

THE COMMUNITY FUND OF DARIEN DESIGNED TO DINE CHARITY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024
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## Invite Inspire

Welcome to The Community Fund of Darien's third annual Designed to Dine Fundraising Luncheon – Invite, Inspire, Impact. We have invited the finest designers, florists and decorators to create magnificent and imaginative tablescapes which inspire us. Designed to Dine brings us together with the goal of building an engaging community to raise funds that will impact Stamford, Norwalk and Darien nonprofit agencies.

The Community Fund of Darien was established in 1951 and has since distributed over \$28 million to deserving local nonprofits. Our panel of Grant Volunteers contributes 650 volunteer hours every year, conducting on-site visits and reviewing applications to ensure your donation is wisely invested

Join us today to *Invite, Inspire and Impact* – as we build new connections that give us all a deeper sense of belonging. Building a better community falls to each of us. We are grateful for you, your charitable spirit and your support of our community.

With gratitude,

Janet King

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Executive Director

Brandi Maniscalco

Board President

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The Community Fund of Darien

Our Mission

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



10:00 - 11:30 Tablescape Viewing

11:30-12:00 Mingle in the Wee Burn Bar Room

while lunch is being set

12:00 Luncheon:

#### Welcome

Brandi Maniscalco, *Board President*, *Designed to Dine Honorary Chair*, The Community Fund of Darien Janet King, *Executive Director*, The Community Fund of Darien

Make a Difference CK Swett, Auctioneer

Creative Conversation with Eliza Crater Harris
Erin Eblen and Kristine Miller, Designed to Dine
Co-Chairs, The Community Fund of Darien
Eliza Crater Harris, Chief Creative Officer of Sister Parish
Design, and Lilse McKenna, New York & CT Based Interior
Designer of Lilse McKenna Inc.

Closing

Please enjoy a toast at your table with Saint Pourcain rosé, generously donated by Mary Taylor wines.

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FUND OF DARIEN

Since 1951, The Community Fund of Darien has granted \$28 million to local nonprofits in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford which ensure our neighbors have access to food, shelter, physical and mental healthcare, job and skill training, and youth success programs.

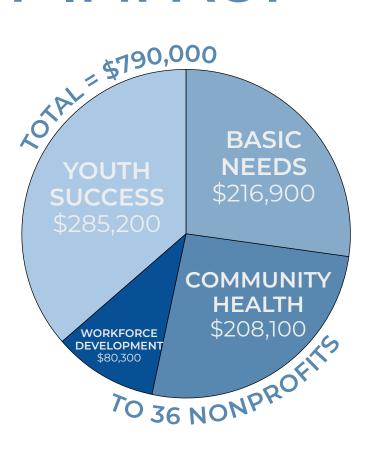
This year, The Community Fund of Darien was proud to award \$790,000 to 36 of the area's most impactful nonprofit organizations.

Community allows us to help people in a way we could not as individuals. By pooling our resources, we exponentially increase our impact.

## The Community Fund of Darien touches you, or your neighbors, if you know...

- A teenager struggling with anxiety, depression, or other mental health challenges.
- A person victimized by domestic violence, sexual abuse, or other harmful behaviors.
- A person experiencing food insecurity or homelessness.
- An underserved child enrolled in an early childhood education program.
- A person enrolled in skills training to retain employment and increase wages.
- A senior seeking to remain at home, engaged, and thriving in out community.

### KEY AREAS OF IMPACT



Basic Needs: \$216,900

- Food, Housing, Emergency Assistance

Community Health: \$208,100

Mental & Physical Health, Domestic Violence,
 Substance Abuse

Workforce Development: \$80,300

- Job and Skill Training, College Prep

Youth Success: \$285,200

 After-school/ Summer Academic and Enrichment, Early Childhood Education, School Engagement, High School Graduation



## A little help can make a big difference

KPMG is proud to support The Community Fund of Darien and Designed to Dine's effort to ensure our neighbors have access to food, shelter, physical and mental healthcare, job training, and youth success programs. We strive to make a difference in our communities and the people who live there. Discover more at kpmg.com.

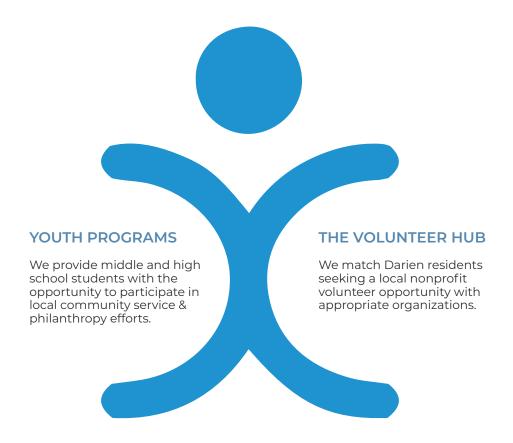
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### WHAT WE DO

#### **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.



#### HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

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

#### THRIVING YOUTH DARIEN

We convene a volunteer coalition that brings together community organizations to promote and empower youth development and mental health with the goal of reducing teen subtstance use.

