Halloween Window Painting competition last October.

"Giving to **the Community Fund** makes sense," said Palmer. "Through **the** active participation of 50 local volunteers, you can be assured that your dollars are wisely and responsibly spent to support over 29 agencies in our area - agencies that most of us don't know but are critical to people who live and work here."

"We are extremely grateful to **the** local businesses of **Darien** for their generosity and strong commitment to helping improve lives in our **community**," said Kiki Karpen, executive director of **the Community Fund of Darien**. "Working together - our residents, businesses and town - we bring essential talents and resources to tackle critical issues and achieve real results in helping others."

For more information about **the Community Fund of Darien**, call 655-8775 or visit communityfunddarien.org.

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