

VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2011
PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE



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In November, 2011, the Valley Community Foundation moved into our new office space at 253-A Elizabeth Street, Derby. Located on the property of Edward F. Adzima Funeral Home in Derby, Connecticut, the historic Carriage House has long been admired by Valley residents for its charm and character.

The house was home to Andrew and Mary Adzima from 1982-1999. Mary recently told us that when she and Andy were first married, she insisted that they renovate the Carriage House and make it their home. She has many fond memories of her years on

Elizabeth Street and is happy that VCF has moved to Derby. "It was an honor to be here and to assist so many Valley families during times of great sadness," said Mary. "Andy was a very generous person and I was fortunate to be part of his work."

We begin this new chapter in the story of the Carriage House and the Valley Community Foundation, proud of our past and always looking ahead to the bright future of our beloved Valley.

- Carla Supersano Sullivan, Editor



Our sincere appreciation to the individuals who provided items for this report.



Dear Friends:

We take great pleasure in delivering to you our Eighth Annual Report, which each year builds on the theme set out on its cover: the Proud Past and Bright Future of our five cities and towns in the Naugatuck Valley.

2011 was the year we implemented the many transitional changes brought about by the momentous events of 2010, and was a time of great forward movement by our Foundation:

- The new Affiliation Agreement between the Valley Community Foundation (VCF) and our partner, the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (TCF) was effective on January 1, and provided VCF with the first annual appropriation equivalent to 90% of the yearly distribution from the Frank and Ross Gates Fund.
- Pursuant to that Agreement, we embarked on a comprehensive Grantmaking program and distributed a total of \$1.12 million in Valley specific grantmaking.
- We established a joint annual Responsive Grants process with TCF in which the Valley Board made the decisions to award over \$400,000 in Valley-specific grants.
- We continued the popular Valley Small Grants program (under \$3,000) for smaller/volunteer/neighborhood groups, and were able to enhance our budget for Sponsorship Grants (up to \$2,500) for events of local non-profits.
- The VCF Board created a Revolving Response Grant Program, whereby local organizations obtained prompt attention to an emergency or other programmatic request in amounts under \$5,000, with responses provided at least quarterly, year-round, and which distributed over \$50,000 in its first year.

On an operational level, there was dramatic progress as well:

- Carla Supersano Sullivan became our full-time Director of Donor Service and Grantmaking,
- Beth Colette joined the organization as our part-time Administrative Assistant, and
- We moved into our new offices in the historic 1880's carriage house on Elizabeth Street in Derby.

Most of all, we are extremely proud to report, that, last year, we raised a total of \$5.22 million including the single largest gift in our history.

The end result of all of the foregoing is that the Valley, Greater New Haven, and our entire region has now truly begun to benefit from VCF being able to steadily and dramatically increase the level of permanent philanthropy in our five towns. In the eight years since its founding, the Valley Community Foundation has created a rising tide of philanthropy, attracted more than 100 Funds with over \$13 million in assets, and has distributed \$2.6 million to worthy organizations.

As we have indicated in the past, this success is due to many people. This year, we must especially note our appreciation to two of our Founding Board Members, who have served the maximum terms on our Board: David M. Grant and Kenneth E. Schaible. Each of them has, with their respective spouses, created Funds at VCF, which will continue their philanthropy in perpetuity. We are truly grateful for the time, effort and wise counsel that Dave and Ken have provided to VCF since our inception.

Ultimately, however, all credit and honor is due to the people and families of the Naugatuck Valley: the Fund Donors listed in this Annual Report. They have brought us to this great moment in our history. By honoring their individual lives and pasts, they have assured the Valley's collective future, and we are privileged to be associated with them.



James E. Cohen
President & CEO



Gregory J. Stamos
Board Chair

2004

Cohen Family Book Fund
 Mary Fund
 Joseph A. Pagliaro, Sr. Family Fund
 Palazzi Family Fund
 Pepe Family Fund
 George and Beatrice Ryan Scholarship
 Valley Bar Association Memorial and Commemorative Fund

2005

Michael J. Adanti Community Fund
 Bassett Family Fund
 Birmingham Foundation Fund
 Edward J. & Marie M. Cecarelli Book Fund
 Derby Public Library Harold Yudkin Fund for Historical Preservation
 Hon. Joseph P. Flynn and Family Scholarship Fund
 Geissler Family Scholarship Fund
 David M. and Gail H. Grant Family Fund
 Tyler, Brian & Zachary Haywood Fund
 Patricia M. Kondrath Scholarship Fund
 Ann O'Neil Memorial for Integrity Fund
 Planetree Fund
 Sam Rifkin Memorial Fund
 Maureen, Megan, and Katey Ryan Fund
 Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Community Fund
 Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Fund
 Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Fund for the
 Boys and Girls Club of LNV
 Julian A. Taylor Scholarship Fund
 John Tyma Fund

2006

Lou and Dolly DeFilippo Fund
 Frey-Hershey Foundation Fund
 The Future Fund
 Housatonic Council Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund
 Oak Cliff Cemetery Association Fund
 President's Fund
 Torbi-Saldamarco Family Fund
 Valley United Way Heritage Fund
 Peter J. Vartelas Invest in Youth Funds #1 and #2 for the Valley YMCA
 Veterans of Foreign War Post 597 Fund
 Joseph and Pauline Warichar Fund
 Women in Networking Fund
 Selma L. and Harold B. Yudkin Fund



2007

Joseph "Jay" Amico Artistic Memorial Fund
 The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Derby Division Fund
 Derby-Puglianello Sister City Initiative Fund
 Paul and Gloria Konwerski Family Fund
 Norman K. and Janet N. Santa Fund
 Angelina M. and Valentina V. Vitali Fund

2008

Cohen Community Fund
 Cohen-DeToro Charitable Fund
 Jane C. and David B. Cohen Fund
 Mary Lou Cicia Cook Memorial Fund
 D'Addario Community Fund
 Lawrence DeTullio Jr. Fund
 Traci L. Haines Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Housatonic Council Boy Scouts of America Fund
 Elaine N. and William C. Nimons Fund
 Donald W. and Lillian C. Smith Family Fund



2009

Maria Conlon Humanitarian Fund
 Derby Public Library Endowment Fund
 Guarrera Family Fund
 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Ansonia Fund
 Eugene Imperato Family Scholarship Fund
 Jones Family Farms Fund
 Herb Rollinson Fund
 Anthony Savignano Memorial Fund
 Mary A. Schmecker Turtle Shell Fund
 Carla and Sean Sullivan Charitable Fund
 Nancy Valentine Fund
 Alphonso And Eulalia Vitello Family Fund
 Colonel Lloyd and Joan Platt Witmer Fund
 Valley YMCA Endowment Fund

2010

Ansonia Public Schools Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Ansonia Rotary Club Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Thomas W. Curran, Sr. Family Fund
 Francis Family Fund
 Raymond Gildea Memorial Fund
 John Lauretti Memorial Family Fund
 Parent Child Resource Center Endowment Fund
 Louis Schmecker, Jr. Memorial Fund
 Seymour-Oxford Rotary Club Fund
 Seymour Public Schools Fund
 Shelton High School Alumni Association Fund
 Gaeton And Elizabeth Simonetti Family Fund
 TEAM, Inc. Endowment Fund
 John and Paraskeve Vonetes Stamos "AGAPE" Fund
 Mary Vartelas Stamos Scholarship Fund
 George Vartelas Scholarship Fund
 Peter Vartelas Scholarship Fund

2011

Monty Blakeman Fund
 Arthur Hayes Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Health Initiative for Men (HiM) Fund
 Jones Family Farms Fund for the CT Agricultural Experiment Station
 Kaplan Family Fund
 Edward and Laura Lane Family Fund
 Bernice Nicolari-Howard Gura Fund
 Sophie and Robert W. Rapp Family Fund
 Recreation Camp Endowment Fund
 Shelton Education Endowment Fund
 Sterling Opera House Endowment Fund
 Town of Seymour Endowment Fund





Born in Burlington, Vermont, Monty Blakeman was not a Valley native, but he was proud to call it home for many years. His family moved from Vermont shortly after Monty was born in 1944, and settled on a farm in Stepney. The Blakemans didn't have much money; Monty often told the story of one day when he was young and asked his Dad for an ice cream at a store, and Mr. Blakeman didn't have the money to give him. So at the tender age of nine, Monty vowed to always have money in his pocket.

