



Fairfield County
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JP Morgan Chase makes \$12,500 donation to strengthen nonprofits

Fairfield County Community Foundation's Center for Nonprofit Excellence provides training and resources

NORWALK, Feb. 7, 2011 — JP Morgan Chase has contributed \$12,500 to the Norwalk-based Fairfield County Community Foundation's Center for Nonprofit Excellence to help local nonprofits operate more efficiently and improve sustainability.

When the Fairfield County Community Foundation awards grants to local nonprofits, those funds are often earmarked for specific work that benefits the community. Yet nonprofits frequently lack the budget and resources for improving their own organizations. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence helps local nonprofits strengthen their performance and improve their results. In the past year, more than 750 nonprofit directors, board members and staff from over 500 Fairfield County nonprofits, attended Center for Nonprofit Excellence workshops.

"The strength and health of nonprofits directly impacts the strength and health of a community, especially in challenging economic times," said Susan Ross, FCCF president and CEO. "This gift will help provide Fairfield County's nonprofit community with the training and resources to respond to the growing need."

"During these times, it is important for not-for-profit organizations to operate at the highest levels of efficiency," said Karen Mercer, Vice President at Chase. "The workshops and other assistance provided through the Center for Nonprofit Excellence are critical to the continued viability of the not-for-profit sector and we are delighted to support this innovative project."

Along with JP Morgan Chase, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence receives financial support from Citizens Bank Foundation, Michael Matson Advisors, New Alliance Foundation, Peoples United Community Foundation, the Ruth Brown Foundation and the Bluenose Fund and Perrin Family Fund at the Fairfield County Community Foundation.

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

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