



VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2012 ANNUAL REPORT

DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD,
GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson





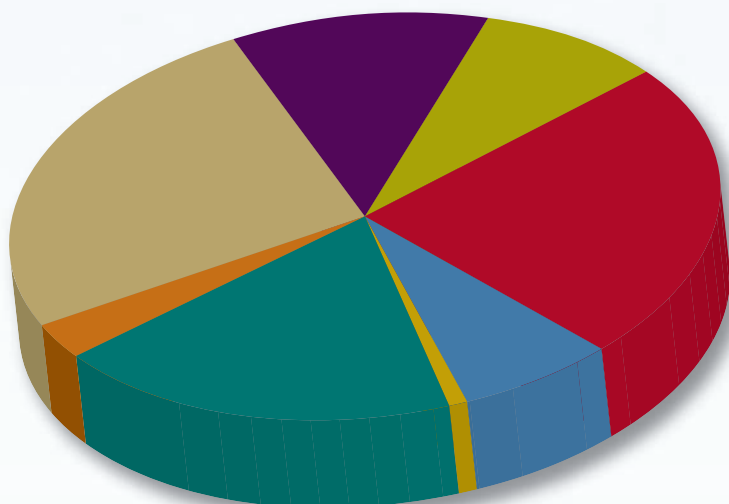
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Our mission is to make the Valley a better place to live and work, both now and in the future, by connecting private philanthropy to the long-term public good of the Valley.



2012 GRANTS



ARTS & CULTURE	- 12%
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS	- 9%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	- 24%
EDUCATION	- 7%
ENVIRONMENT	- 1%
HEALTH	- 19%
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	- 3%
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	- 26%

*The chart above reflects grants made through the Responsive, Revolving Response and Community Grants processes. See details on pages 20-22.

Dear Friends:

We take great pleasure in delivering to you this Ninth Annual Report of the Valley Community Foundation.

Following a year of growth and change for our organization, we welcome our new President, Sharon Closius, incoming Board Chair, John Zaprzalka, and new Board members Lynn Bassett Perry and Karen Stanek, confident that their service will guide VCF on our continuing upward path.

We thank outgoing Founding Board Members (and Fund Donors) Bill Bassett and Alan Tyma, both for their dedication to a 20-year dream which culminated in VCF's creation, and for their invaluable service since that time, which made this Valley an even better place.

Last year's creation of fourteen new VCF Funds, together with the remarkable 2012 investment return of 14.4 percent produced by our great partner, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, will reverberate down the years, by significantly increasing the more than \$4.3 million distributed to the Valley's vital nonprofit community since our founding.

While, to some extent, this Report remains a compendium of the past - our history and the stories of our Donor families - we have added more about what their individual *Funds* have done to permanently assure the Valley's collective *future*.

More than anything else, that is what the Valley Community Foundation is all about: We benefit the communities we serve by advancing the charitable principles of those who entrusted their charitable legacies to us.

VCF was built on the bedrock of the Valley communities and you, its families of solid citizens. Because of you, VCF is here to serve, and here to stay.

As we leave our respective roles in the organization, we both remain forever grateful for the opportunity that the Valley Community Foundation has given us.



James E. Cohen
Outgoing President & CEO



Gregory J. Stamos
Outgoing Board Chair

Proud Past, Bright Future



Sharon L. Closius
President & CEO



John J. Zaprzalka
Board Chair

To Our Valley Friends and Neighbors,

We look forward to the opportunity to build on the work of our predecessors as we embark on the 10th anniversary of this esteemed institution.

Throughout the coming year, we will be reaching out to you and other community leaders to implement the feedback from our Donor Perception Survey. As part of this undertaking, we will work to inform and connect you to the matters that you care most about.

To our nonprofit partners, we remain committed to helping you build your organization's capacity during these stressful economic times, so that you are best able to maximize the impact you have on our Valley community.

We're energized and hopeful about the future and grateful for all the people who strive to make the Valley a better place to live.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

VALLEY FOOD BANK

Collaboration is key to success in the Valley



At an October 2012 meeting of the Valley United Way Corporate Volunteer Council, Bob Lally, a Board Member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, identified a desperate shortage of inventory in the Valley's food pantries and his remarks triggered a torrent of giving. Katie Scinto of R. D. Scinto, Inc., immediately pledged \$2,000 on the condition of a match. Joseph Pagliaro, Board Member of both the Valley United Way and the Valley Community Foundation, immediately contacted VCF

President Jamie Cohen to see what could be done. The Foundation responded with a grant of \$5,000. Jamie then called Valley United Way President and CEO Jack Walsh; the Valley United Way pledged \$5,000 and with this collaboration of local nonprofits, \$12,000 had been committed in a matter of hours. After hearing of this, Kimberly Tabb, Vice President of the Prudential Foundation, stepped in by matching the amount to create a new total of \$24,000. Tabb said she had toured several food pantries where she witnessed the problem first hand.

The Valley Community Foundation and the United Way then met with the six local food banks to determine the extent of the need and its causes. The food banks reported the shortage was caused by a dramatic increase in the demand for food driven largely by ongoing unemployment and the struggling economy.

Bonnie Sinclair, a volunteer for the Corporate Volunteer Council, approached John Varrone, store manager of Adams IGA in Derby. Spooner House, St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank, the Parent Child Resource Center and the Center for Domestic Violence were offered discounted prices on groceries at Adams IGA and accounts were set up to allow the agencies to shop by charging their purchases against their designated allocations.

The quick response of the Valley Community Foundation triggered the synergy that can develop when various funders come together – truly the essence of philanthropy in the Valley. Former VCF President Jamie Cohen said, “Our Board responded immediately, and authorized \$5,000 for this purpose. One of the remarkable things about the Valley is how we take care of our own. This is another demonstration of that kind of caring.”

EDMUND D. STRANG SCOUT RESERVATION – THE BASSETT SHOWER HOUSE



Generations of philanthropy in Valley family

Everyone knows that the Boy Scouts advocate clean living. In fact, “A Scout is clean” is the 11th point of the Scout Law. Over the last few years, however, keeping the Valley's Boy Scouts clean at the Housatonic Council's Camp Strang had become problematic, due to the need for a new shower house. The existing fifty-year old facility was built in 1962 through the generosity of the W. E. Bassett Company, then led by Harry Bassett, the brother of the company's founder, William E. Bassett.

Although the Council raised tens of thousands of dollars from Scouting alumni and friends, they still needed significant additional assistance to reach the total \$300,000 project cost, so they approached the Valley Community Foundation. Taking up this cause, VCF, in combination with the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, the Katharine Matthies Foundation, the Bruce N. Griffing Trust, and numerous other friends of the Housatonic Council, came forward with funding toward a replacement building. However, these funds, while substantial, still remained short of the total required.

Up stepped an individual familiar to local philanthropic causes. VCF Board member William C. (“Bill”) Bassett, along with other family members, generously contributed toward this shortfall through their Bassett Family Fund at the Valley Community Foundation, thus enabling the construction of a new shower house to become a reality.

The W. E. Bassett Company and Family is no stranger to philanthropy, having supported Valley Scouting for over 80 years. In a testament to the enduring and generational nature of their generosity, they also assisted in the capital campaign for construction of the Bassett Lodge, erected at Camp Strang in 1980.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Today, not only is the new shower house up to code, but this investment will help the camp remain viable in the years to come. It will also enable the camp to serve co-ed groups such as church groups, college groups and corporate groups. Most recently, a church was considering the possibility of utilizing the camp, and completion of the new shower house closed the deal.

The Bassett Family's philanthropic endeavors have been deeply woven into the fabric of the Valley, and will continue to impact this community for years to come.

CENTER STAGE THEATRE INC.

The opening act was not quite a hit, but the encore was sure worth the wait!

Seeking to enhance their theatrical productions that local residents have enjoyed since 2005, Fran and Gary Scarpa, founders of Center Stage Theatre (CST), have sought and received the help of the Valley Community Foundation. The lack of a strategic plan prevented VCF from approving the Theatre's first application for a multi-year Grant. However, since VCF realized the significant cultural value of the theatre group to the entire Valley, Foundation staff encouraged Center Stage to file an application to support hiring a consultant for a strategic planning process, which would identify the Theatre's needs and suggest action plans for its future.



