



GUILFORD FOUNDATION



Impact Report 2023



Dear Treasured Friend,

The most important asset of The Guilford Foundation is you – our dedicated and steadfast community of donors whose generosity truly enriches the quality of life in Guilford. These have been challenging years, and your commitment to giving has been unwavering. The Guilford Foundation has been able to step up and continue to meet the ever-growing needs of our community, thanks to you.

In this report, you will meet some individuals behind the numbers and learn about the Foundation’s impact on our community. Our grantees and donors are all heroes doing meaningful work out in the community. Behind the scenes, we’ve been hard at work. Our key accomplishments include:

- **Community Investment**

Despite a volatile stock market, our endowment grew, through donor generosity, from \$6.2 to \$6.5 million in the past year. We gave away \$224,000 in grants, scholarships, and sponsorships this year, bringing our total investment in the community to well over \$1.5 million since 2010.

- **Strategic Planning**

We completed a post-pandemic strategic plan that provides our Board with a deeper understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the community.

The outcome of the process is a 5-year roadmap with ambitious goals and defined strategies. Our priorities are to increase the size of our endowment, ensure our grantmaking aligns with community needs, leverage and expand our leadership role in the community, and add the necessary organizational capacity required to execute the strategic plan.

- **ARPA Funding**

The Town of Guilford chose The Guilford Foundation in 2022 as their partner to distribute \$500,000 of federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to area nonprofits. The funds will help critical community services and organizations still recovering economically from the pandemic.

First Selectman Matt Hoey described The Guilford Foundation as “one of the most trusted organizations on the shoreline with an impeccable reputation for and experience in assessing the needs of the nonprofits serving Guilford.” The funding process starts in June, with award announcements in November.

As we look at all that has been accomplished this year, we are so proud. Together, we are truly creating a culture of giving and caring that will stand for future generations. Thank you for your investment and partnership in building a strong and connected Guilford.

Gratefully,

Liza Janssen Petra
Executive Director

Linda Weber
Board Chair

Words matter to Joan Hickey.

Scholarship Fund Created with TGF for Structure and Permacence

As a teacher, an artist, a feminist, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother who speaks three languages, Joan Hickey chooses her words carefully and wants their full meaning to be heard and understood. She uses them to convey gratitude and respect for others, elevate marginalized people, and help build community among her colleagues and friends.

It's why the scholarship fund that she and her family established with The Guilford Foundation (TGF) in 2022 is called the B. Joan Hickey and Dennis F. Hickey Scholarship Fund, and not the other way around.

"These types of things always have the man's name first, but the woman is just as important," Hickey says. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating

senior interested in teaching or another career in which communication is an essential element. "We really value communication skills."

Hickey tends to use the pronoun "we" when talking about her many projects and interests, making it clear that she welcomes others and treats them as equals. Perhaps the habit comes from her years as a teacher, first in Bogota, Colombia, and Milan, Italy, before she settled in Connecticut at Brian McMahon High School in Norwalk. Or perhaps it derives from her position as founding director of the Center for Creative Youth, a public-private collaborative that, for 20 years, developed young artists through a pre-college summer program at Wesleyan University. Or possibly, it was honed through her many philanthropic and volunteer efforts with the Shoreline Arts Alliance, the Elm Shakespeare Company, or the Guilford Center for Children.

But most definitely, the "we" derives from her marriage and partnership with her late husband, Dennis. They met while skiing in Vermont in 1968. She was a first-year teacher in Norwalk, and he was a graduate student at Harvard Business School and a veteran lieutenant of the United States Army. They married in 1969, and "we skied together for 48 years," remembers Hickey. "He always skied behind me because he wanted to ensure that I was safe."

When the Hickeys decided to start their company, Sonitrol Security Systems of Bridgeport, Hickey says, they were equal partners, dividing and sharing the responsibilities of growing a new company, supporting a household, and raising their one-year-old son, Jeffrey. Dennis ran the company for decades and took great pride in employing local residents in a tight-knit family business and helping to grow the Sonitrol brand as it grew internationally.