Thus began his desire to succeed. At 14, he started cutting lawns and selling eggs, and never once looked back or stopped working. When he passed away in the spring of 2011 after a battle with colon and liver cancer, his friends and family wanted to honor his strong work ethic by creating a lasting tribute to him and to his life, and established the Monty Blakeman Fund at the Valley Community Foundation.

Monty's love for real estate and making deals can be seen throughout the Valley – from Aspetuck Village and Split Rock Corner in Shelton, to Oxford, Seymour - and beyond. "Monty was a multi-talented person. He was comfortable working with his laborers - he loved driving a bulldozer - and, at the same time, got a big kick out of negotiating with attorneys, businessmen and bankers and making their heads spin with his ideas," said best friend Sue Coyle, a VCF

Board member and realtor. "We became good friends and trusted each other's instincts. When the market took an initial downturn in the 90's, the CT Post did an article on Monty's success, saying you could have a successful development in a bad market if you were smart with your pricing. Monty surely was."

Monty loved his children, grandchildren, brothers, and extended family, and had a special connection with each person in his life. His hunting trips with his son, James, and other buddies brought him the adventure he enjoyed in whatever he was doing. His son said, "My Dad had a passion for life and all it had to offer. He always said 'Expose your kids to everything! Let them go to work with you, let them travel, let them see all sides of life.'" Daughter Christine recalled that, in the last year of his life, her father went coast-to-coast, "and covered more ground than most do in a lifetime," she said.

"Monty stayed away from the spotlight; he didn't like attention and would rather give than receive," said Sue Coyle, who remembered his giving free use of a building he owned to Center Stage Theatre. "He had a loud bark if he got upset, but never a bite. Toward the end he kept telling all of us how much he loved his family and friends; how much he cared. His biggest thing was to get the message out to everyone to have a colonoscopy – to try and prevent this awful disease from occurring in their own lives. We hope that the Blakeman Fund at VCF will truly honor his strong work ethic and spirit. And, by supporting health-related issues and the other causes that meant the most to him, we hope the Blakeman name will be a household word in the Valley for years to come."



Though it is said that life is a journey on which things happen for a reason, the result, while often different from what was expected, can be even greater than could have been imagined.

For Arthur Hayes and his wife Barbara, their lives' journeys (both separately and together) spanned this country from coast to coast and back again, ultimately bringing them, and their generosity, to the Naugatuck Valley and to Oxford High School.

Barbara Hayes knows first-hand the impact a scholarship can have on one's education. She herself was a recipient of a General Mills' "Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year" scholarship, in 1955. She applied the \$1,000 award toward the tuition at Georgetown University's School of Nursing - which she could not otherwise afford to attend - and it was at Georgetown where she met her future husband Art. Art had originally been a philosophy major and Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, but he came back to the states to further his education and became a pre-med student at Georgetown. After finishing school they married in 1960, and Art began a lifetime career of helping others.

Dr. Arthur Hayes spent nearly two decades studying in higher education—a stretch that included more than ten years of medical training. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Commissioner of the FDA, he served during the early 1980's, a turbulent period, marked by the Tylenol-tampering crisis and the controversial approval of the artificial sweetener aspartame.

He also served as the Dean of New York Medical College at Valhalla, New York; created Medi-Science, his own one-man medical consulting company; and was an ordained deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. He and Mrs. Hayes co-founded a medical clinic on the Pacific island of Pohnpei (midway between Honolulu and Manila), which continued for several years as part of Jesuit Missions. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who thoroughly enjoyed traveling.

When their daughter and her family moved to Oxford several years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Hayes decided it was time for a change for them as well. So in 2006 they left Westchester and moved to Oxford Greens, pleasantly discovering the warmth and kindness of Oxford residents who "adopted" them as their own. "We've made some wonderful friends here," said Barbara Hayes. "It's as if we've lived in the Valley all along."

When Dr. Hayes passed away in 2010, Barbara and her children decided to create the Arthur Hayes Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. "Art was such a highly educated person, and education was so very important to him," said Barbara. "We chose to honor him by creating a significant and permanent scholarship for Oxford High School students needing funds for college." And so a new journey will begin each year for a deserving Oxford High School student – as a result of the generosity of the family of a very special man to whom education meant the world.



HEALTH INITIATIVE FOR MEN (HiM) FUND



In early January of 2011, Frank Michaud learned that incidences of prostate cancer in Valley men were greater than incidences of breast cancer in Valley women. Wanting to do something about this alarming statistic, he contacted Connie Evans, Director of Development at Griffin Hospital. Connie put him in touch with Dr. Stephanie Wain, who had been leading the Women's Health Initiative in the Valley for more than 10 years with positive results.

By mid-February, Dr. Wain had assembled a group of physicians and staff at Griffin to meet with Frank and his wife Judy to discuss what might be done. For the initial kick-off event, timed to coincide with Father's Day, they created a Father's Day card which included health screening guidelines on the back, and distributed them to all students in the Valley Schools. But Frank and Judy wanted to have a lasting impact, and so they created the Health Initiative for Men ("HiM") Fund at the Valley Community Foundation.

The Michauds established the Fund for the purpose of supporting Griffin Hospital's programs advancing education about, and treatment of, men's health issues, to include, but not be limited to, prostate cancer, colon cancer, and related issues. "Most men just don't pay as much attention to their health as they should," said Frank. "Women's health initiatives are always in the media. We want to do something to get the message out to men throughout the Valley – it's time for them to get on board and do the right thing about their own health."

The Health Initiative for Men (HiM) is being modeled after the Valley Women's Health Initiative, and the Fund is all about helping men benefit from the long term impact of annual and biannual physical exams – how they often lead to screenings which can prevent future problems.

"We're off to a great start with the HiM initiative, due to the leadership and generosity of Frank and Judy," said Patrick Charmel, Griffin's President and CEO. "20,000 of these Father's Day cards were distributed at Griffin Hospital, local businesses and, through Frank and Judy's efforts, within every Valley school, for children to give to their fathers," said Mr. Charmel. "We plan on doing it again for Father's Day 2012, and to expand our efforts to birthdays and other celebrations as well."

"The Valley has always taken care of its own," said Connie Evans, Director of Development at Griffin. "For the sake of all those special men in our lives, it is so very important that Frank and Judy Michaud established this lasting endowment for men's health. Through their generosity, the Valley can serve as a model for other communities throughout the state and beyond who are interested in bringing everyone – men, women, and children – together to support this cause."

Thanks to Frank and Judy Michaud, the Health Initiative for Men (HiM) Fund will be there for the men we love – our sons, brothers, uncles, nephews, dads and granddads - for years to come.



The list of accomplishments achieved by the distinguished scientists, researchers and staff at the State of Connecticut's Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven are seemingly endless – from the discovery of Vitamin A, to the invention of a double cross pollination method leading to the commercial production of hybrid corn. Established in 1875 as the nation's first agricultural experiment station, and housed initially at Wesleyan University, CAES has grown and flourished at its main laboratories on Huntington Street, New Haven since 1882.

CAES is governed by an eight member Board of Control, with representation from across the state of Connecticut. Its Vice President, Terry Jones, a Gubernatorial appointee, and long-time Shelton resident, has always had great respect and admiration for the work that has been done and is continuing at CAES. Terry and his family wanted to give back to the Station – to help with special projects that need funding. That's why they have created the Jones Family Farms Fund for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at the Valley Community Foundation.

"CAES has helped so many people in Connecticut, especially farmers," said Terry Jones. "Their ongoing experimentation projects have contributed to the rebirth of agriculture in this state. They are truly committed to protecting and preserving food, health, and the environment, with a strong focus on education."

The organization has never been content to sit back and rest on its laurels. Staff conducted landmark research on mosquitoes and ticks leading to the development of an antibody test for the diagnosis of Lyme Disease. They are instrumental in work with food safety, and have become part of the National Food Emergency Response Network. Recent efforts have included analyses of seafood contamination following the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the contamination of cookies, candy, and toothpaste from China.

CAES has several research locations throughout Connecticut. The Lockwood Farm, located on 75 acres in Hamden, is open to the public during normal business hours, and is home to an extensive bird and butterfly garden. A Plant Identification Garden is located at its Connecticut River Valley Laboratory in Windsor. And, later this year, the former Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Plant Nursery in Griswold will house a new laboratory to further test insect populations in that area of the state.

