



Fairfield County
Community Foundation

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Fairfield County Community Foundation awards \$9.1 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in fiscal year 2009

NORWALK, Dec. 8, 2009 — The Fairfield County Community Foundation, on behalf of its donors, awarded \$9.1 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in Fairfield County and beyond during fiscal year 2009. The Foundation brokered an additional \$1.3 million in grants from other foundations and funding sources to benefit nonprofit programs in Fairfield County. The Foundation also awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to Fairfield County students.

A full list of grants and scholarships can be found online at www.fccfoundation.org.

Recognizing the impacts of the recession on Fairfield County nonprofits and the residents they support, in 2009 the Foundation prioritized funding to nonprofits providing critical services in the areas of education and youth development, economic opportunity and health and human services. Along with its annual grants, the Foundation created the Safety Net Giving Circle, more than doubling a \$100,000 gift from an anonymous donor to provide over \$200,000 in funding to nonprofits providing food, shelter, health care, job training and other basic needs.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish their own charitable funds or contribute to existing funds focused on specific areas of need or communities in Fairfield County. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$110 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.