



2022-2023 Annual Report



On behalf of all of us at The Community Fund of Darien, and all those we help, thank you for taking the time to learn more about us through our annual report. For more than 70 years, we have been strengthening and connecting the social fabric of our community - the web of interactions and connections that bind us all together - to collaboratively bring about change.

The strength of any community is dependent upon the quantity and quality of interactions, and how they are woven together. By providing grants totaling more than \$27 million since 1951, to carefully vetted local nonprofit organizations, we help ensure there are no loose ends when it comes to assisting our neighbors in Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford with access to basic needs including food, shelter, physical and mental health care, job training and youth success programs.

What makes community building so complex is that it occurs in an infinite number of small ways. With one donation to The Community Fund of Darien, you support an entire interwoven network which has the demonstrated ability to create meaningful and lasting impact upon the lives of our neighbors.

Social fabric really is the glue which holds our community together and creates a culturally rich, cohesive, and inclusive community. We appreciate you for continuing to help us weave together a stronger social fabric for the benefit of all. There's no **Community** Fund of Darien without Y-O-U.

With gratitude,

Janet King
Executive Director

Shelly Skoglund
Board President



OUR MISSION

The Community Fund of Darien inspires people and mobilizes resources to strengthen our community.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all community members to have the opportunity to reach their full potential as healthy, educated, and self-sufficient individuals.

OUR IMPACT

The Community Fund of Darien initiates solutions, builds collaborations, and implements and supports programs to strengthen youth, adults and families for lasting and positive impact in Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford.



WHAT WE DO

GRANTS

We assist our neighbors in Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford by awarding grants to local nonprofits that provide food, shelter, access to physical and mental healthcare, job training, and youth success programs.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

We provide middle and high school students with the opportunity to get involved in local community service & philanthropy efforts.

THE VOLUNTEER HUB

We match Darien residents seeking a local nonprofit volunteer opportunity with appropriate organizations.

HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

We convene nonprofit, government and educational leaders to address social service needs in Darien.

THRIVING YOUTH DARIEN

We administer the Darien Student Survey and coordinate special events to promote positive youth development and mental health.



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1 Emily Larkin, Shelly Skoglund, Lisa Haas, and Sondra Romano at the Annual Donor Appreciation Party. 2 Tammy Sload Volunteering at Filling In the Blanks 3 Kristine Miller and Brandi Maniscalco at the Annual CIV Party 4 Lillian Raben, Sandi Sufrin, Melissa Williams, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, and Jennifer Falloon at the Annual Volunteer Celebration 5 Andrew Vojt Volunteering at Filling In the Blanks 6 Lisa Haas, Jessica Anderson, Amy Clarke, Emily Larkin, and Janet King at the Annual Volunteer Celebration

Because of your generosity,
this year The Community Fund of Darien granted

\$650,000

to 35 nonprofit organizations in Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford.

“For over 70 years, The Community Fund of Darien has been strengthening the fabric of our community. By making grants to local nonprofits, we help to ensure there are no loose ends when it comes to our neighbors with basic needs. Woven into our success is your intentional support of our mission. You make it all possible.”

**-Janet King, Executive Director,
The Community Fund of Darien**



KEY AREAS OF IMPACT



Because of your generosity,
this year The Community Fund of Darien will help over 62,500 neighbors and 35 local nonprofits.