"We were passionate about communication. Our staff had to be impeccable with their language, always using the right words, because they were dealing with people who have just experienced trauma in their home."

Nowadays, the "we" includes Jeffrey (who manages the family business), his wife Hannah, and their daughter Riley, a student at Guilford High School. The GHS Counseling Department drives the process with the family providing recommendations and presenting the scholarship at the annual Senior Awards Night. They have been doing it for several years, with Riley now taking the stage for the presentation. Last year, they decided to establish the fund with TGF to ensure a

permanent structure for the award.

TGF Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra says the scholarship awards are among the most meaningful funds that the foundation manages for just this reason. "Often, they memorialize a person or, like in this case, honor a family's values. There is something very poignant about the permanency of leaving a legacy."

"Our scholarship fund reinforces our family value of contributing to our community. Generosity and kindness are important for us."

– Joan Hickey



Photo: Dennis and Joan Hickey (left). Granddaughter Riley and son Jeffrey Hickey (above).



**Get dirty.
Take risks.
Brave the elements.**

TGF Grant Funded Weatherproof Gear Closet for 100% Outdoor School

Those are not usually the lessons of preschool. But for a small group of intrepid four-year-olds, those lessons fit perfectly with ABCs and 123s at the Community Nursery School's new Nature School, funded with a grant from The Guilford Foundation.

The Community Nursery School (CNS) started in the 1950s as a cooperative nursery school where parents and families have an opportunity and responsibility to participate in their children's day-to-day learning. Today more than 50 families are enrolled. The curriculum is play-based, meaning that all lessons derive from children's natural inclination to explore, imagine and create at their own pace. Their social and emotional growth is the primary focus.

The concept of outdoor preschool education has also been around for decades. But it has taken a backseat to the idea that children need a jumpstart on reading, writing, and arithmetic to ensure their academic success. CNS believes in the importance of outdoor education. During the Covid-19 pandemic, they built an open-air art studio.

A more significant project was an outdoor school, a concept championed by teacher Julie Souvlis so kids could continue learning, socializing, and recreating. The pandemic accelerated the timing: the Nature School officially opened in the spring of 2022 with eight students. Because it takes place entirely outside, children must be dressed for various weather conditions over their three-hour school day. The TGF grant was used to stock a gear

closet of waterproof and windproof pants, coats, hats, mittens, and boots in toddler sizes.

"Those things can be expensive, and we didn't want that to be a barrier for anyone," explains CNS Director Rachel Daniels. But it's important that children be appropriately dressed for getting dirty, splashing in puddles, climbing over rocks and trees, and collecting treasures to study (and return to their natural home).



They also used part of the grant to purchase a small wooden bridge that represents the threshold of the rustic outdoor classroom, known as basecamp. Once the children cross the bridge, their school day is structured the same as indoors in terms of lessons, but using supplies and tools found outside. "This wasn't something we couldn't have funded on our own. We needed some basic things to launch

the program,” Daniels says. The first year has been so successful that there are now waiting lists for additional programs for two-, three-, and five-year-olds.

Just as it is inside, the students’ interests guide the learning activities. Before crossing the bridge, for example, the children walk along a path they planted with daffodils. When the children noticed the flowers might be in danger of being trampled, it became a project to collect rocks of similar size to create a visual barrier. Then it became a project to count the rocks and mark groups of 10.



Within the basecamp, there are designated spaces for circle time, imaginative play, and arts and crafts. Tree roots become the boundaries of a make-believe vignette. A small wooden crate becomes

a kitchen stove. A peculiar rock outcropping becomes a horse one day or a boat the next, depending on the game. Teachers have noticed that the games and stories outside often continue over several days. “They are more imaginative and inventive with the materials at their disposal,” Souvlis notes.