Using this initial grant, CST engaged the services of Dave and Connie Condon, strategic planning consultants with strong local roots, who evaluated its structure, operations and goals, and devised a forward-looking plan which was adopted and implemented by the organization. Armed with these strong results, CST submitted a new application to VCF, and in 2012 was awarded a three-year operating support grant totaling \$120,000, providing \$50,000 up front, with partial match requirements from CST's supporters in years two and three.

The Scarpas acknowledged that receiving the grant was a big vote of confidence from the Valley Community Foundation. They are grateful to VCF for proactively recognizing and helping them correct organizational deficiencies. And

the Foundation's new Grant will strengthen Center Stage's role as a vital arts organization in the Naugatuck Valley both now and into the future. CST was the recipient of donations totaling \$21,211 during the Great Give Incentive, a 36-hour online event through GiveGreater.org which included a VCF match prize of \$6,330 and a grand prize of \$5,000 from CFGNH for being one of the nonprofits to have the greatest number of donors during the Great Give (See page 16 for further details).

As Fran Scarpa stated, "VCF helped put us on the path to provide community theatre at its best for years to come. Doing that takes the whole community: private funders, private donations, in-kind donations, volunteers, subscribers, and the Valley Community Foundation. We are grateful for this combined support."

BUILDING NONPROFIT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR LONG TERM SUCCESS

Valley nonprofits better able to fulfill their missions with foundation support

In 2012, 14 valley-based organizations benefited from a multi-faceted capacity building program offered to organizations that serve our geographical area.

These trainings were and continue to be part of an ongoing commitment by VCF and, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven which administers the program to strengthen the nonprofit sector, and subsequently improve services to those served by local nonprofits.

Each of the training sessions was developed as a result of direct feedback from participating organizations.

"We intentionally built in a feedback loop in the capacity building program to ensure that course offerings were timely and relevant to the participating organizations," said Jackie Downing, the Program Officer at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven who oversees the endeavor. "Feedback is used to fine tune existing and develop future workshops."

As a result of the program, employees of Valley nonprofits enhanced their basic professional and supervisory skills, learned how to more effectively apply for grants and retain donors.

Through the CCAT (Core Capacity Assessment Tool) workshop, recipients of general operating support grants, such as the Valley YMCA, completed an online survey to assess the organization's achievement in Leadership, Management, Adaptive and Technical capacities.

"When I joined the organization in March 2012, we were going through a lot of change and were in the middle of the assessment," says Alan C. Mogridge, Executive Director with the Valley YMCA. "With the additional funding we received to implement some of the recommendations from CCAT, we organized a staff retreat which created an opportunity for much needed team building, strategic planning and evaluation. It helped bring people together and begin the process of moving forward in a new direction as a team."



Bruno Battaglini was everyone's best friend. He was a warm, funny, and compassionate man, born in Derby and a lifelong Shelton resident. Bruno spent 10 years teaching in the CT Vocational-Technical High School System, settling at Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury where he also served as culinary arts department head. "Chef B.", as he was fondly known to his students, was strict but cared deeply about them and their future. They in return, respected and adored him. In fact, the man whose motto was "Knowledge is Power," was honored in 2000 as Teacher of the Year at Kaynor and later for the entire CT Technical High School system.

BRUNO BATTAGLINI MEMORIAL FUND

Upon Bruno's untimely passing in 2004, his family received generous contributions in his memory from friends and loved ones. For the past several years, they have continued to hold many successful comedy night fundraisers and in 2012, created the Bruno E. Battaglini Memorial Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. "It just seemed like the right thing to do," said Bruno's sister Jessica Brinsmade. "I know Dave Grant well, and know his family's involvement with VCF. When the time came to determine where best the money should be housed, it was just logical for us to turn to VCF. Bruno was the type of guy who always found a silver lining in any situation. He really knew how to live each day to the fullest and in turn, he taught so many others how to enjoy the little things in life. Although Bruno was certainly taken from this world too soon, we know that he is smiling down on us and is proud of the work we are doing."

Bruno's love for the Valley and for his country was evident in everything he did. He cherished how closely knit the Valley community was and while he enjoyed traveling and had a true passion for life, Bruno remained extremely close to his family and always loved coming home to them. "Bruno was an incredibly gifted teacher and touched the lives of countless students during his career," said his sister Annette Lemma. "He was extremely witty and made learning fun – we've heard this from his former students time and time again. Whether breaking out in song or cracking his famous one-liners, Bruno is best remembered as a teacher who truly loved his job and who wanted more than anything for his students to succeed."

The numerous entries by family, friends, and students in the online guest book established upon his passing speak volumes about the man Bruno Battaglini was. Each of the heartfelt words captures a personal glimpse into the life of one who impacted many others during his short time on earth. "Always laughing and smiling." "You'll never be forgotten." "I love you and will treasure so many beautiful memories." Perhaps Bruno said it best himself when he wrote an essay as a young 7th grader, "'Maybe all will change in 2076, but there is one thing that I know won't change...the people. They will still cry when someone dies. They will still have problems and try to find ways to solve them. Maybe more intelligence will come from the brain, but love will still come from the heart, and that's the only thing that matters.'" Even at so young an age, Bruno truly understood about the power of friends and family; of life and love.

Bruno's family intends to use this Donor Advised Fund to issue scholarships in "Chef B.'s" name for students to further their education in the culinary arts field. But they are open to addressing other community causes as well. "We very much want to continue to give back as Bruno had done throughout his entire life," said Annette. "For us it's always been about carrying on the work he had been doing, so that long after we are all gone, Bruno's legacy will live on."



Sal and Linda Coppola currently live on Garden Rd. in Orange, CT. However, their hearts and roots will forever remain in Derby. So much so, that despite their move to Orange in 1993, they have continued to attend weekly services at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church on Elizabeth St. Both Sal and Linda's families immigrated from Italy – Sal's from Ruviano and Sicily and Linda's from Puglianella and Calabria. Sal and Linda were born and raised in Derby; Sal attended Lincoln Elementary and Linda attended St. Mary School, met at Derby High School, and became high school sweethearts who later married in 1974.

SALVATORE AND LINDA TIANO COPPOLA FAMILY FUND

Linda has spent her entire life working with children. For 36 years, she was employed in the Derby Public Schools, both as a teacher at Irving School and later as the Principal at Bradley School. Upon her retirement in 2010, she and Sal began to explore different options of giving back to their community. As an educator, Linda knows first-hand the economic challenges that classroom teachers face – especially being able to take students on educational field trips. To address this issue and to help offset the rising costs of transportation for special programs, Sal and Linda have created the Salvatore and Linda Tiano Coppola Family Fund – a donor advised Fund at the Valley Community Foundation.

"We chose VCF for several reasons," said Linda. "They are a local and uncomplicated philanthropic vehicle that met our giving needs. In just a few short years, they have become well established in the community and have a strong reputation for solid returns on investments." Sal agreed. "VCF is accessible – we know who they are, and who to go to if any questions arise. Best of all, the money stays here – we know that it is helping those who need it most in the Valley."

Linda's retirement has been short lived. In 2010, she came back to Derby to take the helm as principal at St. Mary's/ St. Michael's parochial school on Seymour Avenue. "I had been considering retiring for several months, so when this position became available, I jumped at the chance to come back and work with these students," she said.

Sal and Linda wanted to create this Fund during their lifetimes so they could continue to monitor and grow it for years to come. "The best part of creating a Fund like this is that it is a legacy that will always be there long after we are gone," said Linda. "We really wanted to help all of Derby's youth – scout groups, school groups, sports teams – whoever needs it the most. There is truly no place like the Valley – for its spirit of caring and community. We are truly proud to be a part of it – we never have forgotten where we came from. When you've lived here all your life, it's simply the best."



In 1939, a young Evening Sentinel sports reporter's father asked him to join the Storm Engine Company firehouse in Derby - the Sentinel office was located next-door to the firehouse, and the Company needed drivers who could get the apparatus out on calls during the day. Little did anyone realize that request was the beginning of adventure that would last for more than 65 years.

Edward Cotter Jr., was a true Valley hero – and not just because Derby (and the Valley) were in his blood. “Pa” Cotter was every young volunteer firefighter’s grandfather; admired and respected by all. Eddie worked

EDWARD J. COTTER, JR. MEMORIAL FUND

with “the Storms” until 1941, when he joined the Navy, and served his country as a firefighter in time of war: first running a stateside base’s operations and training, and making his way to top of the base Fire Department. He then went out to sea in the Pacific Theater, participated in the Battle for Okinawa, was awarded a medal, and returned home at the war’s end.

