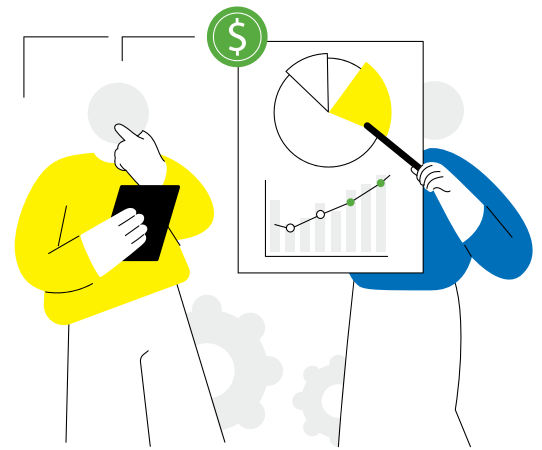


Why Work With Us?



Make a bigger difference in Fairfield County and beyond through personalized giving.

While many commercial financial institutions offer donor-advised funds and other tax-advantaged philanthropic vehicles, when you choose to partner with Fairfield County's Community Foundation, you're more than just an account number. Our team of philanthropic experts are committed to listening to your charitable and financial goals and helping you maximize your impact – right in your own community.



Experience the Community Foundation difference

Our dedicated staff is committed to helping you in your philanthropic journey. When you work with our team, you'll be able to:

Tap into local knowledge. Our staff's deep knowledge of high-performing Fairfield County nonprofits and your region's most pressing needs can help you channel your dollars most effectively.

Create a personal charitable plan. Our philanthropic advisors can work with you one-on-one to customize your giving experience to meet your personal, financial and impact goals.

Be part of a network of like-minded people who are committed to making our community a better place. If desired, you can also learn about and participate in collective giving opportunities and make a greater impact by pooling your gifts.

Stay current on community needs and progress. We'll keep you informed through personal outreach on the latest local research, community initiatives, and opportunities for impactful giving.

Access your account at any time. You can view fund details and make grant recommendations at your convenience through our easy-to-use web portal.



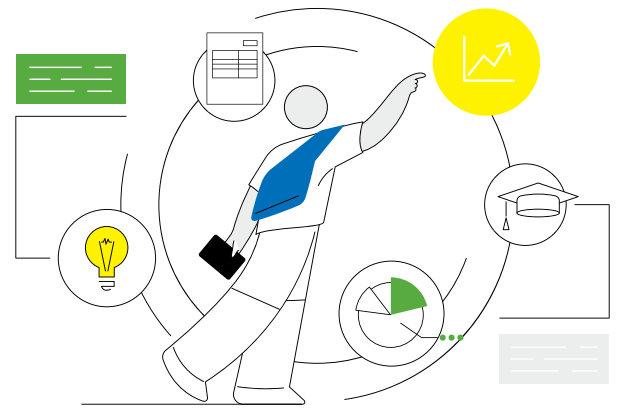
"We've relied on the Community Foundation's thorough research so we could give wisely, get exposed to different nonprofits, and learn about our community's needs. We found the right places to donate and felt good about it. Because what's this world like if you can't help other people?"

Joan Weisman, Fundholder

Ready to help your community thrive?

With donor-advised fund minimums now starting at \$5,000, it's never been easier to make a difference on issues that matter to you. Let's talk about doing more with your philanthropy. Contact Joseph Collin, Vice President of Philanthropy, at (203) 750-3211 or JCollin@FCCFoundation.org.

Explore Our Capabilities



Optimize your impact by tapping into our advisory & back office services.

As one of Connecticut's most well-established community foundations, our dedicated team offers best-in-class services to help you meet your philanthropic goals and maximize your social impact. Many of the below services are included in the annual management fee for Executive Care Plan donor-advised fundholders – and fundholders of all levels can access any of our services through a negotiated agreement. We strive to offer our services at a reasonable cost and free up your time and resources so you can focus on making the greatest impact possible.

Individual & Family Giving Strategies

We partner with you to define or refine short- and long-term giving goals and strategies that maximize tax and estate planning benefits. We can also help you identify emerging opportunities for effective grantmaking, and develop a family giving plan for current and future generations that includes guiding principles, definition of roles and coaching on best practices.

Nonprofit Research & Evaluation

We handle the legwork of vetting potential grantees' nonprofit status, and financial and organizational performance. Want to give in Fairfield County, but don't know which nonprofits to support? We can connect you to organizations doing great work in your interest areas, and even arrange site visits so you can evaluate programs and procedures.

Collective Giving Opportunities

We direct you to exciting funders' collaboratives for a wide range of critical subjects, from ending homelessness to closing educational, workforce and other opportunity gaps for youth and families.

Grant & Scholarship Administration

We work with you to develop a grantmaking strategy that aligns with your priorities and maximizes impact. Our comprehensive services include managing open grant and scholarship program cycles; hosting an online application process; evaluation and screening of applicants; tracking and reporting; assistance in designing grant agreements and compliance requirements; providing full or first-level review for compliance of application criteria; and advising on ways to solicit grant and scholarship applications through marketing and communication strategies.



"I love what they are doing here. The committee members and staff are all very professional, knowledgeable, and highly dedicated to helping (people) throughout Fairfield County and supporting me in fulfilling my philanthropic goals."

Dr. Maya Reddi, Board Chair, Fairfield County's Community Foundation

Let's partner to make your giving even more effective.

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