Each day, the students walk on nearby trails, and together the class creates a map with landmarks the children have named, such as Moss Rock, Old Fort, Secret Path, Play Marsh, and Big Marsh. They are the same marsh, but the children recognize one area for play and the other for observing wildlife and creating a field guide of species such as egrets, herons, toads, and snakes.

“As a nonprofit trying to keep tuition low for our families, we couldn’t have done this without the support of The Guilford Foundation.”

– Rachel Daniels, CNS Director

Indeed, teachers have noticed children connect more with one another and gain more confidence as they help each other to scale a rock, forge a stream, or climb over a fallen log. And parents have reported their children taking a leadership role on family hikes.





Sponsorship Collaboration Distributes \$25,000 to Local Nonprofits

A new partnership between The Guilford Foundation (TGF) and GSB (Guilford Savings Bank) is helping both organizations do what they do better, while also helping the Guilford community thrive.

It is no surprise that the collaboration developed out of the Covid-19 pandemic, which changed the way GSB, a nearly 150-year-old institution, showed its support for the community. While causing the cancellation of so many of the 2020 events and activities that might have received funding from the bank, the pandemic also left countless businesses, organizations, and residents struggling to fulfill basic needs.

“It was then that our president, Tim Geelan, really brought to our attention the personal hardships that were occurring and that we could help. Suddenly, businesses were shutting down, people weren’t getting paychecks, and basic needs weren’t being met,” says Renee Pallenberg, Senior Vice President of Marketing for GSB.

The bank decided to repurpose about \$100,000 worth of funds that might have gone to sponsor events and distribute them to four local community foundations, including \$25,000 to TGF. The foundations provided a more direct link to those working on relief efforts at the height of the pandemic.

Since that decision in 2020, Pallenberg explains, the

bank realized the benefits of having the partnership, and the relationship has evolved. As needs subsided, TGF applied the funds to other grant opportunities and increasingly to sponsorships designated for events given by nonprofits to increase visibility or raise funds.

In 2022, TGF helped to distribute \$25,000 for GSB to at least 20 different organizations, with sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. Among the recipients were social services agencies like the Community Dining Room and Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic; Guilford High School’s Project Graduation and TAPS (Theater Arts Parents Support); and organizations like the Guilford Keeping Society, Guilford Arts Center, and the Shoreline Arts Alliance. The SARAH Foundation, supporting individuals with differing abilities, and the Women & Family Life Center, helping women and children in crisis, are also among the regional beneficiaries of GSB’s sponsorships.

The partnership between TGF and GSB centers around shared priorities. Both the bank and the foundation have identified priorities aimed at supporting families - particularly those struggling with basic needs, mental health concerns, or education. Other hallmarks of the Guilford community - arts and culture, the natural environment, senior citizen engagement, and social justice - are important concerns for both organizations.

“It is an honor to be designated by GSB as the organization to sift through applications and make decisions that reflect positively on our

organizations and our community,” according to Liza Janssen Petra, TGF Executive Director.

Meaningful philanthropy and servant leadership are two core values at the heart of GSB. Indeed, the bank often reinforces its financial support with personal support. The bank’s 136 employees are encouraged and given time to participate as volunteers in fundraisers and events that impact the community. Pallenberg says their silent auction team is renowned for helping out what is often the most stressful element of fundraising events.

“We bring six or eight volunteers to do registration, tallying and money management at the auction. There’s a level of trust, I assume, because we are bankers. But, also, it’s been happening for 12 or 15 years, so it’s many of the same people year after year,” Pallenberg explains.

“We are thankful for our partnership with GSB, their generosity truly enriches the Guilford community.”

– Liza Janssen Petra, TGF Executive Director

The partnership works really well. The organizations meet periodically to make sure goals are aligned and the community knows TGF and GSB focus awards on events the community values.

Photo: TGF Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra, GSB SVP of Marketing Renee Pallenberg, and GSB President Tim Geelan.

TGF 2022...

...by the numbers.