In 1946, Ed served as Derby’s Asst. Fire Chief, and changed Emergency Services in the Valley forever. Armed with his Navy training and knowledge, he started modernizing the Fire Department, initially with new equipment, but soon thereafter with new firefighting techniques, - some of which are still in use today. Along with Fire Chief Richard Kieley and the help of Valley Businessmen, Ed formed the Storm Ambulance Corps, and served as its President until 1985. For many years after its founding, Storm volunteers would transport any Derby resident who needed emergency Storm ambulance service - anywhere in the United States - at no charge!

Ed wore many other “hats” during his career: on the CT Governor’s Firefighting Advisory Committee (1950’s); as Derby’s Civil Defense Director (1956-60) and Fire Commissioner (1970-78); organizing the Valley Civil Defense Council; representing the City on the Valley Health Department; and serving as Board chairman of the Veterans Memorial Center. He was photographer and special police officer for the Derby PD, volunteered as a Little League umpire, and organized numerous Firemen’s blood drives for the Valley Red Cross.

Ed was also a leader in shaping the region’s emergency medical service system, serving on the Committee that formed the Council which created the EMS system in Connecticut and the Valley’s EMS. He purchased New England’s first “Jaws of Life” tool, and twenty minutes after being placed in service the tool was used in Ansonia to remove a trapped driver! Ed also spent a large part of his life training firefighters, served as an instructor for the New Haven Fire School (1947-78), was an organizer of the Valley Fire Chief’s Training School (1966), and trained firefighters from all over the world for the next 20 years.

For his dedicated service to the Valley and its residents, Ed received the United Way’s prestigious Charles H Flynn Humanitarian Award, among many other similar honors. Upon his passing in 2011, his family, who has continued his tradition of helping their community through emergency services work, created the Edward Cotter Jr. Memorial Fund at VCF in his honor. “How could we not?” said daughter Ellen Lenart. “This Fund will keep his record of service going, forever. We knew right away that we would work with VCF. We have been involved with them since their start, and knew that this is what he would’ve wanted – to continue his support for Valley emergency services.”

Ed Cotter was the last active founding member of the Storm Ambulance Corps, and dedicated his life to public service. His family has answered the question he always asked, “How can I help” by creating this Fund to help others for generations to come.



SUSAN COYLE FAMILY FUND

Valley Community Foundation (VCF) Board Member Susan Coyle has a message for anyone interested in starting a Fund at the Foundation – you can do it! Coyle has taken her own advice and has established the Susan Coyle Family Fund – a Donor Advised Fund which will support Arts in the Valley as well as the Breast Wellness Center at Griffin Hospital.

“I wanted to set an example for my grandchildren, to let them know it is important to give back to your community,” said Sue. “I plan to put money into this Fund every time my grandchildren have

a birthday or celebrate a special occasion. It is my legacy for them – and I hope in time they will be able to add their own money to it as well.”

As co-owner of Real Estate Two in Shelton since its creation in 1985, Sue has made significant contributions to her community, both personally and professionally. Her awards and honors range from Women Making a Difference in the Valley 2011, to Women’s Counsel of Realtors’ Woman Realtor of the Year, to the American Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year, to the Valley Chamber of Commerce’s Silver Seal and Leadership in Health awards. Sue also serves as a Director of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation and as a Corporator of both Griffin Hospital and the Valley United Way.

As a Valley businessperson, she has also benefitted from those she has worked for and with – “the Valley has been very good to me,” says Sue. She knows first-hand how a little bit of funding can go a long way. As a volunteer for numerous local organizations ranging from “Valley Goes Pink” to Center Stage, she has seen small donations grow into thousands of dollars to support worthy causes.

“Just look around at what VCF is doing, and you want to be a part of it,” said Sue. “This year we helped repair the vandalized Veterans’ plaques, filled the food bank at St. Vincent dePaul, and helped young people find after-school programs in Ansonia, to name just a few. After many years of doing volunteer work for a nationwide nonprofit – I opened my eyes and said, ‘I want to see where my money and good deeds are going. I want to see the fruits of my labor.’ Now I can do that by working with VCF.”

If there is one thing Sue hopes people will take away from her creating this Fund, it is this – “You don’t have to be wealthy to create a Fund. You can start small and build it up over time. The best part about working with VCF is that the money that is given here stays here in the Valley. You know where it is going and can see how it is helping those in need. I’m a big fan of paying it forward – of giving now and knowing it can help others in the future. VCF provides an excellent opportunity to do just that.”



How can you best celebrate a Community's present while, at the same time, also planning for its future? Why not just establish a Community Endowment Fund at the Valley Community Foundation, of course!

So in June of 2011, a group of Derby's elected officials (the Mayor, the School Superintendent, City Treasurer, various Aldermen/Education/Tax Board members), joining with a number of other locally involved city residents, had an initial meeting to discuss what options might be available to benefit Derby citizens both now and in the future.

DERBY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

That meeting led to further conversations, including presentations from VCF staff, about how best to provide aid for community improvements. And by March, 2012, the Derby Community Endowment Fund was established.

"Simply put, this Fund was created to make Derby an even better place to live," said the Endowment Fund's Committee Chairman Mark Nichols. Specifically, the Fund's disbursements will focus on three areas: scholarships/awards to Derby students, educational improvements the school system could not otherwise afford, and beautification/capital projects. An Endowment Fund is such a great idea, because a gift in one year can end up impacting the community every year thereafter. It's the gift that keeps on giving."

With City approval, a Committee representing a cross section of the Derby Community will be in charge of allocating annual disbursements to each of the three areas listed above. Throughout the year, the Committee will continue to raise money to support the Fund from other charitable sources and the generous giving of individuals and businesses. Thanks to the many donations already received, including those at the initial fundraising event held in May of 2012, the Fund is well on its way to reaching the \$10,000 endowment threshold at which distributions to the three pillars can commence.

"This Endowment Fund should help produce a sense of pride in Derby," said Mr. Nichols. "Those who want to make a lasting gift to the community can do so through this Fund, which will positively impact our students, our schools and our entire community. It is our hope that the existence of the Derby Community Endowment Fund could even help to increase local property values going forward. Eventually, we anticipate that this Fund will become a way to advertise Derby as a community that truly cares, and that has its house in order."



MARIO GAROFALO FAMILY FUND

In 1937, Elisa Tucci Garofalo travelled to Derby, CT, from Marzi, Italy with her two young children, to join Rosario, her husband, who had preceded the rest of his family to start a new life for them in America. A little more than 9 months to the day of the young family's arrival, a third child, Mario Garofalo was born. From his early years, it became obvious that Mario cared deeply about his family and his community. In 1965, he married Barbara Jean Tiano and together they lived in Derby where they raised their three children.

Mario was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving from 1957 to 1959, and again in 1961-62 during the Berlin Air Crisis, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Mario joined the Connecticut State Police Department in 1966, retiring as a Detective some 23 years later. During those years, he received degrees in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven, and went on to earn a Master's Degree from SCSU. Mario held several safety and security positions upon his retirement from the State Police Force, and also operated as a Connecticut licensed private investigator.

Mario was a loving husband and father who had a deep involvement in Valley activities. He was dedicated to his children, never missing their athletic games or other activities anywhere across the state, and always arriving with food and a positive attitude for everyone.

He was a long time Commissioner with the Derby Recreation Department Girl's Basketball and Softball Leagues. Mario loved working with kids and could always be found coaching, umpiring and refereeing youth sports. He lived his life based on the underlying principle of service to others, particularly children. He was also active in the annual summer festivals of both St. Michael's and St. Mary's churches.

Mario's love for his family and community spanned decades, but was cut short when he passed away suddenly at age 61. As his 75th birthday anniversary approaches, his family is honoring Mario through the establishment of the Mario Garofalo Family Fund, created through generous donations of family and friends. They designed this endowed Donor Advised Fund to support youth activities for children residing in Derby and throughout the Valley, to give them a chance to experience things that they would otherwise not have the opportunity to do.

"We created the Fund to honor the memory of our loving husband and father, who sincerely cared about every child he ever met," said Barbara Jean Garofalo. "He made a special mark in each of their hearts and lives through his natural ability to coach, guide, believe in, and love children. We want to keep his memory alive by helping Valley young people. In this way, we can "Give Kids a Chance" they might not otherwise have, and better enable them to become accomplished in their pursuits. The Valley is like family, and when you grow up here, you never forget where you come from. This is a wonderful way to honor Mario's memory - by giving to others."