609 people will receive job training



26,799 neighbors will be provided meals and groceries

5,611 students will receive educational support



3,178 children will receive mental health resources



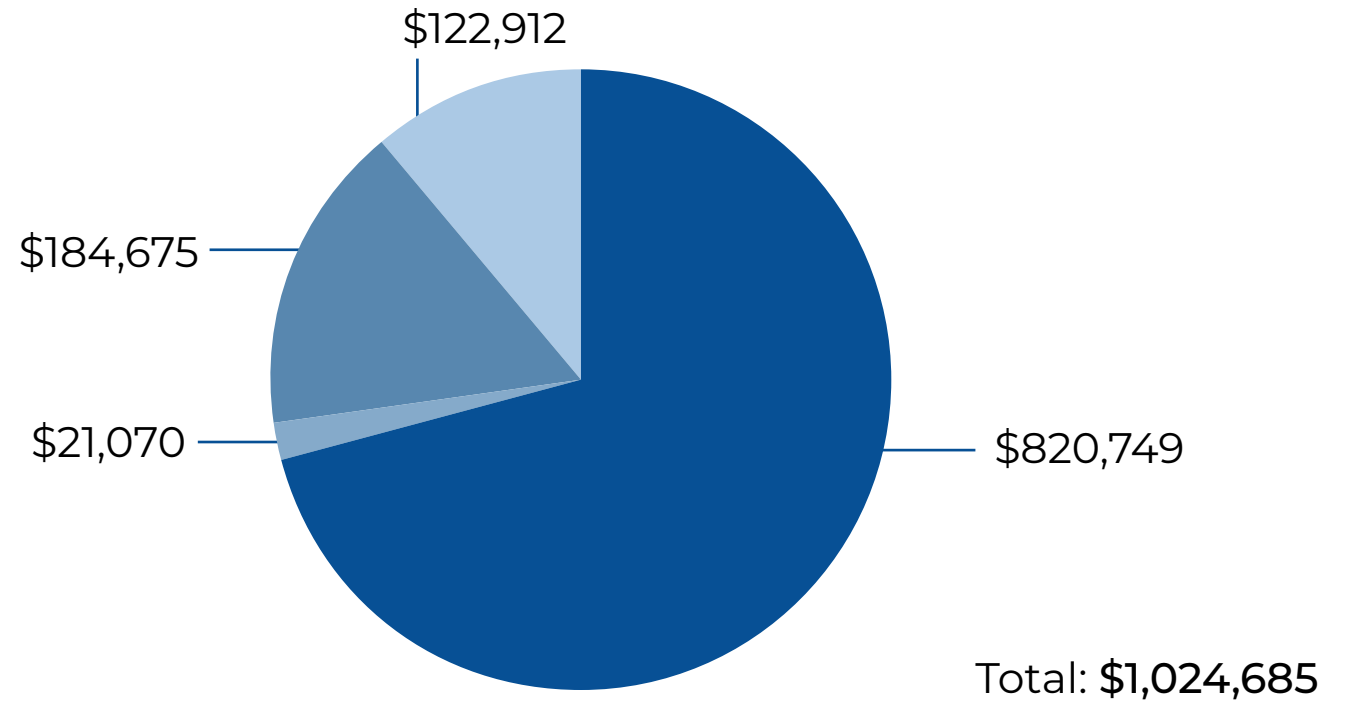
1,280 people will benefit from community health resources



3,985 community members will be provided shelter

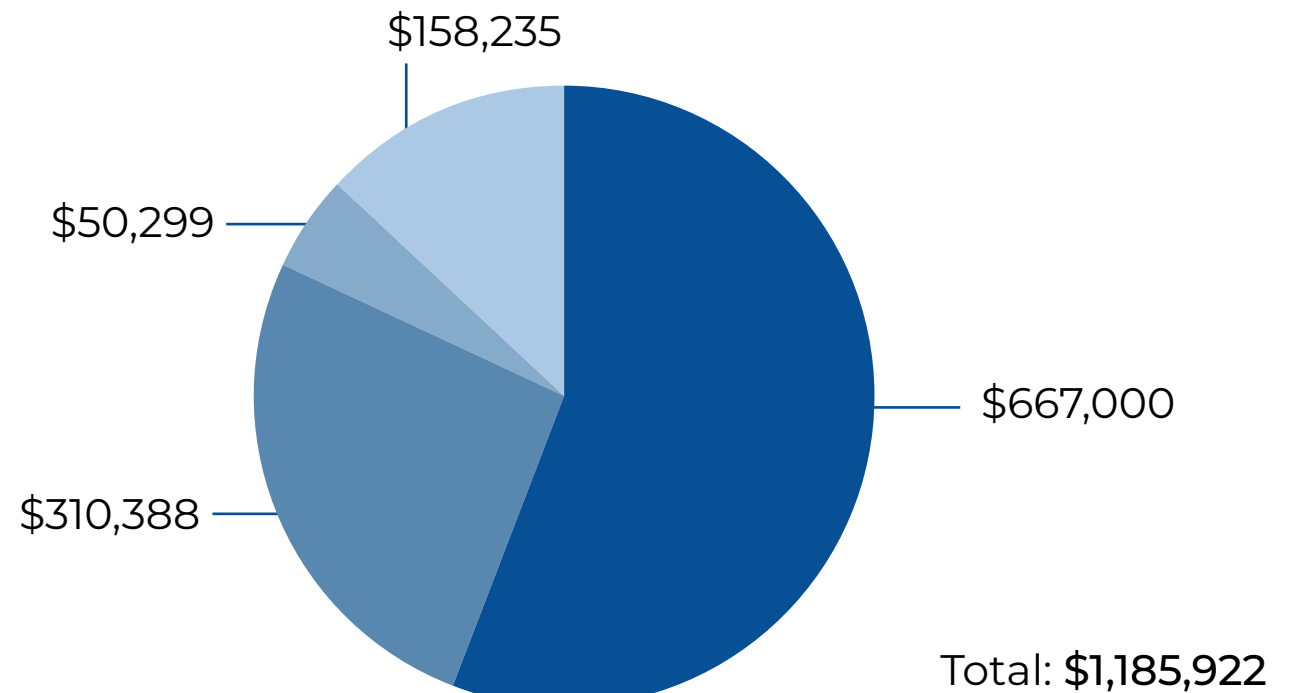
REVENUES

- Donor Gifts
- Special Events
- Grants Received
- Business Gifts



EXPENSES

- Community Grants
- Community Investments
- Fundraising
- Management and General



BASIC NEEDS

\$214,000 AWARDED IN GRANTS

- Food, Shelter, Emergency Assistance
- The Community Fund of Darien awarded grants to nine local nonprofit organizations whose focus is on basic needs.