### WHO WE HELP

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### Eliza Crater Harris Chief Creative Officer of Sister Parish

Hear from Eliza Crater Harris as she discusses the rich history of Sister Parish with lifelong friend and interior designer Lilse McKenna.

The duo will explore Sister Parish's iconic influence on design and how her legacy has shaped Lilse's work. Eliza and Lilse will also share how they continue to bring Sister Parish's timeless values—authenticity, comfort, and connection—into their own modern design practices.

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Eliza Crater Harris



Lilse McKenna

her daughter, Creative Director Eliza Crater Harris, their mission is to encourage, inspire and educate designers and design enthusiasts alike to create homes that value their company's beliefs. Susan and Eliza are proud to be known for their commitment to historically driven design and truly believe that it is through this lens that great American houses are born.





Eliza Crater Harris

Sister Parish

At only 23, Sister Parish opened her decorating business in 1933. Despite the depression and WW2, Mrs. Henry Parish II flourished and decorating the White House for the Kennedys compelled her to bring on a new talent, Albert Hadley. He was made partner shortly thereafter and the iconic firm Parish Hadley was born. Sister passed away in 1994 and made a lasting mark on American design. The New York Times obituary noted, "Mrs. Parish's six decades of decorating epitomized the rise of women in her own and other professions in 20th century America." Following in Sister's footsteps, Susan (Sister's granddaughter) and Eliza (Sister's great granddaughter) have continued to bring her iconic ideas, designs and spirit into the world of American design and are proud to continue her legacy.







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Erin Eblen & Kristine Miller

#### **Designed to Dine Honorary Chair**

Brandi Maniscalco

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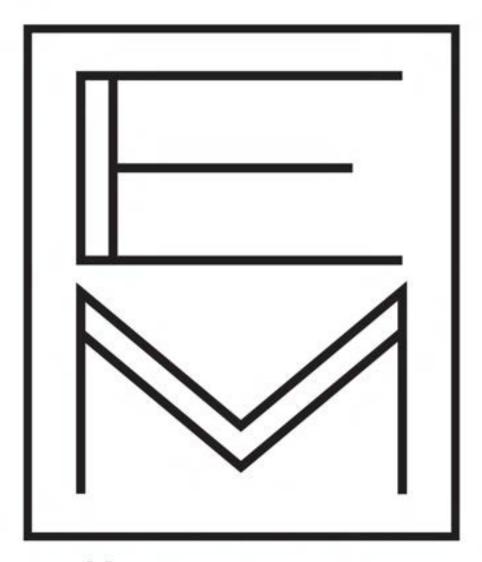
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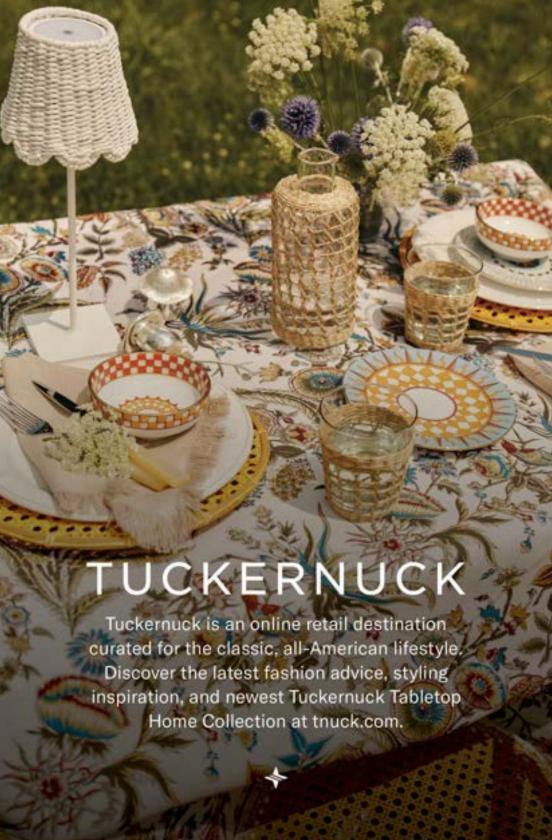
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## Raise Your Paddle!

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## Your Impact:



\$10,000 helps fund a Kids In Crisis Teen Talk counselor who can provide more than 150 counseling sessions at a local high school.

\$5,000 sponsors a recovery program for a client at Liberation House for one year.





\$2,500 provides counseling, case work, and "Thinking Well" therapy to a young adult with learning differences and behavioral challenges through Laurel House.