This is the tale of two Valley brothers. Robert C. and Frank J. Lang were born, raised, and lived their entire lives in Seymour. Both graduated from Seymour High School – Frank in 1957 and Bob in 1959. Bob then attended Southern CT State University, where he received a BS in Elementary Education in 1963, and an MS in 1968; Frank joined the Army in 1958, and later graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Southern in 1966. Bob began his 36 year teaching career in Seymour's Center School, later moving to Chatfield School, where he taught fourth grade for an additional 34 years. Meanwhile, Frank worked in the Danbury office of Social Security.

ROBERT C. LANG FUND FRANK J. LANG FUND

Each brother found his respective passion – In the 1950's, Bob intently followed women's fast pitch softball, especially the Stratford "Brakettes" team, which led him to become one of the founding members of the George J. Hummel Little League girls' softball program in Seymour in 1973. Under his leadership, the program has become synonymous with softball excellence, racking up a total of 20 state championships, topped off by winning the girl's Big League Softball World Series in 2007. In the meantime, in his late 30's, Frank began to make some healthy lifestyle choices and took up running. He began to race competitively throughout Connecticut and beyond, charging up hills in Seymour with a determined sense of purpose. Frank ran until he became ill with cancer; even when his illness curtailed his major running program, he continued to walk until his illness prevented him from doing what he loved best.



After Frank's passing in 2011, Bob began to explore options to honor his brother's memory. Neither brother had married, so Bob began considering creating legal Trusts to support their respective interests in running and girl's softball. He had initial conversations with his financial advisor, Mark Powers, and then sat down with his tax consultant, John Zaprzalka, (then Vice Chair of VCF's Board of Directors). John shared information about VCF Funds- and soon it was clear to Bob that VCF was a good fit for him. "It was much easier than starting from scratch with a Trust, and it will do exactly what I wanted: to perpetuate the motto of Seymour Girl's Softball – a "Tradition of Excellence". Having the Robert C. Lang Fund at VCF allowed me to do just that. I was also able to work with VCF to create a Fund to support Frank's interest in running – the Frank J. Lang Fund to help a graduating Seymour High School senior, who ran cross country or track, to pursue his or her dream of attending college."

Each Fund will be used to help students in Seymour for years to come. "One of the best things about our softball program isn't about how many trophies we've won, but how we have taught young people how to play and work together," said Bob. "It's about making new friends, being part of a team, helping out in your community – great skills that they will take with them for the rest of their lives. Now I know that all of the Seymour Girl's Softball programs – Little League, Seymour Tradition, Seymour Middle and High School - will all have funding in the future, and that Frank's love for running will live on through scholarships for track team runners at Seymour High School. Having these Funds at VCF will provide ongoing support for all of our beloved "traditions of excellence" in Seymour."



They say that the "ties that bind" are those bonds in life we have made that always have a hold on us – no matter how far apart we may be, or wherever our travels may take us. For a group of young men known simply as "The Crew" in Ansonia High School, the phrase has

taken on a particularly special meaning. It was 1978, and football season. Through practices and games, weekday school work and weekend celebrations, friendships were formed in times spent together. In particular, one young man stood apart from the rest. His devotion to his studies was unmatched, and his success as a varsity athlete extended to three sports –

JOSEPH POTTER MEMORIAL FUND

football, baseball and basketball. Respected by teammates and opponents alike, Joseph Potter was everything the term Scholar-Athlete best exemplifies: a brilliant leader on and off the field and a straight-A student in the classroom. Most of all, Joe Potter was a good friend – someone to be counted on, someone you were glad you knew.

Fast forward nearly 30 years. The Crew had gone their separate ways and life had moved on. Joe went on to further success as a quarterback at Brown University, and graduated with an MBA in economics from UCLA. After a long career in finance in California and on Wall Street, Joe retired from the business world, returned to Connecticut's Fairfield University, and earned a degree in education. Joe then spent eight years teaching mathematics to elementary school students, most recently at the Rippowam Cisca School in Bedford, New York, where he also coached several sports. Joe was inducted into the Athletic Halls of Fame at both Ansonia High School and Brown University, and received a lifetime achievement award from the UCLA School of Business.

He was admired by his family and friends, but never more so than during his courageous three-year battle with inoperable lung cancer. Joe Potter passed away August 11, 2011 at the age of 49, leaving a beloved wife, Carol, and two children, Sophie and Henry.

Although they had stayed in touch over the years, it was during that battle with cancer that a member of The Crew, AHS '80 classmate Gary DeLallo, now of Palm City, Florida, was able to reconnect with Joe. Gary visited several times during the course of those three years, and was especially moved by Joe's decision to give up his lucrative finance career, return to college and become a teacher. After Joe's passing, Gary wanted to continue Joe's legacy of giving back and working with children. So he created the Joseph E. Potter Memorial Fund at the Valley Community Foundation, which will provide scholarship assistance to graduating AHS students. "I just wanted to keep his memory – what he was all about - alive," said Gary. "Carla Sullivan at VCF made it so easy. We were able to put all of this together long distance through e-mails and phone calls. It just made sense."

Gary received prompt support from other members of The Crew, as well as Joe's family and friends, to help the Fund reach the \$10,000 permanent endowed status. "I want Joe to be remembered in the Valley," said Gary. "Not just as a scholar-athlete, but as the really special person Joe truly was. This Fund will help Ansonia's young people to pursue their dreams of teaching others. I can't think of a better way to honor him." For Gary and others in "The Crew", these are indeed the ties of lasting friendship that have bound and continue to bind them so strongly to Joseph Potter.



JOHN SABULIS MEMORIAL FUND

John A. Sabulis was truly a “people” person. Nicknamed Ansonia’s “Hilltop Mayor,” John was a major force in helping to bring about much needed improvement for his City, going from door to door to learn what residents needed. John served his community as President of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman for the 3rd Ward, President of the Board of Police Commissioners for 18 years, and Supernumerary Policeman for the Ansonia Police Department for 20 years. He was committed to making Ansonia a better place, simply because it was “the right thing to do.”

When John passed away in 2008, his sons John and Stephen established a scholarship in his honor at Ansonia High School. Son John worked at AHS for 35 years before retiring in 2009. However it became clear that having this scholarship remain at the high school earning a small amount of interest was not what the Sabulis family had in mind. So in the spring of 2012, John began to seek out additional options for the scholarship and contacted VCF to learn more about what could be accomplished. “Given VCF’s track record of solid investment performance and its strong regard within the community, we decided that this was exactly the fit we were looking for,” said John Sabulis. “Because VCF is in the Valley – it’s local – they understood our needs, and it just made sense to work with them.”

The John Sabulis Scholarship Fund will support education in Ansonia, and help provide opportunities for students to pursue law enforcement education in institutions of higher learning. “Our Dad taught us to make a difference in this world,” said John. “He was a major proponent of the “man on the beat” – always advocating for the patrolmen who were helping to keep our community safe. This Fund will provide support for students interested in any aspect of law enforcement – from forensic science to studying law itself. We really want to keep as broad a range as possible in order to help as many students as we can.”

John A. Sabulis took pride in his Lithuanian heritage and, although he had opportunities to move out of Ansonia, stayed because his family and friends were here. “Family was important to our Dad,” said John. “He always made time for us, but he found the time to help others, too. That’s why we’re so glad we have the opportunity to build this Fund, to keep replenishing it, to keep it growing. Our Dad was a World War II veteran, who believed that everyone should give to and become involved with their community. This is our way of remembering him – his life, his personal and professional achievements, and all he did for his beloved Ansonia – forever.” Stephen Sabulis summed up the sons’ goals for the Fund: “We hope the students who benefit from this Fund will share our father’s belief that being entrusted by the community with law enforcement is a great honor, privilege and responsibility as they become role models for all whom they will serve.”



and uncles are also susceptible. When spoken, the very words strike fear in the hearts of anyone who is diagnosed, and those who hold them dear.

Breast Cancer. Sadly, those two words have become a part of our daily existence. It is hard to find anyone who has not been touched by the disease, be it wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt or friend. Husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, grandfathers,

SEYMOUR PINK ENDOWMENT FUND

However the fearless founders of Seymour Pink, a nonprofit cancer prevention/awareness/assistance organization, have taken this disease head-on, turning grief and reaction into positive, forward-thinking action. In less than three years, a dynamic Board of Directors comprised of 17 women and men has helped raise more than \$250,000 to bring breast cancer awareness to the forefront in their hometown and the Valley. And they’ve only just begun. Armed with the knowledge that it takes an ongoing commitment of time and energy to join the fight against cancer, they have now created the Seymour Pink Endowment Fund at VCF as their vehicle for community awareness and support.