JORDON PORCO
FOUNDATION

11 students

learned tools to better
manage stress now and later.

GUILFORD ANTI-BIAS
ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE

30 teachers

participated in equity-focused
professional development.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
CONNECTICUT

82 athletes

participated in the Summer
Games with new softball jerseys
and hats.

GUILFORD
SOCIAL SERVICES

62 children

received backpacks,
lunchboxes, and certificates
for shoes and haircuts.

CLIFFORD W. BEERS
GUIDANCE CLINIC

65 residents

benefitted from Outpatient
Mental Health Services.

GUILFORD ARTS CENTER

4,000 residents

used their creativity through
arts education programming.



ORCHARD HOUSE

9 seniors

grew a vegetable garden at
the adult day care center.

WITNESS STONES
PROJECT

200 students

discovered and honored the
stories of the enslaved in Guilford.



COMMUNITY
DINING ROOM

200 neighbors

secured meals through the
family dining service.

WOMEN & FAMILY
LIFE CENTER

85 residents

were served by the
Guided Assistance Program.

RECOVERY MOVE™

30 teens

managed mental health issues
through exercise and therapy.

THE CONNECTICUT
HOSPICE

1 bench

to provide families a place
to gather outside with
their loved one.

LIFELINX CORPORATION

1,000 rides

annually for recovery patients
attending treatment programs.

BENICASA COMMUNITY

**35 youth
scholars**

raked, shoveled, and seeded in
a farm-to-work classroom.



GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB

10 trees

planted near the
Guilford Green.

LEGACY THEATRE

24 actors

with mobility impairment
performed Peter Pan.



GUILFORD CENTER
FOR CHILDREN

24 families

accepted tuition assistance
for full-day preschool.

2 scholarships

awarded for part-time
before and after school care.

GRANT AWARDS

In 2022, The Guilford Foundation (TGF) invested in the community through its grantmaking, sponsorships in partnership with Guilford Savings Bank (GSB), Youth Advisory Group grants, and designated charitable fund grants and scholarships.

\$1,000 Legacy Theatre to support the Wheel Life Theatre Troupe, increasing accessibility to the arts for artists of all abilities.

\$1,100 Benincasa Community, Inc. to support the 2022 Scholars to Workers Program allowing young people to learn about local food systems in a farm classroom.

\$1,250 Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center to support a Gardening Program to improve overall well-being and mental health.

\$1,450 Leadership Initiatives, including scholarships for non-profit leaders from Guilford to attend professional development opportunities.

\$1,500 Jordan Porco Foundation to implement mental health programming for Guilford's youth through a partnership with Guilford Youth and Family Services.

\$1,500 The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. to install benches for visitors to allow for safe and peaceful outdoor visiting spaces during Covid.

\$1,800 Witness Stones Project, Inc for the Witness Stone Project at Adams Middle School.

\$2,400 Community Dining Room, Inc. to offset the increase in food cost for 2022.

\$2,500 Community Nursery School to support a gear closet to allow students to participate in Community Nature School a class that will take place entirely outside in nature.

\$2,500 Recovery Move™ for at-risk Guilford teens and young adults in 2022.

\$2,500 Lifelinx Corporation to support for ongoing recovery transportation services, providing responsive, reliable, safe transportation to clinical substance abuse treatment.

\$3,500 The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce to support a Chamber Business Education Series.

\$3,500 Friends of the Guilford Free Library for the rental costs of tents and for the Fall Book Sale.

\$3,600 Guilford Garden Club to support the planting of trees in Guilford.

\$5,000 The SongStrong Sanctuary to support the Equine Therapy Program providing therapy for traumatized youth, adults, families, and veterans.

\$5,000 Guilford Art Center for general operating for community educational programming.

\$5,000 Guilford Social Services to support the 2022 Back to School Program, which provides school age children in Guilford with the necessary funds to purchase supplies for the upcoming school year.

\$5,000 Before and After School Care Program, GCC to support tuition assistance for families in need.