"By creating this Fund, our family wanted to help to ensure that the great things that CAES is doing will continue for years to come," said Terry. "This agency truly is one that lives up to its motto: Putting science to work for society."



Faye Teicholz Kaplan came to the Valley by way of Danbury, Connecticut, where she was attending Danbury State Teachers College. Both she and her future husband Harry, who was born and raised in Ansonia, had an interest in music and the piano. They met at a dance in Danbury and became sweethearts shortly thereafter. Faye and Harry married in 1938, and moved first to Ansonia, before settling in Derby where they remained for over 50 years.

“The Valley has been my family’s home forever,” said daughter Heidi Kaplan, a retired teacher, who created the Kaplan Family Fund in 2011 to memorialize her parents’ giving spirit. “They were both such great examples of doing for others. My Dad passed away in 1991 at the age of 87; my Mom lived to be 96. Right to the end she lived a vital and active life, always sharing her gifts of time and self.”

Harry Kaplan ran the Dektor Shoe Store on Derby’s Main Street for many years. “My Dad knew so many folks who would come into the store,” said Heidi. “He was an auxiliary policeman and, during the 1955 flood, he helped people in the downtown Derby area by bringing them water and supplies.” Harry was also an avid woodworker and furniture maker, and created his first oil painting through a Valley Adult Ed course. He would later go on to display his work at various local art shows.

Wanting Heidi to become a Brownie Scout, Faye became the Leader when she realized that a Troop did not exist at Heidi’s school. She later became a Girl Scout leader for the neighborhood girls as well. Faye donated gallons of her blood to the Red Cross, and volunteered thousands of hours at Griffin Hospital. She would joke with Griffin patients that she worked in the operating room – and then after they gave her a questioning look, she would simply smile and say that they never let her operate.

Faye and Harry instilled a love of learning into Heidi at a very young age. “I vividly recall going to the Derby Public Library and getting my first library card,” she said. “My parents were both avid readers, and I remember walking into the main entrance of the Library and seeing all those wonderful books. The excitement I felt then stays with me to this day.”

After her mother’s passing, Heidi turned to VCF to create the Kaplan Family Fund to honor both parents. “My mother and father were role models at each stage of their lives,” said Heidi. “They lived each day with dignity and purpose. This Fund will allow me to contribute to the Library and to the Hospital, and to many different organizations in the Valley, now and in years to come. It provides me with the flexibility to learn what is needed and make recommendations as to how it will best be spent. It’s exactly how my parents lived – and I am proud to carry on their tradition of helping out in the Valley community.”



Fifty years is a milestone in any lifetime. Whether it is age, how long you've been in business, or how long you've known someone, it is indeed an accomplishment. In the summer of 2011, Edward and Laura Lane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary – a lifetime of love, friendship and family. Their children, James Lane and Jennifer Magri, wanted to acknowledge this milestone with a special tribute of their own. Knowing their parents weren't keen on huge parties or being thrust into the spotlight, they explored a different path. The Lanes had always been actively involved in the Valley, both in their careers and in community service. What James and Jennifer decided on, as the most meaningful gift they could give, was to establish The Edward and Laura Lane Family Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. "This is what our family knows so well – the Valley," said Jennifer. "Doing something like this, and helping the causes our parents feel strongly about, means so much to them," she said.

Laura has always been passionate about education. Upon college graduation with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Laura began her teaching career in 1960 at Ansonia's Prendergast School, teaching second grade. For six years she taught and trained student teachers from Southern Connecticut State College, and went on to earn a Master's degree in Reading, as well as a certificate in Educational Leadership. Laura's teaching career spanned 38 years, all in the Ansonia schools. During this span she volunteered on many committees to improve educational opportunities for Ansonia's children, particularly in the areas of Reading and Language Arts. She retired in June 2001.

Ed, an Army veteran, is proud of his service to both our country and his city. Ed served on Ansonia's Board of Apportionment and Taxation for 17 years and clearly understood the financial challenges the community faces. He spent his entire working career at Seccombe's Cleaners from 1954 until retiring in 2011. In 1966, Ed and Laura along with her brother Donald and wife Fern had assumed ownership of the cleaners from Lionel and Stewart Seccombe. Ed served as the Treasurer of the business for 45 years and as President since 1998. In 1959, Ed became a volunteer Ansonia firefighter, when he joined the Eagle Hose Hook & Ladder Company #6. He proceeded through the officer ranks, becoming Captain in 1968. He was a Trustee for 30 years, and was recognized for 50 years of service to the firehouse.

When it came to choosing the areas for the Fund to focus on, the choice was clear. "This Donor Advised Fund will supplement Literacy Programs for the Ansonia Public Schools, as well as provide Special Training Programs for the Ansonia Fire Department," said Jennifer.

"Our parents are lifelong Ansonia residents," said James, "and their careers were both Ansonia-based. They are committed to the Valley community and were always doing what they could to assist others. Creating this Fund was just the right thing to do. The community always supported our Dad's business and our Mom's work in the school system. By creating this Fund, our whole family can do what our parents have always done and continue to do – lending a hand when and where it is needed most."



BERNICE NICOLARI-HOWARD GURA FUND



Those two head coaches and that athletic program are dear to the hearts of all young women who proudly wore the Gaelette basketball uniform during the past fifty years.

Bernice Nicolari began the SHS Girls' Basketball Program in 1962 and went on to make local and state history for 17 years as the program blossomed. Howie Gura took the reins in 1979 and continued the Gaelette winning tradition for the next 18 years. In 2002, Gaelette alumnae decided the time had come to initiate a scholarship program for Shelton High School Girls' Basketball.

Many initial contributions launching the Scholarship Program came from players and coaches themselves. A group of 1970's alumnae contributed time and ideas for additional fundraisers to bolster scholarship funds. In 2011, former Gaelette co-captain Monica Tucci McMahon moved the scholarship funds into the Valley Community Foundation. "We wanted to ensure the Fund's permanent future existence and to grow it as well," said McMahon. "The Valley Community Foundation provided us with exactly what we were looking for."

The Nicolari - Gura records speak for themselves. Nicolari's teams posted a 17 year record of 214 wins against 53 losses, seven straight Housatonic League titles, winning streaks of 27 and 30 games, three undefeated seasons, and a Class LL State Championship Title. Gura's teams posted an 18 year record of 328 wins against 103 losses, five straight Housatonic League titles, two 25 game winning streaks, three Housy SCC Division Championships, and a Class LL State Championship.

Both Nicolari and Gura have received numerous honors, awards, and citations during their respective coaching careers, but what has meant the most to them is the commitment and dedication of their players. "To watch young women welcome opportunities to work so hard and to succeed so greatly is unbelievably rewarding," says Bernice. Howie agrees: "Win or lose, it's about teamwork. Talent matters only when everyone works together to achieve success."

In fine basketball tradition, Monica McMahon, coached by Bernice Nicolari in the 1970's, proudly watched her daughter Meghan coached by Howard Gura's son Scott in 2002. "It's great to see the cycle continue," says McMahon. "It's especially great to be able to honor two coaches who made SHS Girls' Basketball such a success statewide. What better way to say "Thank you" than to help future generations of young Gaelette basketball players?"



Generations of the Rapp family provided restaurant-goers with satisfying meals at reasonable prices for more than one hundred years – beginning in Germany and then coming to America to continue these proud traditions which stood the test of time. The Rapp family name is also synonymous with generosity and giving throughout the Valley Community. To honor their parents, and to forever remember their beloved family traditions, Jo-Anna Rapp Holden and her brother Robert Rapp, Jr. and their spouses have established the Sophie and Robert W. Rapp Family Fund with the Valley Community Foundation.

“The food business is in our genes,” said Jo-Anna. “My ancestors were innkeepers in Germany; my grandfather, Adolph “Otto” came to this area at the turn of the twentieth century. He was a restaurateur at Derby’s Hoffman House, and later in Shelton at Rapp’s Restaurant. My father established his own catering business in 1939. My Aunt Madeline Conti and my Uncle Frank Rapp and their spouses continued as restaurateurs at Rapp’s Restaurant in Shelton and Rapp’s Paradise Inn in Ansonia. We’ve spent our lifetimes doing what we loved best – helping to make special events memorable for every customer we served. It was my Dad’s favorite part of his job.”