Seymour Pink Founder Mary Deming shared her thoughts about her own experience with the disease. “My mother died of breast cancer just as I turned 21. I grieved, but didn’t focus on the disease for quite some time. But years later, in 1998, I started participating in American Cancer Society and Susan G. Komen events, including one at which a woman had raised \$20,000 on her own. I thought to myself: ‘I want to do that, I want to beat that number.’ So I called some close friends, and they helped me raise an initial \$34,000. We decided that we wanted to continue doing this, and could reach out to even more people we knew – and so began Seymour Pink.”

When former VCF President Jamie Cohen made an initial visit with the group, he knew at once how committed they were to their cause. “This active and interested group asked great questions about how an Endowment at VCF would work. I could see that they had decided to move forward on creating the Fund before I even finished my presentation. They had done their homework, and knew what they wanted to accomplish. VCF was a natural fit for them.”

Mary Deming said, “We knew we could keep giving away all we were raising to other groups supporting the fight against cancer. But we wanted to do even more to make a direct impact on the fight. We realized that having a Fund, through which we could invest and grow part of the money, would help us bring more awareness, and really kick the work we had been doing up a notch. For example, we can now consider giving scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in the fight against cancer. Creating this Endowment made perfect sense for us.”

Through their work, Seymour Pink has also created a streamlined process to assist women who are struggling financially from their own cancer. “We want them to fight their disease, and we will fight their bills by dealing directly with their creditors,” said Mary. “Most importantly, the Valley community has heard and is responding to the call. Fighting cancer is something we can all do – together. This Endowment will help us move another step closer to reaching our goal. Everyone deserves a lifetime with those that they love.”



In 1708, seven ministers met in Saybrook, CT to form a regional association of Congregational churches. The First Congregational Church of Derby had been organized even earlier (in 1677), and a second church, known as Birmingham Congregational evolved from it in 1846. In 1892, yet another evolution occurred when seven men and women from Birmingham Congregational established the Shelton Congregational Church (SCC) at 269 Coram Avenue. With limited transportation available, the new congregation sought a place of worship that was easily accessed from downtown Shelton.

SHELTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The space chosen was not only convenient for Shelton residents, but for people living throughout the five town Valley area.

For 118 years, church members had lived, worked, and raised their families in the Valley. However, over its last 20 years, the Church was experiencing a steady decline in membership. And as the building itself became in need of significant, costly repairs, the congregation began to explore its available options. When it became evident that keeping the Church open and active was beyond their capabilities, the remaining question was this: What would next steps look like?

Church member Sue Nofi-Bendici had applied for grants from the Valley Community Foundation, and also knew its former Board Chair Greg Stamos. "I knew that when Greg's original family church (the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Ansonia) closed its doors, they established a charitable fund in its honor at VCF, and I thought that was such a meaningful way for a church to live on," said Sue. At her suggestion, the Shelton congregation began to research where it could best put the balance of the church's funding – focusing specifically where it could do the most good. As discussions progressed, church members recognized names of VCF Board members with whom they were familiar. When the final decision was made, it was unanimous – to create the Shelton Congregational Church Endowment Fund at the Valley Community Foundation.

"We really did our homework," said Church Clerk Betty Ogden, "We gave everyone the opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Not 30 meetings later we realized that creating this Fund with VCF was the best option for us. Before that, one of the biggest concerns had been that if we donated our Funds to other organizations, the Shelton Congregational Church name would disappear. We really wanted to just write one check, and to honor our church at the same time. VCF is a local philanthropy with an excellent reputation. This was a great opportunity for us to create an Endowment Fund and have the SCC continue to be a presence in the Valley. Our goal was to establish a platform that will continue the legacy of service that the SCC created during its 100 plus years as a community of faith."

The membership of the SCC consisted of people from all throughout the Valley – a spiritual community with a strong aspiration for community service. "The Valley is a unique collection of communities that share a similar geographic and cultural heritage," said Betty. "Our congregation has a broad sense of connection that encourages residents to work across town boundaries for the betterment of the wider community. This Fund will support those in need – from Valley Food Banks, to Elder Services, to Youth Education. By doing this, the spirit of the Church will live on, and our SCC community will forever remain intact."



Dominick Thomas has always been involved with the Valley's nonprofit organizations. He helped draft the consent document which created the original Valley Advisory Committee back in the late

1990's, and served as a Board member and officer on many charitable organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club, Birmingham Group and VARCA. Further, in his professional life as an attorney/ partner in Derby's Cohen and Thomas law firm, he has represented numerous local charitable

SALLY AND DOMINICK THOMAS FAMILY FUND

organizations during a 35 year legal career in his hometown.

When Dominick's former partner, former VCF President Jamie Cohen, announced that he would be retiring from their law practice to assume the helm at VCF, Dominick was equally happy and sad at the same time: Sad that he would be no longer be working directly every day with his dear friend and associate; happy that VCF would be the beneficiary of Jamie's devoted attention. "Jamie's leadership has been a great part of VCF's development over the past five years," said Dominick. "VCF has become the central place in 'The Valley' to coordinate philanthropy and planned giving efforts. And I deliberately use capital letters here to describe it – while there are many other valleys here in Connecticut, there is only one which is truly 'The Valley'. And through Jamie's efforts at VCF, he has helped to ensure that 'The Valley' has remained the strong, vibrant and connected community that we all know and love."

When Dominick's wife Sally passed away in 2011, he established the Sally and Dominick Thomas Family Fund at VCF. "It was the natural thing for us to do at some point," said Dominick. "Sally had always felt the same way, so it was just a logical choice for me to create this Fund."

Sally spent her career as a middle and high school guidance counselor – always relating to youth in some capacity. She immediately befriended those students who were seen as different or picked on. "She understood what bullying was even before it made headlines," said Dominick. "Sally's main focus was to help students to recognize and handle peer pressure early on so that it did not become an issue. She would often offer tips on how to correct a situation for a child who experienced bullying."

That's why Dominick decided that this Donor Advised Fund will focus its attention on anti-bullying programs, to prevent behaviors in children from becoming problems, and to address positive reinforcement and self esteem. "Sally was all about helping these kids learn ways to work things out," said Dominick. "She would often come home with stories about how frustrating it was to find help for them, since so many school budgets for these types of programs were limited. Our Family Fund will continue Sally's legacy of helping students to become strong, and to empower them to stand up for themselves in the face of adversity. We are so happy to know that her work and her love for her students will live on forever."

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THE GREAT GIVE 2012

VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MATCH INSPIRES VALLEY RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO GIVE DURING 36-HOUR EVENT

In October, the Valley Community Foundation joined The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven in promoting philanthropy through The Great Give 2012. The 36-hour online fundraising event was the third of its kind offered through giveGreater.org®.

Designed to incentivize giving by Valley donors between October 16-17, The Great Give 2012 encouraged people who live or work in the Valley to give to participating nonprofits profiled on giveGreater.org; nonprofits competed for grant prizes valued at \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000. Three first place \$20,000 Grand Prizes were awarded to the nonprofits that secured the greatest number of individual donors, greatest number of new donors and the most money raised.

VCF sponsored its own Valley Gives matching grant prize, which was awarded to nonprofits who received gifts from donors who live or work in Ansonia,

Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton. Up to \$100 per donor/per nonprofit was matched dollar-for-dollar by the VCF for a total match pool of \$20,000.

Top Valley Gives Prize winners included BHCare (\$2,510), Online Journalism Project (\$1,210) and Center Stage Theatre, Inc. of Shelton, which received the largest share of the prize pool (\$6,330). A list of The Great Give 2012 prize recipients is available at www.valleyfoundation.org.

Center Stage also received one of the many Grand Prizes offered by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, resulting in more than \$21,000 new dollars for the seven-year-old community theater group. John Corrado, a Center Stage performer and marketing intern, was instrumental in getting the word out to existing and new Center Stage supporters through email, Facebook and Twitter.

“From the moment we began promotion for The Great Give 2012, up to the conclusion of the event, our Facebook “likes” went up approximately 5%. During the event, our reach - through mentions, likes or people sharing statuses - increased 120% and the amount of people talking about Center Stage on Facebook went up 70% from the prior week. We were thrilled to get the increased exposure!”