\$5,000 Special Olympics Connecticut to revitalize and support the Central Shoreline local program, which was hit hard due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

\$5,000 Guilford Anti-Bias Anti-Racist Alliance to support equity-focused professional development for Guilford teachers.

\$6,000 Guilford Center for Children to support tuition assistance.

\$7,500 Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. for trauma-informed clinical services and non-reimbursable, case management and care coordination services for Guilford children and families.

\$12,000 Women and Family Life Center to support the Guided Assistance Program.

\$12,400 Youth Advisory Group Guilford Institute grants for Guilford High School.

\$15,100 Youth Advisory Group grants to Before and After School Care, Community Dining Room, Guilford Free Library, Guilford Social Services, Guilford Center for Children, Shoreline Arts Alliance, and Women and Family Life Center.

\$30,866 Designated Grants Guilford Food Bank, St. George Food Pantry, Guilford Art Center, Guilford Interfaith Volunteers, The Guilford Foundation, Guilford Social Services, Women & Family Life Center, VNA Community Healthcare, Guilford Agricultural Society, Guilford Community Fund, Guilford Free Library, Guilford Preservation Alliance, Shoreline Village CT.

\$61,500 Scholarship Grants to 34 graduates of Guilford High School Students and 1 graduate from the Sound School.

Competitive Grants are awarded to qualified nonprofit and government agencies serving the town of Guilford. For more information and the application form, visit our website: www.guilfordfoundation.org.

Photo: Wishing Wheels bike drive organizers Sarah, Grace, Abigail, and John DellaVentura.

Sponsorships

The Guilford Foundation partnered with GSB to provide sponsorships for the following events in 2022:

APK Charities 5K Run & Ruck

Clifford Beers Builders of Hope Breakfast

Connecticut Hospice Lights of Love

Guilford Fund for Education Family Trivia Bee

Guilford High School Project Graduation

Guilford Art Center Holiday Expo

Guilford Human Rights Commission Speaker Series

Guilford Keeping Society's 75th Anniversary Celebration

KAREFest

Pilgrim Fellowship Service Week trip to Puerto Rico

Roots4Relief Wishing Wheels Bike Drive

Run for The Cove

SHero Awards 2022: Celebrating Inspirational Women & Girls

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Women of Excellence

SongStrong 5K

St George Mens Group Italian Festival

The Guilford Fair Parade

The SARAH Project

WALK for Vista 2022



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) is a small-town organization with big-city expertise, providing our constituents with personal attention and expert advice. TGF awarded nearly \$225,000 in grants and scholarships during our fiscal year that ended January 31, 2023. Grant awards in fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 included awards through our COVID-19 Response Fund and other current use donations in response to the pandemic. Our fiscal year 2022-23 represents a return to our traditional grantmaking and is a 35% increase from our pre-COVID-19 giving.

Thanks to your support, TGF has helped transform the lives of so many in our special community. TGF takes the stewardship of the assets entrusted to it very seriously. We're pleased to report that assets increased by 5.7% for the most recent fiscal year (FY 2021-21) to nearly \$6.5 million, a high water mark for TGF's portfolio. The passion and generosity of TGF's donors and partners led to \$912,000 in contributions this year. As we transitioned into the recovery phase of the pandemic, the need for rapid response grantmaking decreased, leading to a return to pre-COVID-19 charitable giving patterns. Although our contribution numbers decreased this year, they were over 2% higher than our pre-COVID contributions in 2019.

For historical context, TGF's total assets were \$2.9 million just five years ago (2018). Our larger asset base enabled TGF to more than double the amount of grants to the local community. Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible donor support the local community provides TGF. We believe this longer-term view demonstrates the impact your continued support has had over the years.