Like most Valley residents who settled here, the Rapps were hard working, devoted to their families, and committed to helping others. Bob Sr. was there to lend a hand with Boy Scouting whenever he was needed, once even surprising Ed Strang during a day hike in Massachusetts by appearing from behind a tree in genuine German hiking gear, complete with lederhosen, walking stick, feathered hat, and all!

Sophie Pyrih Rapp’s heart was forever tied to the Valley – from her Ansonia childhood, to her education at the New Haven Normal School (the forerunner of Southern Connecticut State University) where she trained as a teacher – to her marriage to Bob in 1935, and her help in growing the family catering business. Sophie even made curtains for the Lodge on the East Derby park property they owned so that a bride could marry there. And so began Grassy Hill Lodge, a Valley institution that is still thriving today. Daughter Jo-Anna and her husband Allen joined the family business in the 1980’s, retiring in 2005 when it was sold to long time employee and former manager Martha Dulla.

Bob and Sophie’s love for each other, their family and the Valley spanned decades. “Our Mom and Dad had generous hearts,” said Jo-Anna. “They were both there whenever anyone needed anything.” The Fund created by their son and daughter formalizes the childrens’ intention to continue supporting, among others, several organizations to which their parents were committed, including the Derby Historical Society, Housatonic Council of Boy Scouts, and Derby’s BSA Troop 3.

Jo-Anna concluded: “We hope that, though this Fund, the Rapp Family name will remain synonymous with good food, good works and pride in the Valley for the next hundred years, and beyond.”



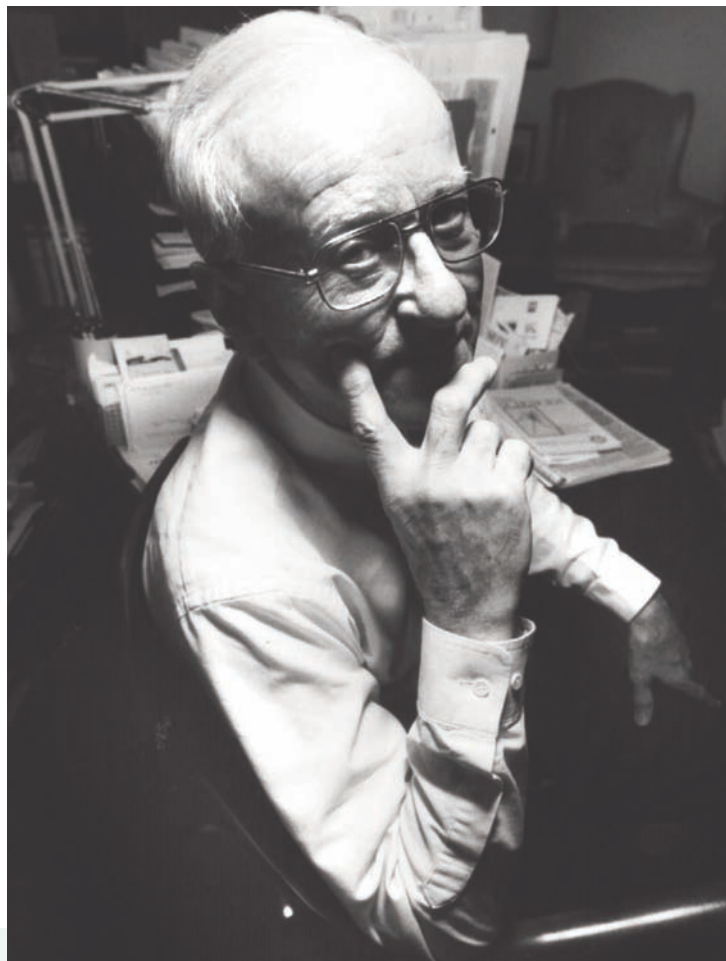
For nearly 100 years, thousands of Valley boys and girls ages 5 to 15 have learned how to swim at the Recreation Camp in Derby. The Camp was established in 1915, when Fannie Osborne Kellogg donated 2+ acres of land along the Housatonic River to local businessman Irving Peck for the purpose of creating a “summer swim camp” for Valley residents. “Back then there were no state parks or public pools, and very few places for children to learn to swim, except in the river – which resulted in many unfortunate drownings, said former Camp Director and current United Way Executive Director Jack Walsh. “After Ms. Kellogg’s generous donation, Mr. Peck founded the camp, and its long, successful history began.”

“Mr. Peck, who was the President of the Star Pin Company, invited businessmen, bankers and professionals from Shelton, Derby and Ansonia to his home on Fairview Terrace in Derby for an extravagant lobster feast,” said Bob Manger, President of the Camp’s Board of Directors for the past 30 years. “He’d sit them all down at the table, lock the door, and wouldn’t let them out until he had their pledges to fund the total budget needed to keep the Camp running for the coming year. It’s been like that since the beginning – the Camp has always been the recipient of the Valley’s generosity.”

Although the times, names and faces have changed, the annual lobster dinner still occurs. It remains one of the Camp’s most successful fundraisers and adds much needed revenue to the major funding received annually from the Valley United Way. However in 2011, a new funding source to help ensure the Camp’s future was created – the Recreation Camp Endowment Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. It was started by a donation from Peter Francini after the passing of his father, Saturno “Fuzzy” Francini, a long time supporter of the Recreation Camp, and the driving force to construct the new Camp building in 1961. Supported by others since then, the new Fund will help to support campers and camp programs for the next 100 years and beyond.

That’s good news for current Camp Director Mike Drew, who has overseen activities at “the Rec” for the past 8 years. “Our sessions are filled to capacity each summer, and every year there are more and more children on our waiting list,” said Mike, who is one of eight Connecticut certified teachers working at the camp. “We’ve expanded our programs to include high quality activities such as boating, outdoor sports, and arts and crafts. Everything is structured – the children are supervised from the time they enter camp until the time they leave. It’s all about their safety – and everyone having a wonderful time here.”

Bob Manger agreed. “Where else can you find a place like this in the Valley where kids can learn how to swim safely and have fun at the same time?” he said. Thanks to the new Recreation Camp Endowment Fund, and the continuing generosity of Valley residents throughout the years, generations will be doing just that and more for years to come. Fannie Osborne Kellogg and Irving Peck would be pleased.



When Freeman Burr, Shelton's Superintendent of Schools, first came to the district in 2009, he knew that many financial challenges lay ahead for the Public School system. A budget deficit, coupled with a declining economy had Superintendent Burr seeking additional resources to support the Shelton School community. One such source he explored began through an invitation to a day-long conference sponsored by the Connecticut Consortium of Education Funds. Board of Education member Win Oppel was in favor of pursuing the development of an education fund specifically devoted to the Shelton Public Schools and, with advice from Finance Director Al Cameron, initial investigations began on how to proceed.

"I had known about the existence of education funds from my previous work in Hartford," said Superintendent Burr. "We went to the conference, heard from the Cheshire Public Schools, who had established their own fund several years ago, and realized we, too, could form a group of individuals who were outside of the traditional educational field, but were interested in supporting education," said Mr. Burr. "We came back, and after further discussion, decided to create the Shelton Education Endowment Fund at the Valley Community Foundation."

With unanimous support from the Board of Education, a Fund Committee has been created, comprised of representatives from the Board of Education, the Shelton Education Association and the community, as well as representation from parents and the City of Shelton. "This is truly a combined effort," said Mr. Burr. "It will allow us to seed projects to support the Four Pillars of investment for our students' future: Student awards and scholarships; Teacher creativity and innovation; Career and college exploration; and Parent-Community engagement."

The Fund recently received its first bequest from a former SHS graduate: Dr. Herbert Clark, Salutatorian of the Class of 1936. (pictured left). Dr. Clark received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees in chemistry from Yale University, and for 38 years served as Professor Emeritus at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. His gift of \$100,000 to Shelton High School will be used to support science education at SHS for many years to come.

Superintendent Burr and the Board of Education hope that this Fund will open the doors to additional giving. "It goes beyond existing and future scholarships," said Mr. Burr. "We're hopeful that this endowment can be built up over time, through individual, corporate, and legacy contributions. It's all about enhancing educational opportunities for students and staff, as well as supporting leadership initiatives, and the educational needs of our community going forward."