Nearly 300 generous gifts were matched by VCF during the Great Give 2012, supporting 60 nonprofits in the region.



GREAT GIVE DONORS



giveGreater.org[®] was established by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven in 2010 to provide a free resource where people could find, learn about and give directly to nonprofits serving the Greater New Haven community.

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Susan AnderBois
Barbara Attick
Jane Bailey
Leon Bailey
Ronald Baldwin
Joyce Barclay
Elaine Bataille
Celeste & Cliff Beattie
Nicole Beaudwin
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Robert Laccone
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Tara MacNamara
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Anthony Vellucci
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Joan Widomski
Sarah Widomski
Bonnie Wilkes
Ken Yanagisawa
John Zaprzalka
Justin Zenchuk

Approximately thirty percent of the participating Great Give 2012 nonprofits received a portion of the VCF Valley Gives \$20,000 match prize; grants ranged between \$25 and \$6,330.

FINANCIALS

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Stewardship of the Valley's charitable assets continues to generate positive net investment returns in excess of the benchmark

The assets entrusted to the Valley Community Foundation have been managed in partnership with The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven since VCF was established in 2004. This partnership affords VCF the benefits of a diverse endowment model spread across ten distinct segments of the market, which are accessed through the selection of more than 25 distinct and specialized money managers. The results of the endowment model, and each of the managers, are assessed and reported on a monthly basis against appropriate market benchmarks. Stewardship of the Valley's charitable assets has continued to generate positive net investment returns in excess of the benchmark not only in the short term but also since the creation of VCF nine years ago.

The VCF is pleased to report its 14.4% net investment return against the market target of 12.2% for the year ended December 31, 2012 and equally proud that it has generated annually 1.9% more than its market indices' target each year for the last nine years: 6.54% versus a market benchmark of 4.64%.



"Our successful investment performance is largely owing to the long-term asset and strategic asset allocation framework that is used to manage VCF assets. Designed so that we can meet the charitable

demands of today as well as those of the future, the model was and continues to be a fundamental way to ensure that VCF can effectively fulfill its stewardship role and preserve donor intent."

Bill Nimons
Treasurer
Valley Community Foundation

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Annualized Total Return (%) net of investment management fees

	Trailing 1 year	Trailing 3 years	Trailing 5 years	Trailing 7 Years	Since Inception ¹
INVESTMENT POOL	14.4	7.8	2.6	5.5	6.54
MARKET BENCHMARK ²	12.2	6.7	0.3	3.3	4.64
ACTUAL VS. BENCHMARK	2.2	1.1	2.3	2.2	1.9

¹ February 13, 2004, date of Affiliation Agreement with the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

² The market benchmark is equal to the rate of return produced by specific market indices representing the asset classes contained in the asset allocation model, with such market indices weighted in accordance with that model.

FINANCIALS

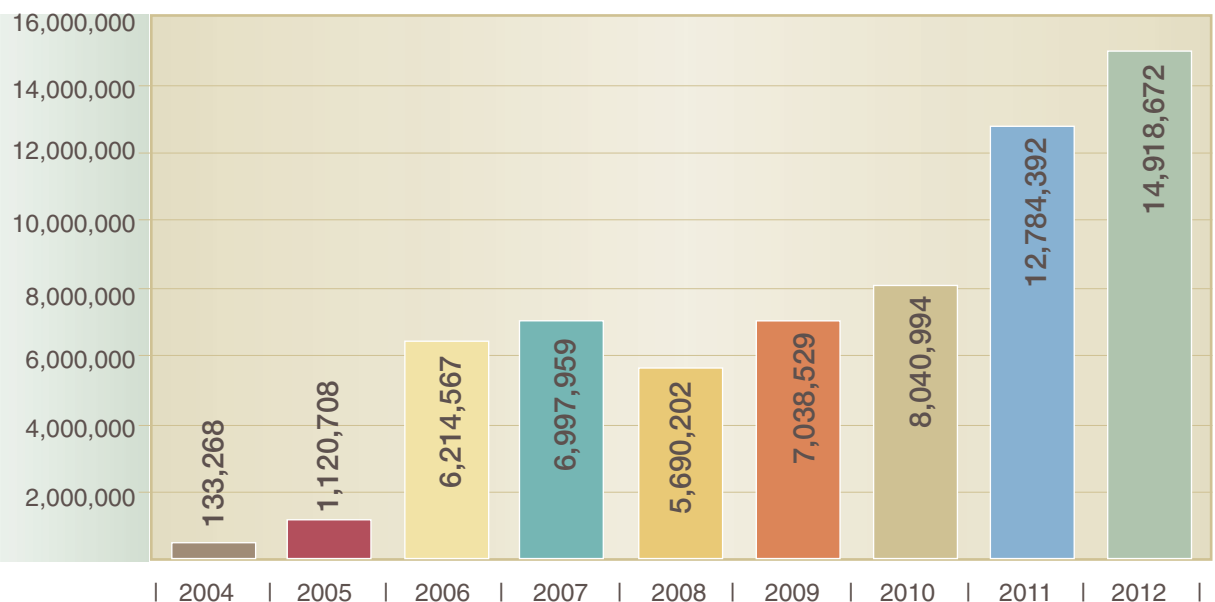
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	801,232	623,560
Managed investments at market value	14,324,077	9,650,188
Total investments	15,125,309	10,273,748
Contributions receivable	-	2,807,065
Other assets	1,000	-
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	157,753	175,208
Total assets	15,284,062	13,256,021
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	\$2,537	\$12,511
Organization funds	3,976,756	3,649,270
Grants payable	362,852	449,059
Total liabilities	4,342,145	4,110,840
Net assets	10,941,917	9,145,181
Total liabilities and net assets	15,284,062	13,256,021

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

	2012	2011
REVENUE		
Total contributions	1,909,808	6,350,265
Less: contributions to organization funds	(10,154)	(1,775)
Total contributions, net	1,899,654	6,348,490
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	762,809	(237,213)
Investment income	479,319	144,123
Total revenue	3,141,782	6,255,400
EXPENSE AND NET ASSETS		
Grants approved, net	1,083,371	1,161,470
Less: grants to organization funds	(162,435)	(154,486)
Total grant expense, net	920,936	1,006,984
Administration expense	424,110	327,910
Total expense	1,345,046	1,334,894
Increase in net assets	1,796,736	4,920,506
Net assets - Beginning of year	9,145,181	4,224,675
Net assets - End of year	10,941,917	9,145,181

ASSET GROWTH



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

RESPONSIVE GRANTS

VCF's annual Responsive Grants Process is open to all requests for organizational support and projects that serve Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton. These grants are generally awarded to address an agency's operating, programmatic or capacity building needs.

Ansonia Public Schools

To support the Ansonia High School Human Relations Club which leads peers, teachers, members of the community and students to participate in activities that reduce prejudice and discrimination and increase cultural, religious, racial and ethnic awareness - **\$28,000***

Center Stage Theatre Inc.

To provide general operating support for growth and education through performing arts programming and participation in live theater - **\$120,000***

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America

To provide general operating support for leadership opportunities for all Valley youth through quality programs, mentoring from trained adult volunteers and ongoing learning and personal development through outdoor experiences - **\$25,000**

Naugatuck Valley Project, Inc.

To support the Home Healthcare Access Project, a campaign to improve healthcare for Limited English Proficiency elder and disabled Valley residents living at home - **\$15,000**

Online Journalism

To support the Valley Independent Sentinel which provides hyper local news coverage and information for five Valley towns - **\$150,000***

Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc.

To provide general operating support for educational programming to end sexual assault and for comprehensive and culturally competent sexual assault victim services - **\$24,000***



Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps.

To provide general operating support for comprehensive emergency assistance in the forms of food, clothing, utilities and furniture vouchers to Valley residents - **\$20,000**

TEAM, Inc.

To support the Family Resource Center, which provides programming and guidance to families in Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, and Shelton - **\$50,000***

Valley Parish Nurse Program

To support six health and safety, education and outreach programs to benefit children and low-income families in the greater Valley community. Griffin Hospital is acting as the fiscal sponsor - **\$15,500**

Valley YMCA

To provide general operating support for programming that builds healthy spirit, mind, and body for Valley residents - **\$27,800**

Visiting Nurse Services of CT

To support the Medically Underserved Program which provides home healthcare services for the poor, chronically ill, and the under/uninsured - **\$31,000***

*multi-year grant awards

REVOLVING RESPONSE GRANTS

Throughout the year, VCF makes grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 which contribute to and support non profits and organizations serving the Valley community or which meet an emergency/urgent need of a Valley applicant. The Revolving Response Grants process is designed to promptly address these needs through a simplified application and an expeditious quarterly response.