\$1,000 provides short term crisis counseling for one child victim of sexual abuse at the Rowan Center.





\$500 covers one mobile crisis intervention for a high-risk youth and their family through the Child Guidance Center.

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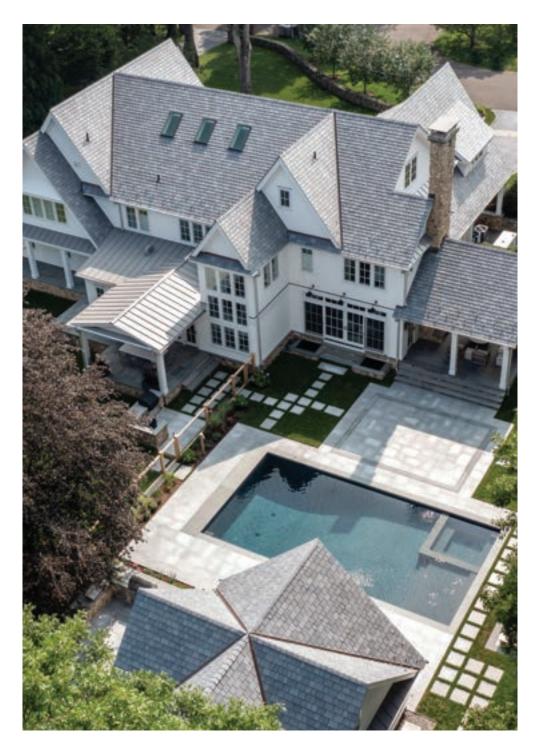
















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## 2024 Tablescape Designers

**Table 1** 'Sweater Weather Soiree' Kerrie Kelley Design @kerriekelleydesign

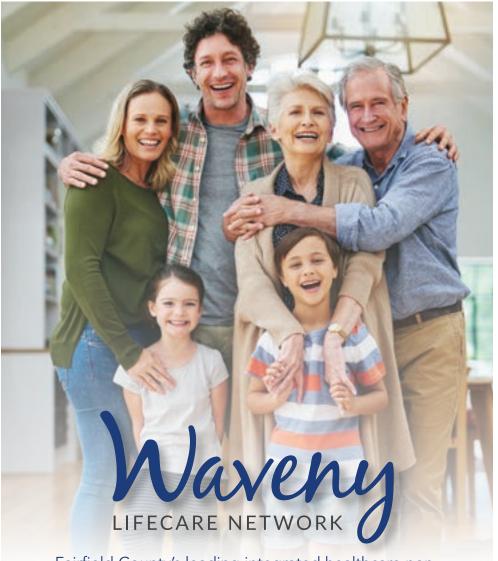
**Table 2** 'Jardins en Automne' Townsend & Co. @tandcointeriors

**Table 3** 'Poodle Party' Emily Meszkat Interiors x Lotte Meister Design and Styling @emilymeszkatinteriors | @lottemeister

**Table 4** 'Renaissance Season'
Krista Fox Interiors x Destination Haus @kristafoxinteriors | @destination.haus

**Table 5** 'La Vie en Rose' Katherine Nedelkoff Design @katherinenedelkoffdesign

**Table 6** 'Jet, Set, Go!'
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**Table 7** 'Year of the Dragon' Atkinson Reilly Design @atkinsonreillydesign

**Table 8** 'Bleu et Blanc' Anna Burke Interiors @annaburkeinteriors

**Table 9** 'A Lunch with Sister Parish' Lilse McKenna Inc @lilsemckenna

**Table 10** 'Garden Picnic' BY Interiors @byinteriorsct

Table 11 'Florale' Henry & Co Design @henryandcodesign

**Table 12** 'Making Spirits Bright' McNell Interiors @mcnellinteriors



Darien - Delray Beach



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**Table 13** *'Hi Barbie!'*Ashley Kammerer Designs
@ashleykammererdesigns

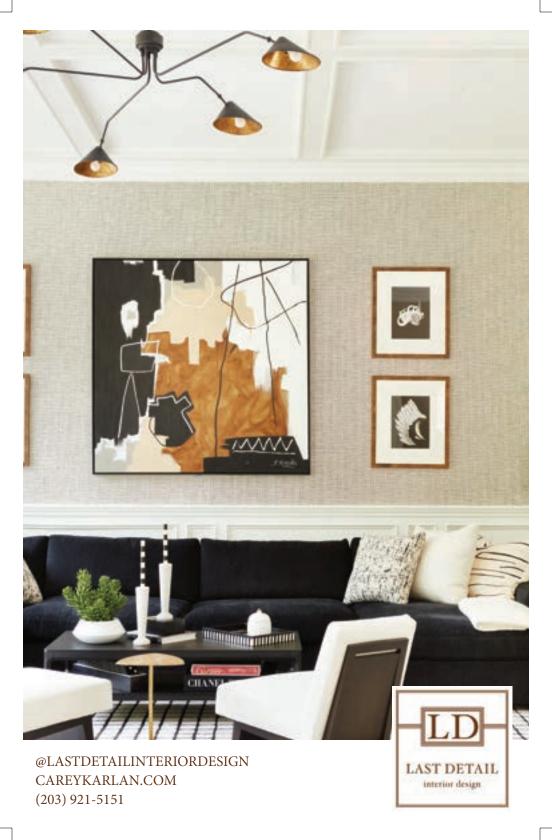
**Table 14** 'A Partridge in a Pear Tree' Zac Mathias of The Classic Chic @zac.mathias