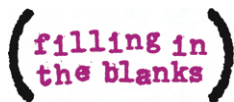


"The Community Fund of Darien's investment in us is crucial to continuing not only to serve daily meals and distribute groceries, but to also introduce new programs and services intended to put our clients on better paths in their lives."

New Covenant Center



GRANT RECIPIENTS



COMMUNITY HEALTH

\$207,000 AWARDED IN GRANTS

- Mental Health, Physical Health, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Elderly Care
- The Community Fund of Darien awarded grants to nine local nonprofit organizations whose focus is on community health.



"The Community Fund of Darien's support is instrumental in our efforts to ensure that every child, regardless of their family's financial circumstances, has access to the mental health services they need. Together, we have been able to help more children and families".

Mid-Fairfield Community Care Center



GRANT RECIPIENTS



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

\$61,000 AWARDED IN GRANTS

- Job Training
- The Community Fund of Darien awarded grants to four local nonprofit organizations whose focus is on workforce readiness and stability.



"We are so deeply grateful to the Community Fund of Darien for your generosity, for the trust you bestow on us, and for your sustained partnership. In a time where funding opportunities are declining, we are beyond thankful for your investment in our organization and the community we have the privilege to serve."

Building One Community



GRANT RECIPIENTS



YOUTH SUCCESS

\$168,000 AWARDED IN GRANTS

- After-School and Summer Academic and Enrichment Programs, Early Childhood Education, High School Graduation and College Prep.
- The Community Fund of Darien awarded grants to thirteen local nonprofit organizations whose focus is on youth success.



“Support from The Community Fund of Darien helped us provide material output support (school clothing and supplies, scholarships for students to participate in sports and the arts) and academic, social, and emotional support to 329 young people.”

DOMUS



GRANT RECIPIENTS



The Youth Community Fund

This year, The Youth Community Fund granted **\$17,000** to **14** local nonprofits.

Boys and Girls Club	\$1,000
Building One Community	\$1,200
Carver	\$500
Children's Learning Centers	\$1,500
Domestic Violence Crisis Center	\$1,400
Filling In the Blanks	\$1,800
Food Rescue	\$500
Future 5	\$1,500
Inspirica	\$500
Kids in Crisis	\$1,200
Liberations	\$1,200
New Covenant Center	\$1,500
Open Doors	\$2,000
Person to Person	\$1,200

"I love how YCF brings together all sorts of kids who are excited about making an impact. YCF has been an eye opening experience allowing me to see my privilege as a Darien resident and use it for a great purpose."

John Rooney, YCF President



The Community Fund of Darien's Programs for Youth

YGB

Youth Give Back

a program for youth established by The Community Fund of Darien

A semester-long program for 7th and 8th grade students focused on contributing to their community. Youth Give Back students cooked and served meals at local homeless shelters, visited with Seniors at Atria, painted a mural at Building One Community, and read to children at Children's Learning Centers.



FCG

Freshman Community Group

a program for youth by established The Community Fund of Darien

Exclusively for high school freshmen, FCG students explore Youth Asset Team and Youth Community Fund groups so that they may make an informed decision as to which group to join in 10th grade. Students learn about human service needs in our surrounding community and volunteer with local nonprofit organizations.



YAT

Youth Asset Team

a program for youth established by The Community Fund of Darien

A group of 10-12th grade students who meet to learn about mental health and substance use. Through a guided group discussion with a licensed professional counselor, they explore topics such as teen stress, peer and personal struggles, and substance use.



Touch-a-Life Fund

Since 2006, the Touch-a-Life Fund has provided more than \$121,000 to Darien residents who are experiencing urgent financial need in covering basic living expenses.

This year, The Community Fund of Darien provided **\$5,432** to Darien residents in need.

In cooperation with the Department of Human Services, The Community Fund of Darien will pay essential bills for Darien residents, including:

- Assistance with rent to keep Darien residents in their homes and avoid potential eviction proceedings
- Assistance with household utilities such as electricity and heating oil to keep families safe and warm
- Assistance with essential necessities such as food, prescribed medications, and medical equipment

A Darien woman who had a drastic reduction in salary was having a hard time paying her bills while looking for another job. The Community Fund of Darien's Touch a Life fund was able to help with her rent payment for one month until she found a new job with increased hours.

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