STERLING OPERA HOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND



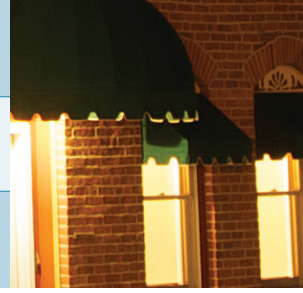
Built in 1889, the Sterling Opera House, located across Elizabeth Street from the Derby Green, has been deeply rooted in the Valley's cultural and political traditions for more than 110 years. A veritable "Who's Who" list of performers and celebrities have appeared at the Sterling: from John Philip Sousa to Red Skelton; Harry Houdini to Donald O'Connor; and Amelia Earhart to Lionel, John, and Ethel Barrymore. The Sterling served as an opera house until 1933; from then until the building's closing in 1965, its two lower levels housed Derby's City Hall and Police Station.

Almost as storied as the Sterling itself have been the dedicated groups committed to its restoration and eventual revitalization. From the 1970's through the mid-90's the Sterling Opera House Foundation, led initially by the late Vivian Kellams, included current Valley Community Foundation Board Member Alan Tyma. The group began to create awareness of the Sterling's place in Derby's and the Valley's history, and successfully had the Sterling listed as the first structure on the National Register of Historic Places. In the 1990's, the Old Birmingham Business Association (OBBA) was formed by Paul Lane, and its subsidiary Save Our Sterling (SOS) took up the charge, drumming up support for the opera house's restoration. Harvey Bletchman, then artistic director of SOS, along with other members of

the group, organized local soirees with a variety of musical themes to raise funds for, and create cultural awareness of, the Sterling.

Those fundraising efforts generated enough to enable the current members to create the Sterling Opera House Endowment Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. "We want people to be able to use and visit the Sterling 100 years from now," said Association President Beth Colette. "By creating this Endowment, we are setting aside money that has come in from so many caring Valley residents to help the Sterling carry on its rich traditions." Board member Judy Augusta agreed. "This beautiful building has the opportunity to become a vital component of the revitalization of downtown Derby," she said. "This Fund will allow other groups who follow in our footsteps to address its needs well into the future and keep its wonderful spirit alive."

Through the years, the efforts of Congressional and State representatives, along with the Connecticut Dept. of Economic and Community Development, have produced funds to help with this project. Current Derby Mayor Anthony Staffieri, a former member of OBBA, has continued ongoing efforts to restore the Sterling. At present, the exterior has been completely renovated, and the City is moving forward with plans for restoration of the interior. "The City is pursuing additional funding for the Opera House through historic preservation funds and federal and state tax credits," said Sheila O'Malley, Derby's Director of Economic and Community Development. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts the Sterling has received, however, is the forward thinking of the dedicated groups whose Endowment will help to ensure the Sterling is here for generations to come. As Board Member Markanthony Izzo so aptly said, "There is no time like the present to plan for the future."



When former Seymour First Selectman Paul Roy answered a phone call from AT&T several years ago, little did he know what impact it would have on the future Chatfield-LoPresti School. But that's exactly what happened as a result of his conversation with the phone company back in 2009.

The Town had already begun to explore its options for both Chatfield and LoPresti Schools the year before. Chatfield was in need of an addition to support its student population, but was not showing the projected and expected long-term growth. It was also determined that LoPresti would need to be replaced in 5-7 years – so the Town embarked on a plan to combine the two schools into one. “It made total sense to us,” said Paul Roy. “After funding from the state was factored in, the cost to the Town to have the two schools become one was just \$3 million more than what we had planned for just the original addition to Chatfield alone. It was the next logical step for us to take.”

Enter AT&T. “They called me and needed an easement across the existing Chatfield School property,” said Roy. “After having a conversation with our Town Attorney, we conditionally agreed. The condition we had was that AT&T would make a donation to the soon to be constructed Chatfield - LoPresti School. We didn't need any money toward the building. Instead what was needed was money to use for teachers and students in the school – for special projects,

supplies, etc. AT&T has generously given \$10,000 to the Town for Chatfield- LoPresti, and we in turn have established the Chatfield-LoPresti Fund with the Valley Community Foundation to provide long term support for this school and its community of staff and students.”

The new Chatfield-LoPresti School will house approximately 680 Pre-K to Grade 5 students, with the ability to include an additional 70, if needed. Plans are on schedule to open the building for the 2012-13 school year.

“We really wanted to do something different,” said Mr. Roy. “Budgets are so tight these days - there is little funding left over to be able to support new or innovative projects in the classroom. We've seen first hand how successful VCF has been working with communities such as ours, so establishing this Fund with them was an easy decision for us to make. The best part is that it can continue to grow through additional donations and support from the community. Chatfield-LoPresti students and staff will benefit from this generosity for years to come. And it all started with just one phone call.”

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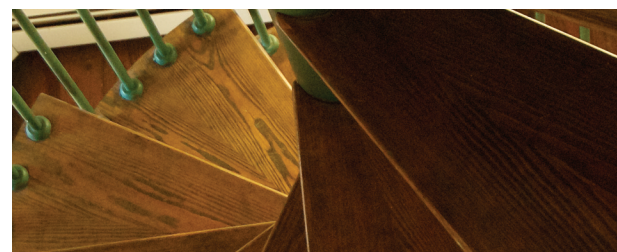
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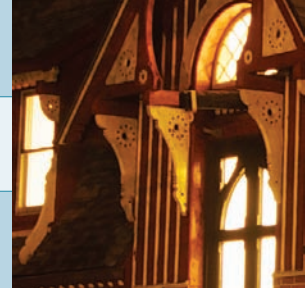
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

The Valley Community Foundation had a total net return of (1.2%) for the year ended December 31, 2011, behind its market-based benchmark. Underperformance by the foundation's international equity managers in volatile world markets contributed to missing the target. Changes to the international managers were made and the long-term asset allocation model continues to achieve the long-term goal of maintaining purchasing power and meeting the current philanthropic spending needs of the community.

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 & 2011

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES *

	2011	2010
REVENUE		
Endowed contributions	\$5,152,810	\$433,505
Unendowed contributions	1,197,455	797,335
Total contributions	6,350,265	1,230,840
Less: contributions to organization endowments	(1,775)	(183,165)
Total contributions, net	6,348,490	1,047,675
Realized and unrealized gain on investments, net	(237,213)	109,712
Investment income, net	144,123	243,033
Total revenue	6,255,400	\$1,400,420
EXPENSE AND NET ASSETS		
Grant appropriations	1,161,470	707,481
Less: grants to organization endowments	(154,486)	(60,622)
Grant appropriations, net	1,006,984	646,859
Administration Expense	327,910	277,298
Total expense	1,334,894	924,157
Increase (decrease) in net assets	4,290,506	476,263
Net assets - Beginning of year	4,224,675	3,748,413
Net assets - End of year	9,145,181	\$4,224,676



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$623,560	\$322,383
Endowment investments at market value	9,650,188	7,742,555
Total investments	10,273,748	8,064,938
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	175,208	1,223
Contributions receivable for endowment	2,807,065	
Total assets	13,256,021	\$8,066,161
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	12,511	12,866
Organization endowments	3,649,270	3,816,318
Grants payable	449,059	12,300
Total liabilities	4,110,840	3,841,485
Net assets	9,145,181	4,224,676
Total liabilities and net assets	13,256,021	\$8,066,161

* The Valley Community Foundation's financial activities are part of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven's audited financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for supporting organizations. Complete copies of the audited statements are available on the website, www.valleyfoundation.org.



The Valley Community Foundation is committed to supporting nonprofits in our region that strive towards providing the highest quality services and advance ideas, innovations and techniques that improve the quality of life for our residents. Grants are distributed to qualified organizations through a comprehensive, multi-faceted grant program, as well as from unrestricted, field of interest, donor advised and designated funds that carry out donor charitable intentions, respond to needs and anticipate community opportunities. VCF also actively pursues flexible funds for additional grant making.

In 2011, a change in Grantmaking was established as a result of the signing of a new Affiliation Agreement between the Valley Community Foundation and its partner in philanthropy, the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. As a result of this new seven year agreement, VCF receives an annual appropriation for operations and Grantmaking equal to 90% of the Gates Fund, held by the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and created for broad charitable purposes with consideration that a portion of the income benefit residents of Derby and the vicinity.