**Table 15** 'Supper in the Library' Last Detail Interior Design @lastdetailinteriordesign

**Table 16** 'Fancy Feast' Flat Vernacular @flatvernacular

**Table 17** 'Holiday Spirits' Alchemy Celebrations @alchemycelebrationsct

**Table 18** 'Fleeting Moments' Amanda Callahan Interiors @amandacallahaninteriors



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**Table 19** 'Modern Glamour: *The Art of Unexpected Style*' Rebecca Tier Soskin x Lark Home LLC @rebeccatiersoskin | @larkhomellc

**Table 20** 'Earthly Treasures' Nielsen's Florist @nielsensflorist

Table 21 'The Workroom'
Tusk Home & Design
@tuskhome

**Table 22** 'Fall Fete' Blue Shutter Design Studio @blueshutterdesignstudio

**Table 23** 'Rhubarb and Custard in The Cotswolds' Waylett & Willow Interiors
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**Table 24** 'Pretty In Pink'
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**Table 25** '*Nature's Garden*' Pam Cappella of SEEDS Design @seedsct

**Table 26** 'Love Story' Yvonne O'Kane Designs @yvonne.m.okane

**Table 27** 'Seasons of Time' Marcia Noble Design @marcianobledesign

**Table 28** '*Mahjong Brunch*' Caroline Mendoza Horrigan Interiors @cmendozahorriganinteriors

**Table 29** 'Autumn Hunt' Fisher Interiors @fisherinteriors

**Table 30** 'Treehouse Treat' Green and Grain Style @greenandgrainstyle

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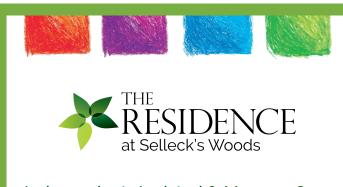






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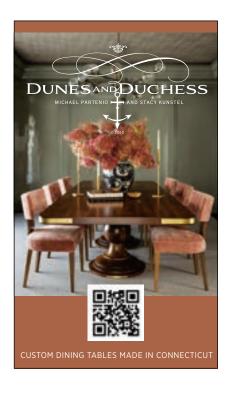
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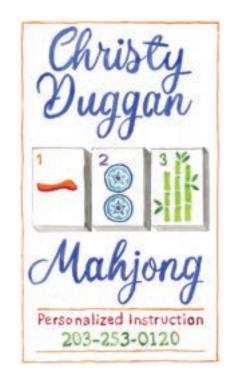


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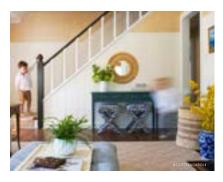
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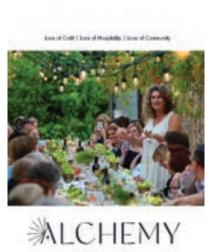
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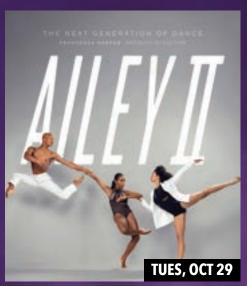
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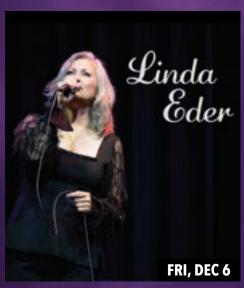




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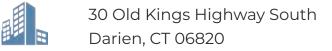
















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# Welcome Drink

Sparkling Italian Prosecco Wine

Main Course

Sante Fe Steak Salad Beef Steak, Romaine Lettuce, Roasted Corn, Cherry Tomatoes, Red Onions, Cotija Cheese, Crisp Tortilla Strips, Avocado Lime Dressing

Signature Wine Mary Taylor Saint Pourcain French Rosé Wine

Dessert

Wensleydale Cheese with Cranberries, Eiffel Tower Brie Cheese, Chocolate Brigadeiros, Fresh Berries

Coffee & Tea



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