American Legion Sutter-Terlizzi Post 16

To support one boy and one girl from each of the Valley's five towns to attend Boys State and Girls State - **\$2,500**

Ansonia Public Schools

To support scholarship assistance for Tinney Center families who are transitioning their children into Ansonia Community Action's after school program - **\$4,800**

Ansonia School Readiness

To support implementation of a Community Plan which addresses the needs of young children age birth to 8 years and their families - **\$4,300**

City of Derby/Valley Arts Council

To support marketing activities associated with the renovation of the Sterling Opera House - **\$2,000**

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America

To support repairs and/or replacement to essential kitchen equipment in the Gates Dining Hall of the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation - **\$2,973**

Housatonic Valley Association

To support the publication of a Riverfront Greenway Guide for Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton, that walkers, cyclists, skaters, fishermen, and birders can easily use to fully enjoy the riverfront greenways in those three communities - **\$3,550**

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

LNV Boys and Girls Club

To replace a leaking coil in one of its 10 ton roof top air conditioning units at its Shelton facility - **\$5,000**

Long Hill Burying Ground

To support the repair and resetting of grave headstones and footstones - **\$1,500**

New Haven Symphony Orchestra

To support the Creating Musical Readers program in public libraries in the Valley - **\$2,550**

Oxford Historical Society

To replace the roof/chimney on the Twitchell-Rowland Homestead in Oxford that houses the Oxford Historical Society - **\$4,999**

Shelton Historical Society

To support the repairs to the Wilson Barn and the installation of period appropriate wall, floor, and window coverings in the Brownson House - **\$4,960**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton

To support the provision of fresh fruits and vegetables each week throughout the calendar year to a core group of 110 Valley families who receive supplies from the Fr. McKenna St. Vincent de Paul food bank - **\$5,000**

Valley Arts Council

To support office renovations for compliance with federal regulations governing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 - **\$1,900**

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Formerly known as the Valley Small Grants Program, this process recognizes smaller/volunteer/neighborhood awards of up to \$3,000.

Annual Thanksgiving Basket Committee

To support the cost of purchasing perishable and non-perishable food items to be distributed in Thanksgiving baskets to families in need - **\$3,000**

Ansonia Cultural Commission

To support the cost of the entertainment of the Ansonia Harvest Festival - **\$2,000**

Ansonia High School Human Relations Club

To support the cost of the intergenerational project which involves three events between youth from the Ansonia High School as well as senior members from the Doyle Senior Center - **\$1,625**



Ansonia High School Life Skills Center

To support the cost of three planned activities (1) Annual Life Skills Awards Breakfast to recognize local businesses that have partnered with Ansonia High School's worksite program; (2) field trips; and (3) running a booth at the Harvest Festival in order to develop vocational and community skills - **\$2,650**

Backpack Basics

To support the costs of backpacks filled with school supplies to underprivileged Valley children identified by Area Congregations Together - **\$2,000**

Boy Scout Troop 3, Derby

To support the cost of repairing, digitizing, and preserving 90 years of historic scrapbooks containing photos and articles on Scouting in the Lower Naugatuck Valley in preparation of the BSA Troop 3 Derby's 100th - **\$2,900**

City of Derby, Bureau of Youth Services

To support the cost of developing a career awareness and exploration project for students which will include a Career Day among other activities - **\$2,750**

Edmund D. Strang Scout

Reservation Alumni Association

To support the cost of replacing the roof and painting the Field Sports Pavilion at the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation - **\$3,000**

Friends of the Ansonia

Nature Center (FANCI)

To support the cost of the Fresh Water Touch Tank that will accommodate an exhibit of fresh water plants and animals in which participants will learn about a fresh water ecosystem and the importance of pond life - **\$3,000**

"This money will be here to help people in the Valley long after we are gone."

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

Restoring Hope Ministries, Hope House

To support the cost of the youth program which provides participants with positive experiences through sports/fitness activities, art/crafts projects, educational learning programs, and family/community events - **\$2,650**

Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps

To support the cost of the school supplies distribution while hosting a fun festival - **\$3,000**

"Your name doesn't have to be 'Rockefeller' or 'Ford' - everyone can participate in making the Valley an even stronger and better place to live."

Seymour Fire Marshal's Office

To support the cost of the presentations, demonstrations and other activities related to Fire Prevention Week in the Seymour Schools - **\$1,602.50**

Seymour Founders' Day Association Inc.

To support the cost of bringing the community together for the 3rd Annual Seymour Founders' Day which will showcase the town and its history as well as its organizations and companies while raising funds to donate to a local charity, the Boy Scout Troops - **\$3,000**

Seymour Historical Society

To support the costs of properly protecting the artifacts housed in the museum - **\$1,003.75**

Seymour Public Library

To support the cost of the reception for incoming kindergarten students - **\$1,000**



Seymour Public Schools

To support the cost of FEMA's School Emergency Program, STEP, in the Seymour Public Schools - **\$2,500**

Shelton High School Diversity Committee

To support the cost of the "I Won't Stand For"...initiative to foster a safe, respectful environment in school while showing students that they can count on the school's staff - **\$800**

Shelton Intermediate School

To support the cost of utilizing the school garden and school-based composting program to introduce a curricular framework and student-centered, hands-on project to integrate sustainability throughout the middle school curriculum - **\$1,500**

Shelton School Readiness Council

To support the cost of conducting educational workshops dealing with early education issues for parents and childcare providers - **\$1,650**

St. Joseph's Youth Group

To support the cost of having The R.O.C.K Group present a high school age retreat at St. Joseph's Church Hall - **\$700**

Youth to Youth Peer Advocates

To support the cost of sending students to the Youth to Youth National Conference in Rhode Island - **\$3,000**

SPONSORSHIPS

Nonprofit organizations can apply for support from VCF for special events by visiting our website (www.valleyfoundation.org) and completing a simplified on-line application.

Ansonia High School PTSO - Education Sponsorship

Ansonia High School Post Prom event - **\$750**

Ansonia Public Schools

(TEAM fiscal sponsor) Community reception in honor of Naomi Wallace, Director of the Tinney Community Center - **\$500**

Area Congregations Together

Fifteenth Annual Walk for the Homeless and Hungry - **\$1,500**

BhCare

* BHcare Holiday Gala - **\$1,000**

* 24th Annual Bowl-2-Benefit - **\$500**

Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley

*Eleventh Annual Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race - **\$2,500**

*Service to Youth Dinner - **\$500**

City of Derby

Fifth Annual "Dueling Fire Work Event" - **\$500**

Derby High School PTO - Education Sponsorship

Derby High School Post Prom event - **\$750**

Derby Historical Society

22nd Annual Silver Tea - **\$250**

Griffin Hospital

* Family Fun Day/Valley Initiative to Advance Health and Learning in Schools program - **\$1,000**

*"Griffin 2012 Gala" - **\$1,000**

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

Griffin Hospital/Valley Breast Health Fund

Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon - **\$500**

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America

Eighteenth "Good Scout" Award Ceremony - **\$1,000**

Jane Doe No More

Fourth Annual Jane Doe No More Dr. Henry C. Lee Award and Recognition Dinner - **\$500**

Julian A. Taylor Scholarship Committee

Launch of the Notable Valley African Americans book - **\$500**

Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut

*2012 Business Challenge - **\$1,000**

*27th Annual "Bowl for Kids" Bowl-a-Thon - **\$500**

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven

Scrabble Challenge - **\$500**

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center

*First Annual Pedal for PCRC community cycling event - **\$1,000**

*Annual Awards Dinner - **\$500**

*Fore! The Children's Golf Tournament - **\$500**

Moving with Health Oriented Physical Education, Inc.

Third Annual Wheeling and Able Shelton Riverwalk Wheel/Walk for Fitness - **\$500**

North Star

(The Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley fiscal sponsor)

*Picnic for Valley families who have children with disabilities - **\$2,500**

*Holiday party for families who have children with disabilities - **\$500**

Oxford High School Booster Club – Education sponsorship

Oxford High School Post Prom event - **\$750**

Rape Crisis Center of Milford, Inc.

