



Amy Downer elected to board of Fairfield County Community Foundation Stamford resident will co-chair the Fund for Women and Girls in the coming year

NORWALK – April 26, 2011 – The Fairfield County Community Foundation in Norwalk has announced that Amy Chan Downer of Stamford has been elected to serve on the board of directors.

In addition to serving as a board member, Ms. Downer will also take on the role of co-chair of the Foundation’s Fund for Women and Girls starting in October.

“Having served as a committee member for many years, I have seen how the Community Foundation helps make charitable giving easy, effective and meaningful for its donors,” said Ms. Downer. “In addition, the Community Foundation uses its in-depth knowledge of critical community needs to address the many challenges facing Fairfield County and our most at-risk residents.”



Amy Chan Downer

Ms. Downer was born and raised in Hong Kong. She is a graduate of the Horizons Student Enrichment Program at New Canaan, having attended the program for three summers after immigrating to the United States.

Following graduation from the New Canaan Country School, Phillips Exeter Academy and Princeton University, Ms. Downer began a career in commercial banking, where she was an officer of Chase Manhattan Bank and the Bank of New England.

Ms. Downer’s nonprofit involvements include serving as a trustee of the New Canaan Country School, chairperson of the board of the Horizons Student Enrichment Program in New Canaan, chairperson of the board of Horizons National, board member of the Stamford Health System (Stamford Hospital) and chair of the program committee of the Fairfield County Community Foundation’s Fund for Women and Girls.

Ms. Downer lives in Stamford with her husband and three children.

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 charitable funds or contribute to existing funds. 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 \$123 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.