In this first year of our combined Responsive Grantmaking Program, successful grantees participated in a rigorous two part application which included review and site visits by volunteers representing a broad cross section of the community. The VCF Board presided over this and all grant processes including Valley Small Grants, Sponsorships, Scholarships, Recognition Grants and a new Revolving Response program through which organizations applied for grants of up to \$5,000 for emergency needs or unanticipated activities.

We are proud to partner with worthy non-profit organizations to address community needs and are confident that our Community Investments will positively impact the quality of life for the residents of the Valley, now and forever.





RESPONSIVE GRANTS

For the first time, the VCF board assumed the primary role as the lead decision maker for responsive single and multi-year grants awarded to the following non-profit organizations serving the Valley:

Ansonia Public Schools - to support a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley to provide literacy and recreational support to 70 children attending the after school programs at the Tinney Community Center and Ansonia Community Action - **\$45,000**

Area Congregations Together, Inc. - to provide general operating support for the Spooner House which provides food, shelter and support services for homeless men, women and children, as well as supplemental food assistance and support services to clients of Spooner House's Valley Food Bank Network - **\$12,500**

***Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford** - to support the Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic, a program of the Family Service Clinic, for children and youth ages 7-18 with emotional and behavioral disorders from Ansonia, Seymour, Beacon Falls, Derby, Oxford and Shelton - **\$50,000**

Center Stage Theatre, Inc. - to support the Youth Connection, an eight week summer theatre program and the Center Stage Teen Theatre Workshop, a fall theatre program for high school students - **\$25,000**

City of Derby - to support the completion of construction documents for the Sterling Opera House renovation - **\$15,000**

Griffin Hospital - to support the development and evaluation of a pilot Cancer Survivorship Program at the Center for Cancer Care - **\$40,000**

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America - to complete the construction of a handicapped accessible shower and lavatory facility at the Strang Scout Reservation - **\$15,000**

International Institute of Connecticut, Inc. - to support the expansion of a volunteer management program which helps refugees transitioning from assistance to self-sufficiency - **\$7,500**

***Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut, Inc.** - to support financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship programs for students in the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, and Shelton - **\$75,000**

***Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven** - to support the Valley program to increase the reading, writing and English speaking skills of low literacy Valley adults so they can participate more fully as parents, as employees, and as members of their community - **\$30,000**

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center Inc. - to support a major capacity-building initiative to ensure the delivery of critical behavioral health services to over 1,200 children and families in the Valley - **\$30,000**

***Prevent Blindness Tri-State** - to support the Healthy Eyes for Connecticut Kids Project which provides free vision screening, referral and follow up services for preschool children from low-income communities of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton - **\$4,000**

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 125 individuals - **\$10,000**

***Shelton Economic Development Corporation** - to support the implementation of a new 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Naugatuck Valley Corridor (NVC CEDS) that covers Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton, and is focused on improved transportation and increased employment opportunities - **\$45,000**

***TEAM, Inc.** - to support a program evaluation and monitoring of financial literacy training and asset development programs, helping clients obtain financial self-sufficiency - **\$88,000**

***Valley Council for Health and Human Services (Valley United Way fiscal sponsor)** - to improve quality of life in the Valley by building community coalitions and action plans to address employment training and preparation among Valley youth and adults, and promoting healthy behaviors among Valley residents - **\$20,000**

Valley YMCA - to support financial assistance for members and facility development - **\$24,000**

Wesley Heights, Inc. - to support assisted living services for low-income elderly male residents - **\$9,500**

Workplace, Inc. - to support the Platform to Employment project which provides short term paid internships for individuals from the Valley who have exhausted 99 weeks of unemployment benefits to re-enter the workforce - **\$50,000**

**indicates multi-year grant recipient.*



PREFERENCE AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The VCF Board considers donor intent for particular causes or geographic areas when making grants from Preference Funds. It also has discretion over Unrestricted Funds.

Herb Rollinson Fund

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America - **\$500**

Mary Vartelas Stamos Fund

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford - **\$1,000**

Selma L. and Harold B. Yudkin Fund

City of Derby - **\$4,000**

Housatonic Council,

Boy Scouts of America - **\$4,000**

Valley Community Foundation

(operations) - **\$23,175.38**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Ansonia Fund

Area Congregations Together - **\$2,500**

Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Community Fund

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America - **\$1,500**

REVOLVING RESPONSE GRANTS

In 2011, VCF introduced a new grant making process designed specifically for emergency or unexpected needs and special projects or initiatives with a maximum award of \$5,000.

American Legion, Sutter-Terlizzi Post 16

- to send students from the Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton Legion Posts to Boys and Girls State at Eastern Connecticut University in June - **\$5,000**

American Red Cross, Connecticut Chapter

- to support the "Master of Disasters" program in the Seymour School District for the 2012 school year - **\$2,267.75**

City of Ansonia - to provide the Ansonia Armory with tables and chairs that can be used for the many community events and functions held in the Armory's facility - **\$2,484**

Connecticut Radio Information System - to support radio reading services for blind and print handicapped people living in the Valley - **\$4,500**

Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Volunteer Ambulance - to support the purchase of an awning for a newly purchased rehabilitation vehicle. - **\$3,773**

Friends of Ansonia Nature Center - to support the purchase of a camera security system for Picnic Pavilion #2 and Redwing Pond House outdoor area and to support restorative landscaping around the new picnic pavilion including replacing burnt vegetation, trees and a walkway from the Redwing Pond House to the new picnic pavilion - **\$5,000**

Friends of Shelton Libraries - to support the Shelton Library System's 'One Book-One City' program through the reading of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" - **\$4,500**

Seymour Land Conservation Trust - to support repairs to the park area including bridges, handicap trails, new stone dust, stones, handicap fishing deck, mulch and flower beds, handicap stairs, gazebos and handicap picnic tables - **\$2,490**

Seymour Public Schools - to provide Seymour High School students with emerging technology, rigorous coursework, creative opportunities, connections to a professional arts organization (The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra) and mentors from Western CT State University culminating in an I-Pad musical performance - **\$4,050**

Seymour Public Schools - to support the planning and facilitation of a diversity program which aims to increase acceptance of differences and promote a positive school climate - **\$1,150**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton, Inc. - to support the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables, on a weekly basis, to the families who receive supplies from its food bank - **\$5,000**

TEAM, Inc. - to support costs to retrofit a room in the Derby Public Library to house the Valley Family Resource Center - **\$4,000**

Valley Even Start (Valley Regional Adult Education fiscal sponsor) - to support the Partnering for Preschoolers Project which provides educational and cultural experiences to children enrolled in TEAM Early Education - **\$2,500**

Valley United Way - to support the initial outfitting of a community conference room for nonprofits located in leased space from the City of Shelton - **\$4,750**



VALLEY SMALL GRANTS

Now in its twentieth year, the Valley Small Grants program recognizes smaller/volunteer/neighborhood groups with awards of up to \$3,000.

Ansonia High School Life Skills Center - to support the cost of the Life Skills Awards breakfast and field trips. - **\$2,000**

St. Joseph Parish Nurse Program - to support the cost of health screenings and CPR AED training - **\$1,000**

St. Joseph Youth Group - to support the cost of weekly youth group meetings, programs, activities and leadership training - **\$1,000**

Valley Parish Nurses - to support the cost of multiple educational programs and an informational calendar about the dangers of drugs - **\$2,000**

Valley Parish Nurses - to support the cost of the presentations about raising awareness to dangers of drinking and texting while driving - **\$750**

Diabetes Education & Support Group - to support the cost of the end of the year dinner program - **\$375**

Valley NAACP - to support the cost of health screenings, educational and safety information, car/booster seats, helmets and healthy food - **\$2,300**

Annual Thanksgiving Basket Committee - to support the cost of food baskets for needy families in the community - **\$1,500**

Prendergast School Community Explorers - to support the cost of outings in the community and develop strategies that will help special needs children, as well as their parents to be successful in different environments - **\$1,320**

North Star - to support the cost of several training sessions, special events, and discussions groups for families with special needs children - **\$2,700**

Salvation Army - Greater Valley Corps - to support the cost of distributing school supplies and clothing to children in need - **\$2,700**

Volunteer Action Center at Valley United Way - To support the cost of creating a Volunteer Hall of Fame and induct extraordinary volunteers - **\$1,200**

Ansonia Soccer Club - to support the cost of the new field located at the Prendergast School. Grant funds will be used to buy the soccer goals and player benches - **\$500**