Sixth anniversary of the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event- **\$500**

Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps

Annual Barbecue Chicken Dinner - **\$1,000**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Funds provide awards and scholarships to students chosen by the selection process at individual high schools, elementary schools and/or community organizations. The following is a list of schools where recipients received assistance from Scholarship Funds at VCF:

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy,
Lauralton Hall

Ansonia High School
Ansonia Public Schools

Assumption School
Boys & Girls Club of Lower
Naugatuck Valley

Derby High School
Emmett O'Brien Regional Technical School
Hamden High School
Oxford High School
Sacred Heart Academy
Seymour High School
St. Joseph Parish - Angel Fund
West Haven High School



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Grants from Donor Advised Funds are made by the VCF Board upon the request and with the participation of the Donors of each of the respective Funds. The following is a list of organizations supported by Donor Advised Grants:

Ansonia Youth Football & Cheer, Inc.
BHcare
Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley
Bunnell High School
Catholic Family Services of Ansonia
Center Stage Theatre Inc.
The Culinary Institute of America
Derby High School
Derby Historical Society
Derby Public Library
City of Derby
Girl Scouts of Connecticut
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
Griffin Hospital
Griffin Hospital/Valley Breast Health Care Fund
Junior Achievement of
Western Connecticut, Inc.
Long Hill Burial Ground Ltd.
Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child
Resource Center Inc.
Mishkan Israel Day Camp
National Jewish Health
Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps
Seymour Public Schools
Shelton Economic Development Corporation
Shelton High School
Shelton Historical Society
Shelton Land Conservation Trust
Spooner House -
Area Congregations Together, Inc.
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton, Inc.
TEAM, Inc.
Valley United Way
Veterans Plaques Restoration Fund
Visiting Nurse Association of
South Central Connecticut
Women's Business Development Council
Women's Health Research at Yale
Woodbridge Ave Honor Roll
& Restoration Committee

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

DESIGNATED FUNDS GRANTS AND ENDOWMENT FUND TRANSFERS

Grants are made from Designated Funds established by Donors to support specific organizations. In addition, VCF holds and manages the Endowment Funds of several local civic organizations which receive annual transfers of income from their respective Funds. The following is a list of organizations supported by Designated Fund Grants and Endowment Fund Transfers:

Ansonia Public Library
Ansonia Public Schools
BHcare
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley
Connecticut Hospice, Inc.
Derby Public Library
Fairfield County Farm Bureau
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
Griffin Hospital
Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America
Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven
Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center Inc.
Oak Cliff Cemetery Association
Peabody Museum after Oak Cliff Planetree, a Subsidiary of Griffin Health Services, Inc.
Seymour-Oxford Rotary Club
Shelton High School
TEAM, Inc.
Trinity Cemetery Association
Trinity Episcopal Church
Valley United Way
Valley YMCA
Woodbridge Town Library

RECOGNITION GRANTS

The Board of Directors made the following grants to recognize contributions of outstanding individuals honored for their community service with grants for re-granting to the nonprofit organization of their choice.

Ansonia Public Schools

In honor of the Ansonia High School Business Challenge Team winning First Place in a statewide competition. This grant will support the Ansonia Public Schools Scholarship Endowment Fund - **\$250**

Ansonia Public Schools Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Ansonia High School's record 18th CIAC Football Championship - **\$250**

Ansonia Youth Football & Cheer, Inc.

*To support repairs to the Ansonia football field - **\$500**

*In honor of the Ansonia Cheerleaders' invitation to the 2011 National Pop Warner Cheerleading and Dance Championships - **\$250**

Area Congregations Together, Inc.

*In honor of Barbara Casagrande, recipient of the Gold Seal Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce - **\$500**

*To support the Spooner House Food Drive with the purchase of food - **\$497.20**

*In honor of Brenda Bazyluk, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

*In honor of Joseph Pagliaro, recipient of the Gold Seal Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce - **\$250**

BH Care

*In honor of Tony SanAngelo, recipient of the Gold Seal Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce, to support the Marie SanAngelo Fund - **\$500**

*In honor of Liz Kennard, recipient of the Platinum Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce, to support the Umbrella Program - **\$250**

*In honor of Carol Pendagast, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award, to support the Center for Domestic Violence Services, specifically for the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter in Ansonia - **\$250**

Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley

*In honor of the Commodore Hull Road Race Committee, recipient of the Silver Medal Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce - **\$500**

*In honor of Jack Ribas' 35 years of service to Valley youth - **\$500**

*In honor of David Grant, recipient of the Charles Flynn Humanitarian Award - **\$250**

*In honor of Jack Ribas, recipient of the Service to Youth Award - **\$250**

*In honor of Joseph Pagliaro, recipient of the Gold Seal Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce - **\$250**

*In honor of Liz Kennard, recipient of the Platinum Award from the Valley Chamber of Commerce, to honor the lifetime work of Jack Ribas - **\$250**

Derby Community Endowment Fund

*In appreciation for Dr. Stephen Tracy's service to the students and residents of Derby as Superintendent of Schools - **\$500**

*In honor of the Derby Community Endowment Committee and to support a program cover ad. This is an interfund transfer to the Derby Community Endowment Fund - **\$250**

Derby Historical Society

*In honor of the Cohen Family receiving the John Ireland Home award - **\$500**

*In honor of Dan Waleski, recipient of the Dorothy Larson Award - **\$150**

Derby Pop Warner

In honor of the two Derby Squads invited to the 2011 National Pop Warner Cheerleading and Dance Championships - **\$250**

Emmett O'Brien Gridiron Club

In honor of Emmett O'Brien High School football team's first year of competition - **\$250**

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

Griffin Hospital

In honor of Griffin Hospital's Valley Goes Pink event- **\$500**

Griffin Hospital Development Fund

*In honor of Lori Murphy, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

*In honor of Laura Howell, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

Hotchkiss Hose Company #1

In honor of its 175th year as an active fire department - **\$175**

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America

*In honor of David Grant, recipient of the Good Scout Award - **\$500**

*In honor of David Grant, recipient of the Charles Flynn Humanitarian Award - **\$250**

Irving School

In honor of its recognition as a Crayola Grant Award school - **\$250**

Julian A. Taylor Fund

In honor of Alfonso Smith's retirement after many years of service to Ansonia Youth Services and the Ansonia Recreation Commission - **\$125**

Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut

In honor of Sue Coyle, inductee in the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame - **\$500**

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center

*In honor of Linda Coppola, recipient of the Mary Lou Cook Fund Award for Outstanding Service to Children and Families - **\$250**

*In honor of Martha Dulla, recipient of the Joseph Pagliaro Sr. Award - **\$250**

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In recognition of the Annual Soupstock Arts & Music Festival at the Shelton Riverwalk - **\$500**

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In honor of Alfonso Smith's retirement after many years of service to Ansonia Youth Services and the Ansonia Recreation Commission - **\$125**

"There's always time in life to give back."

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

In recognition of Susan Nofi-Bendici becoming the Executive Director. Specifically funds will be used to support Valley Legal Services - **\$250**

Online Journalism Project

In recognition of awards for Excellence in Journalism from the CT Society of Professional Journalism. Specifically funds will be used to support the Valley Independent Sentinel - **\$500**

Seymour Historical Society

In honor of Carmie Potash, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

Seymour Pink

In honor of the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event- **\$500**

Shelton Education Fund

*In honor of the Shelton Intermediate School Robotics winning the Global Innovation Award in international competition - **\$500**

*In honor of Michelle Pagliaro Haywood being elected to the Brown University Hall of Fame - **\$500**

St. Mary St. Michael School

In honor of Gloriann Albini, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton

To support the purchase of food - **\$500**

Troop 3, BSA

To support the renewal of the Valley Community Foundation's advertisement in the Gang Show Program booklet - **\$100**

Valley Parish Nurse Program

In honor of Pat Lesiw, recipient of the Women Who Make a Difference Award - **\$250**

Valley United Way

*To support the Valley Food Banks Urgent Assistance - **\$5,000**

*In honor of Bill Bassett, in recognition of being the first honoree inducted into the United Way Hall of Fame, to support the Valley United Way Volunteer Center - **\$500**

*In appreciation for the many good works of the Valley High School Youth Leadership group - **\$250**

*In honor of the Commodore Hull Road Race Committee, recipient of the Champion of Youth Award - **\$250**

Veterans Memorial Plaques Restoration Fund

To support the restoration/repair of the damaged/vandalized Veterans Memorials in Ansonia, Derby and Shelton. - **\$5,000**



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