

Boys & Girls Club of Stamford

"Grant funding from the St. Johns Community Foundation help us provide summer camp scholarships to over 200 low income families in Stamford, with household incomes of \$15,000 a year or less. These families struggle to provide even the basic necessities of life and cannot afford "extras" such as summer camp. We thank the St. Johns Community Foundation for all that they do for our community."

Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut

"A grant from the St. John's Community Foundation helps support timely access for services to children with serious emergencies through CGC's Emergency Mobile Crisis Services Program. With your support, CGC continues to uphold our commitment to assuring the safety of the youngster, his or her family and the public, by stabilizing the crisis and returning the child and family to normal functioning as quickly as possible."

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

"Funding from the Foundation has allowed us to help vulnerable people like Edna. Edna is a domestic worker who toiled 15-16 hours per day for less than minimum wage. When she complained about the hours and her rate of pay, she was fired and not allowed to take her belongings. Within two weeks, Edna was paid fully for all of the wages due to her (minimum wage for the hours worked and appropriate overtime), got all of her belongings, and has information about her employment rights that she can use to protect herself in the future."

Domus

"Juan found FUTURE 5 as a freshman when his mom walked him into the office with hopes of changing the educational path of her son. Through the confidence and techniques learned in the program, Juan obtained summer internships, sat on the Westhill High School Governance Council, and successfully navigated the college process. He now attends Norwalk Community College with a scholarship from Westhill. He mentors FUTURE 5 kids, demonstrating to them the success of the program."

FISH

"In 2012, FISH provided 1,581 rides for 17,685 miles. Many of FISH's clients would not be able to afford to take a taxi to their medical facility. Some people have said that by going to a doctor, they were diagnosed with an illness that was found at an early stage. Without FISH, they say they probably would have died. FISH is very appreciative of St. John's Community Foundation providing this grant."

Inspirica

"Thank you from all of us at Inspirica (formerly St. Luke's LifeWorks). It's hard to express how grateful we are for your support. We treasure our partnership with St. John's. We have been tied together for more than 130 years, helping the neediest people in need in our community. Your support is essential to allowing us to achieve our mission to break the cycle of homelessness. This year has been especially tough with damage from two storms: Sandy and Nemo. Your kind contribution will allow us to rebuild from Sandy, including repairing residences that house homeless men, women and children. And last year St. John's played a critical role as well, allowing us to transform our Gilead Residence for people living with mental illness. Thanks to you, we have completed extensive renovations of the facility, enabling its residents to live stable, healthy lives filled with dignity and hope. It's a blessing to serve the people we serve. And it's a blessing to partner with St. John's in doing so. Thank you!"

Neighbors Link Stamford

"St. John's Community Foundation's generous support has helped us connect over 1700 immigrants with the tools they need to build productive lives in their new community. Exemplifying these positive outcomes, one client, "Maria", reported "For me, learning to speak English at NLS is the key to taking control over my life in the US. I've started to think I can be successful here, to think about what I want for my future and to have a big American Dream: to start a business here with my daughter one day". Thanks to your help, NLS can enable Stamford's newest residents to realize their big American Dreams!"

Saint Joseph's Parenting Center

"Thank you so much for St. John's Community Foundation's generous support of Saint Joseph Parenting Center's parenting program. The grant we received to expand our parent education program has allowed us to assist many more families in need. In 2011 we held 85 classes. In 2013, this number will jump to just over 200. Funding received to expand the program has allowed us to replicate the program in Spanish (this began in September 2012) as well as offer a program tailored specifically to fathers called Dads are the Difference. Thank you St. John's Community Foundation for being our partner in our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect in our neediest populations through parent education."

SoundWaters

"The generosity of the St. John's Community Foundation has helped educate our young people and protect Long Island Sound for future generations to enjoy. This grant enabled SoundWaters to reach and teach hundreds of Stamford's most underserved pre-elementary students. As the beginning of the learning pipeline, the SoundKids program teaches children through repeated, hands-on learning lessons, sparks their curiosity, and cultivates a love of the outdoors. Previous to this experience, these children might never have held a horseshoe crab, or even visited the beach, but after learning with

SoundWaters can now interpret, understand, and appreciate their natural world. Thank you for your support."

Stamford Public Education Foundation

"My mentor helped me emotionally and made me feel positive and that I could do better." – Mary, 8th grade student, Dolan Middle School. Support from St. John's Community Foundation has allowed the Stamford Mentoring Program to expand its services to three additional schools this year. The program now serves 180 students in grades six to ten in seven schools through weekly, one-on-one mentoring sessions. This grant has had a powerful impact on the success of the Stamford Public Education Foundation to provide academic and social/emotional support to students, like Mary, who flourish with the attention of an additional caring adult in their lives.

Starfish Connection

"With the generous grant received from St. John's Community Foundation, we were able to provide 31 free-lunch children with group enrichment opportunities that broaden their horizons. They visited the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, NY, the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, the Intrepid Museum, attended a Bridgeport Bluefish game, participated in orienteering through the woods of the Bartlett Arboretum, and learned to make pizza. Without this enrichment, these children have very little, if any, opportunities to explore their world outside of school and home. The group enrichment, in addition to our mentoring and individual enrichment, work together to drive our Starfish children toward academic success, with all achieving A's and B's."

Young Mariners Foundation

"Through incredible support of the St. John's Community Foundation, The Young Mariners Afterschool Program was able to expand its outreach to the 13 students at Springdale Elementary School this year. The cooperation of the Principal and supervising teacher have also been outstanding in getting this intervention off the ground. As a result, Springdale fifth graders had the opportunity to participate in our interdisciplinary curriculum of water safety, first aid, swimming and academic tutoring based on the universal principles of sailing. Thank you for helping us make a difference in their lives!"