Valley Arts Council - To support the cost of rendering life size portraits of historical people that performed at the Sterling Opera House - **\$1,000**

Seymour Public Schools - To support the cost of presentations and events about responsible driving and the consequences of distracted driving - **\$750**

Ansonia Blockwatch - To support the cost of watching the neighborhood through the participation of neighbors/citizens - **\$1,350**

Tinney Community Center - to support the cost of swimming & drama classes - **\$1,475**

Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center - to support the cost of the construction of telescopes from recycled materials - **\$1,200**

Hearts and Tails of Ansonia - to support the cost of the accommodations for rescued cats in the temporary shelter - **\$600**

Ansonia Cultural Commission - to support the cost of the entertainment at the Ansonia Harvest Festival - **\$1,000**

Ansonia Rescue Medical Services - to support the cost of the life saving skills training of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), First Aid, and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for Valley residents - **\$750**

Ansonia High School Human Relations Club - to support the cost of the three intergenerational project events, 'Senior Prom' sock Hop, Annual Ice Cream Social, and Themed Conversational Dinner" with high school students and members of the senior center - **\$1,500**

Ansonia Housing Authority Tenants' Association - to support the cost of gardening as a community for the 3 Senior Independent Living Developments which will provide an outlet for social communication and interaction and physical and mental exercise for the residents - **\$1,500**

Restoring Hope Ministries - HOPE House - to support the cost of providing a summer grammar school, sports/fitness events, arts/crafts projects, and educational learning activities - **\$1,000**

Valley Even Start - to support the cost of educational trips for parents and their children which will improve instruction in adult, parenting, and early childhood education - **\$1,500**

Ansonia Summer Youth Theater Club - to support the cost of attending educational and cultural trips to local theaters and museums - **\$875**



Ansonia High School National Honor Society - to support the cost of expanding the number of students that take Advanced Placement courses through increased engagement - **\$500**

Ansonia Community Action - to support the cost of various art projects and techniques that will enable the youth to learn different multi-cultural themes and develop creative process - **\$1,300**

Ansonia High School PTO - to support the cost of post prom event - **\$750**

Friends of the Derby Neck Library - to support the cost of the activities & entertainment connected to Holiday readings for children - **\$700**

City of Derby, Bureau of Youth Services - to support the cost of the training and certification in the program 'Mental Health First Aid' - **\$1,500**

Oxford High School Booster Club - to support the cost of the third annual post prom event for Oxford High School junior and senior students - **\$750**

Oxford Historical Society - to support the cost of complete coverage from their local newspaper, VOICES - **\$1,575**

Seymour Historical Society - to support the cost of their audio visual needs for a permanent educational program in the community - **\$1,000**

Parish Nurse Program - to support the cost of health screenings and health information, as well as to provide social support - **\$410**

Seymour Police Department-Community Resource Division - to support the cost of a variety of classroom information, interactive activities, and hands on projects to students so they can increase awareness & develop good relationships with their police department and their community - **\$800**

Seymour Public Library - to support the cost of the reception for incoming kindergarten students and their parents to give them an opportunity to meet principals, teachers and classmates - **\$1,000**

Seymour Parks Commission - to support the cost of necessary upgrades to the pavilion at Chatfield Park - **\$500**

Shelton School Readiness Council - to support the cost of building reading skills and language for parents, so they can play an active role in their children's literacy development - **\$750**

Shelton Historical Society - to support the cost of upgrading the computer and cataloging system in order to properly store individual artifacts and extensive collections - **\$1,120**

Elizabeth Shelton School PTO - to support the cost of providing school supplies to students that have been identified by the school's administration as having financial needs - **\$1,500**

Shelton Public Schools Mentoring Program - to support the cost of creating a program evaluation plan to determine how successful the program has been and which areas will need to improve - **\$2,000**

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Donor Advised and Designated Funds provide awards and scholarships to students chosen by the selection process at individual high schools, elementary schools and community organizations.

Carla & Sean Sullivan Charitable Fund
Center Stage Theatre Inc. - **\$700**

Cohen-DeToro Charitable Fund
Online Journalism Project Inc. - **\$1,000**
Women's Health Research at Yale - **\$500**

D'Addario Family Community Fund
Derby-Shelton Rotary Club - **\$2,500**

David M. & Gail A. Grant Family Fund
Shelton Civil War Monument, Inc. - **\$500**

Frey-Hershey Foundation Fund
American Cancer Society, New England Division - **\$1,000**
American Red Cross, Connecticut Chapter - **\$1,000**
Ansonia Rescue Medical Services - **\$1,000**
Area Congregations Together - **\$3,000**
BHcare - **\$2,000**
Birthright of Greater New Haven - **\$1,000**
Boy Scouts of America, Connecticut Yankee Council - **\$1,000**
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley - **\$5,000**
Clark Memorial Library - **\$1,000**
Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, Inc. - **\$1,000**
Connecticut Hospice, Inc. - **\$1,000**
Derby Historical Society - **\$1,000**
Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center - **\$1,000**
Girl Scouts, Connecticut Trails Council - **\$1,000**
Griffin Hospital - **\$5,000**
Recreation Camp Inc. - **\$2,000**
Ronald McDonald House - **\$1,000**
Saint Raphael Foundation - **\$6,000**



Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps - **\$1,000**
 Seymour Ambulance Association - **\$1,000**
 The Foundation School - **\$1,000**
 University of New Haven - **\$6,000**
 Valley YMCA - **\$1,000**
 VARCA - **\$1,000**
 White Memorial Conservation Center, Inc. - **\$1,000**

Guarrera Family Fund

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton, Inc. - **\$1,000**

Jones Family Farms Fund

Connecticut Forest & Park Association - **\$4,000**
 Griffin Hospital - **\$12,000**
 University of New Hampshire - **\$2,500**
 Working Lands Alliance - **\$9,500**

Joseph A. Pagliaro Sr. Family Fund

BHcare - **\$2,000**

Palazzi Family Fund

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Shelton, Inc. - **\$500**

Pepe Family Fund

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America - **\$250**

Tyler, Brian and Zachary Haywood Fund

BHcare - **\$500**



SCHOLARSHIPS

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Michael J. Adanti Memorial Community Fund

Ansonia High School - **\$500**
 Academy of Our Lady of Mercy –
 Luralton Hall - **\$500**
 Hamden High School - **\$500**
 West Haven High School - **\$500**

Joseph “Jay” Amico Artistic Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ansonia High School - **\$400**

Lou & Dolly DeFilippo Fund

Derby High School - **\$2,000**

Honorable Joseph P. Flynn and Family Scholarship Fund

Assumption School - **\$500**

Geissler Family Scholarship Fund

St. Joseph Church Angel Fund/St. Joseph School - **\$2,399**

Raymond Gildea Memorial Fund

Shelton High School - **\$1,000**

Traci L. Haines Memorial Scholarship Fund

Seymour High School - **\$550**

Arthur Hayes Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

Oxford High School - **\$5,000**

Patricia M. Kondrath Scholarship Fund

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy –
 Luralton Hall - **\$1,000**

Paul & Gloria Konwerski Family Fund

Shelton High School - **\$500**

Ann O’Neil Memorial for Integrity Fund

Ansonia High School - **\$1,000**

George and Beatrice Ryan Scholarship Fund

Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley - **\$2,430**

Maureen, Megan and Katey Ryan Fund

Sacred Heart Academy - **\$500**

Norman K. and Janet N. Santa Fund

Emmett O’Brien Regional Technical School - **\$400**

Anthony (Sonny) Savignano Memorial Fund

Shelton High School - **\$500**

Louis Schmecker, Jr. Memorial Fund

Shelton High School - **\$200**

Shelton High School Alumni Association Fund

Shelton High School - **\$2,000**

Gaeton and Elizabeth Simonetti Family Fund

Shelton High School - **\$500**

Julian A. Taylor Scholarship Fund

Julian A. Taylor Scholarship Committee - **\$500**

George Vartelas Scholarship Fund

Ansonia High School - **\$250**

Peter Vartelas Scholarship Fund

Ansonia High School - **\$1,000**

Joseph and Pauline Warichar Memorial Fund

Derby High School - **\$2,000**

SPONSORSHIPS

Organizations can apply for support from VCF for meetings, fairs, galas and special events by visiting our website (valleyfoundation.org) and completing an on-line application.