We and our donors seek to address the needs of today while upholding charitable legacies for generations to come, so we invest both for now and for the future. The prudent fiscal stewardship of our donors' funds and legacies is our top priority. Our Finance Committee works with the investment professionals at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (CFGNH) to preserve and grow our endowment. TGF's individual funds are pooled and invested in a diversified portfolio managed by CFGNH. TGF's portfolio has grown at an annualized rate of 4.8% for the five years ending January 31, 2023, surpassing the benchmarks selected for comparison. For the twelve months that ended January 31, 2023, the portfolio's investment performance was -3.9%, meaningfully surpassing the portfolio's benchmarks for the same period, during a challenging investment environment.

AS OF JANUARY 31	2023	2022	% CHANGE
Total Assets	\$6,538,410	\$6,187,611	+5.7%
Total Contributions	\$912,038	\$942,853	-3.3%
Total Grants	\$224,968	\$280,721	-19.9%

Key financial indicators are extracted from annual financial statements and exclude inter-fund gifts and grants.

A copy of our Form 990 is available upon request.

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We're grateful for these enlightened donors who want to secure a strong future for our community through thoughtful philanthropy. By creating The Guilford Foundation's Legacy Circle, we can recognize our members' generosity now with the hope of encouraging others to plan a gift for the future.

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The Legacy Circle allows donors to demonstrate their long-term commitment to the Foundation's mission. Members pledge to include TGF in their estate planning. The planned gift may be designated unrestricted or directed to a field of interest or specific charitable organization. The donation provides favorable tax advantages for the estate while helping the Foundation's important work continue for generations to come.

Join the Legacy Circle by contacting Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra by calling (203) 640-4049 or at lpetra@guilfordfoundation.org.

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GRANTEE

Grant Provided Equine Therapist to Help Girls with Mental Health Issues

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) awarded a \$2,500 grant in 2022 to the SongStrong Foundation for a unique equine therapy program that benefitted a group of young girls who have experienced profound trauma. The mission of SongStrong is to carry out the legacy of Ethan Song, who spent his all-too-short life rescuing animals, honoring veterans, helping others, and enjoying sports. The TGF grant covered the cost of the equine therapist and equine specialist for the girls' six-week summer program.

Equine therapy has proven very effective in treating post-traumatic stress disorder. Often working with rescued horses, a specially trained and certified mental health practitioner helps the client and animal to form a bond and break down emotional barriers. For Kristin Song, the benefits of equine therapy align closely with her son's passion for caring for animals and helping people. Ethan and his family had fostered nearly 100 dogs, and Kristin has owned two horses in her lifetime.

"Animals don't judge. They don't post on social media. They need to feel as loved and safe as the children do," Song explains.

Using groundwork — training from the ground rather than the saddle — participants in equine therapy learn to notice the animal's behavior and consider why and how a horse might react with fear or trepidation. Eventually, they recognize their behaviors and emotions mirrored in the horse's behavior.

"It's really mutual. They begin to trust each other, allowing the child to let their guard down to the therapist. It's a more subtle way of counseling children," Song explains.

Though the program's logistics are undergoing some changes this year, Song hopes the foundation will be able to support an equine therapy camp next summer and continue celebrating the beautiful and healthy relationships between animals and people that inspired Ethan.



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- Guilford General Trustees Fund
- Effie Good Fund
- David W. Knapp Fund
- Eleanor Little Fund
- Mancini Family Fund
- Virgil & Elizabeth McDaniel Fund
- Stanley H. Page Fund
- Joan & Barry Richter Fund (NEW!)

Designated Funds: Earmarked for a specific nonprofit organization or purpose, such as a local welfare fund or the library.

- Joe & Nancy Arnold Fund to support the Guilford ABC Program
- Jane H. Berger Fund
- Robert Blake Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Guilford ABC
- Catardi Family "Loaves and Fishes" Fund
- The Delaney Fund
- Grass Island Fund
- Guilford Art Center Endowment Fund
- Guilford Interfaith Volunteers Endowment Fund
- Guilford Keeping Society Endowment Fund
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- Helen E. Downing Outdoor Education Fund
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- The Guilford Savings Bank Charitable Fund
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