American Red Cross Valley Chapter
Chocolate 911 Fundraiser - **\$500**

Ansonia Community Action, Inc.
Women & Heart Disease Committee's
Women's Day of Health conference at Griffin
Hospital - **\$800**

Ansonia Public Schools
Prendergast School Dad's Club Dodgeball
Tournament - **\$1,000**

Area Congregations Together
Fourteenth Annual Walk for the Homeless and
Hungry - **\$1,000**

Birmingham Group Health Services
Bowl-2-Benefit - **\$500**
Community Block Party during Mental
Health Awareness Month - **\$500**
Tenth Annual Holiday Gala - **\$1,000**

**Boys & Girls Club of Lower
Naugatuck Valley**
Tenth Annual Commodore Hull Thanksgiving
Day 5K Road Race - **\$2,500**
Back a Kid Campaign - **\$500**

Center Stage Theatre, Inc.
Seventh Season performance sponsorship -
\$2,500

Connecticut Farmland Trust
Tenth Celebration of Connecticut Farms at the
Jones Family Farms in Shelton - **\$2,500**

Emmett O'Brien Gridiron Club
(Emmett O'Brien Regional Technical
School fiscal sponsor) To sponsor the creation
of a football team - **\$500**

Griffin Health Services
Autumn Elegance Gala - **\$1,000**
Second Housy One Miler - **\$1,000**

Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America
Scouting for Food door hangers - **\$2,105**
Program ad in honor of Monty Blakeman,
recipient of the 2011 Good Scout Award -
\$250

**Junior Achievement of Western
Connecticut, Inc.**
"Spirit of Achievement" - **\$500**
Twenty sixth annual "Bowl for Kids"
Bowl-A-Thon - **\$500**

**Lower Naugatuck Valley
Parent Child Resource Center**
"FORE! The Children" 12th Annual Golf
Tournament - **\$500**

**Moving with Health Oriented
Physical Education, Inc**
Second Annual Wheeling and Able... Shelton
Riverwalk Wheel/Walk for Fitness - **\$500**

NAACP Ansonia Branch
Annual Freedom Fund Dinner
and full page ad - **\$350**
Sixth Annual Health and Safety Fair in
partnership with the Valley Parish Nurses -
\$500

New Haven Symphony Orchestra
Valley Valentine's Day Cabaret - **\$500**
Jerry Steichen Anniversary Celebration
Cabaret Dinner - **\$2,000**

**North Star (Lower Naugatuck Valley Par-
ent Child Resource Center fiscal sponsor)**
Holiday Party for families who have children
with all disabilities - **\$1,000**

Rape Crisis Center of Milford
Eighth Annual Indoor Golf Classic - **\$500**

Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps
Barbecue Chicken Dinner - **\$1,000**

Seymour Founder's Day Association, Inc.
2nd Annual "Seymour Founder's Day" -
\$1,000

Seymour Public Schools
"Take a Stand" program for teens from
Oxford & Seymour - **\$500**

Shelton High School
Shelton High School PTSO's
Tenth Annual Post Prom - **\$750**
FIRST Lego League Robotics Qualifying
Competition - **\$1,250**

Shelton Historical Society, Inc.
Civil War Living History event - **\$750**

Shelton Youth Services Bureau
"Let's Talk" training in conflict resolution and
mediation skills - **\$1,000**
"STAMP Out Bullying" performances at
Perry Hill School - **\$1,250**

TEAM, Inc.
4th Annual Men Who Cook - **\$1,000**

The International Institute of Connecticut
New Citizen Celebration - **\$500**

Town of Seymour
Seymour Christmas Parade - **\$1,500**
Town of Seymour Culture and Arts
Commission for the Strand Theater - **\$250**

Troop 3, Boy Scouts of America
Program ad for the 85th Annual Gang Show -
\$100

Valley Early Childhood Task Force
(Valley United Way fiscal sponsor) Back to
School Breakfast for Education - **\$750**

Valley Parish Nurse Program
(Lower Naugatuck Valley Boys &
Girls Club fiscal sponsor) Annual Children's
Health & Safety Fair - **\$500**



MICROGRANTS

In 2011, The Board of Directors made the following Grants to recognize the contributions of outstanding volunteers honored for their community service with grants for re-granting to the non-profit organization of their choice.

Ansonia Public Schools

In honor of Ansonia High School Human Relations Club President Danielle Todd, recipient of the 2011 Princeton Prize in Race Relations for the State of Connecticut - **\$100**

Ansonia Public Schools Scholarship Endowment Fund

In honor of Larry DiPalma, Connecticut recipient of the National Distinguished Principal Award - **\$250**

In honor of Ansonia High School staff, students and chorus in appreciation for their assistance at the VCF Annual Meeting - **\$150**

Ansonia Rotary Club

In honor of Rose Spiwak, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$250**

Birmingham Group Health Services

In honor of Ilene Wolf, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$125**

Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley

In honor of Bill Bassett & Mike Healey, recipients of the Service to Youth Award, and The Human Resource Consulting Group of Seymour, recipient of the Champion of Youth Award - **\$500**

In honor of Norman Santa, recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Platinum Award - **\$500**

Boy Scout Troop 3 Derby

In honor of Randy Ritter, recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Gold Seal Award - **\$500**

Center Stage, Inc.

In honor of Susan Coyle, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$250**

Connecticut Community Foundation

To support efforts to maintain a website about the Naugatuck River - **\$500**

Connecticut State Firefighter's Association

In honor of Charles M. Stankye, Jr., inductee into the Connecticut State Firefighter's Association Hall of Fame - **\$150**

Griffin Hospital

In honor of Harry DiAdamo, recipient of the Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award, to support the Campaign for Breast Wellness - **\$500**

Shelton Board of Education

In honor of the five students whose experiment was chosen by the National Student Spaceflight Experiments Program to launch into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor - **\$150**

Shelton Congregational Church (Food Pantry)

In honor of Bonnie Sinclair, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$250**

St Mary St. Michael School

In honor of Outstanding Alumni Award recipients - **\$250**

Sterling House Community Center

In honor of Ilene Wolf, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$125**

Tinney Community Center

In honor of Naomi Wallace, recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Gold Seal Award - **\$500**

Valley Parish Nurse Program

(Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley fiscal sponsor)

In honor of Daun Barrett, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award. - **\$250**

Valley United Way

In honor of the Valley United Way Youth Volunteer Corps in appreciation for their assistance and contribution at the VCF Annual Meeting - **\$150**

In honor of the Valley United Way Youth Leadership Program, recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Silver Medal Award - **\$500**

In honor of Suzanne Reilly, recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce's Gold Seal Award, to support the Volunteer Action Center and the Valley Council for Health and Human Services - **\$500**

Women's Health Initiative

In honor of Kate Cosgrove, recipient of the Women Making a Difference in the Valley Award - **\$250**



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.

Assumption Church - \$1,000

Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. - \$2,748

**Edward J. & Marie M. Cecarelli Book Fund
Derby Public Library - \$489**

**Cohen Family Book Fund
Derby Public Library - \$2,000**

**Derby Public Library Endowment Fund
Derby Public Library - \$10,000**

**Harold B. Yudkin Historic Preservation Fund
Derby Public Library - \$2,501**

**Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America
Fund - \$1,859**

**Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America
Endowment Fund - \$15,075**

Oak Cliff Cemetery Association Fund - \$125,000

**Planetree, a Subsidiary of Griffin Health
Services, Inc. Fund - \$2,236**

**Dorothy E. & Kenneth E. Schaible Fund
for the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower
Naugatuck Valley
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck
Valley - \$2,795**

**Donald W. & Lillian C. Smith Family Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck
Valley - \$106.75**

**Seymour-Oxford Rotary Club - \$106.75
Trinity Cemetery Association - \$106.75
Trinity Episcopal Church - \$106.75**

TEAM, Inc. Endowment Fund - \$452

Valley YMCA Endowment Fund - \$9,218

**Peter J. Vartelas Invest In Youth Fund #1 for
the Valley YMCA
Valley YMCA - \$4,193**

**Peter J. Vartelas Invest In Youth Fund #2 for
the Valley YMCA
Valley YMCA - \$838**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 597 Fund
Ansonia Public Schools - \$1,299**

**Women In Networking Fund
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce - \$816**



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