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**GUILFORD**  
FOUNDATION



# IMPACT REPORT 2023

Enriching the quality of life in our community by connecting people who care with causes that matter, now and for generations to come.





Dear Treasured Friend,

The spirit of compassion and community continues to inspire us all as we work to make our vibrant town a better place for all. We’re deeply grateful for our donors, whose generosity fuels our mission to connect those who care with the causes that matter most.

We spotlight the invaluable work of our nonprofit partners in this report, who play a crucial role in enriching our community, and show our donors the tangible difference their philanthropy makes. Reflecting on our accomplishments, we see more than just numbers; we see the collective efforts of individuals and organizations committed to creating a stronger Guilford.

**Community Investment**

Last year, we witnessed remarkable generosity. We had the most donors ever supporting our operating and annual appeals (except our 2020 COVID-19 Fund initiative), four new charitable funds were established, and a significant number of gifts were given in memory of loved ones. Our endowment stands strong at close to \$6.5 million, allowing us to invest just over \$295,000 in 2023 into Guilford through grants, scholarships, and sponsorship awards in partnership with GSB. Our investment into the community since 2010 is \$1.7 million.

**ARPA Funding**

In addition to our traditional grantmaking, we were honored to have been entrusted by the Guilford Board of Selectmen to allocate \$1 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Awards, which ranged from \$5,000 to \$75,000, were distributed to 34 local nonprofits to aid in their recovery from COVID-19’s impacts.

**Leadership**

The historic ARPA funding strengthened our connections with charitable partners, fostering deeper collaborations and initiating site visits to our hard-working grantees. We continue to execute our strategic plan, which serves as our roadmap to increase our community impact. This past year, we’ve fortified our infrastructure with a new website, an added staff member, and more focus on our community outreach and communications.

Looking ahead, we’re excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2025, honoring the legacy of those who laid the foundation for The Guilford Foundation.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Gratefully,

Liza Janssen Petra  
Executive Director

Linda Weber  
Board Chair





## Joe and Cindy Goldberg Leave a Legacy

### Children's fund encourages out-of-the-box ideas.

As the saying goes, you can't take it with you. But Joe Goldberg takes it one step further: You can't take it with you, so you might as well enjoy making some decisions about how it can help people.

And so it is that Joe and his wife Cindy established the Joe & Cindy Goldberg Family Children's Opportunity Fund with The Guilford Foundation (TGF) this year. The fund will benefit Guilford children and families through a wide range of programs, including education, childcare, wellness, recreation, mental health, and social services.

Joe and his brother Lenny founded and built one of the most enduring and beloved eateries on the shoreline, Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale, in Madison and

Westbrook. Their restaurants reflect family values - good food in a casual atmosphere where fun is appreciated and a sense of community is nurtured. Many of their employees have been there for decades, with children of former employees seeking summer jobs. And countless customers have made Lenny & Joe's a family tradition over the last 45 years.

In 1999, they installed the Charity Carousel at the Madison location to celebrate their first 20 years in business. Surrounded by picnic tables, the carousel — created by the historic Dentzel Carousel Company and hand-painted by local carousel painter and restorer Donna Wolcott — provides joy and entertainment to 10 riders on a menagerie of animals for a nominal fee. All the proceeds benefit charitable causes, and nearly \$1.2 million has been raised in the last 25 years.

*Photo: Joe and Cindy Goldberg with their four grandchildren.*

Joe and Cindy raised their two daughters, Amy and Melissa, in town. Joe served on the board of directors of TGF and the Guilford Fund for Education. Somewhat non-traditional work hours allowed him to spend time in his daughters' schools when they were young and to volunteer with Guilford Youth Mentoring, while Cindy spent 35 years as a teacher in the Hamden school system. Those combined experiences led them to make empathy a guiding principle in their lives and parenting.

"Empathy is something we can all instill in our kids," Joe says. He recalls his time with the Guilford Fund for Education, helping to organize new and innovative events like an adult spelling bee, with the dual purpose of reinforcing the relevance of education and raising funds to support teachers with out-of-the-box ideas beyond the school budget or a circus program promoting physical education, outdoor experience, teamwork and confidence building for children.

Knowing that politics and bureaucracy can be limiting, Joe hopes the Children's Opportunity Fund will help support creative ideas and programs that need a little helping hand. He also knows that endowing the fund through TGF will have an impact that will last well beyond his lifetime.

"Now is the time for us to care for the legacy that we want to leave. What will be the needs in 20 years, 50 years, and 100 years? I'll be gone, but we can still have a meaningful impact," Joe says.

Joe and Cindy Goldberg are members of TGF's Legacy Circle, as they pledge to include TGF in their estate planning to ensure the Foundation's important work continues for generations to come.

**"Joe Goldberg's impact on GFFE as a founding member in 2006 is undeniable. His dedication to enriching the lives of youth in our town is unwavering. An indispensable asset, Joe offers profound insights into GFFE's mission and inspires us to unlock new opportunities for educators."**

**Over the past 18 years, GFFE flourished thanks to the vision and generosity of individuals like Joe. The innovative ideas we champion through our grants energize the educational journey for teachers and students alike."**

**– NiCole Schlagheck  
GFFE Board Co-Chair**



# The Show Must Go On!

## GreenStage Guilford Festival celebrates diversity to build unity.

Sometimes — oftentimes, it seems lately — the world is full of division and conflict. So, when there's a chance to bring people together to celebrate, learn, feel, move, create, and applaud one another, it is something to support. And when it happens on and around the picturesque Guilford Green, all the better.

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) gave a \$20,000 start-up grant for the first performing arts festival in 2017. The second festival (2019) featured over 70 performances and workshops over a 4-day weekend. It was such a success that organizers immediately began planning the next one.

And then, of course, things changed. Weeks before the scaled-down 2021 festival, COVID-19 was surging again, and it was unclear whether large gatherings would even be permitted. But those circumstances highlighted precisely why the festival is needed.

“We can’t stop one country from invading another. We can’t necessarily stop atrocities and disasters, but we can take care of our collective little slice of the world,” according to Executive Director Peter Hawes.

In September 2023, the festival returned with gusto and a new name: GreenStage Guilford Live Arts. Once again, it was supported by TGF through their annual grantmaking.

Despite a tropical storm that raged all weekend, GreenStage Guilford hosted 16 performances, eight workshops, two educational programs, and an inclusive dance residency. More than 1,500 people attended the free programming, much of which was moved to the Arthur Murray Dance Studio because of the heavy rain and high winds.

The line-up of performers reflects the mission of GreenStage Guilford, which includes showcasing the depth and breadth of American arts and culture and giving a platform to diverse voices. The music, dance, storytelling, and artistry represented the Mohegan tribe, Puerto Rico, Central Asia, India, and the Middle East, as well as the voices of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ artists, women, seniors, and people with mobility and emotional challenges.

“We live on a small planet where the boundaries between one community and another, between one person and another, are melting away,” Hawes says. “Why not try to create an event with a sort of festival atmosphere and celebratory tone that brings the people together and shows folks another side of the community? It shows how someone different lives, communicates and creates.”

Looking back on the last several tumultuous years, Hawes is grateful to TGF for that first start-up grant and to Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra for her guidance. “We wouldn’t exist without The Guilford Foundation,” he declares.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 season, Hawes says, GreenStage Guilford is planning several smaller events in the coming year to keep both the arts and inclusion in the forefront and to build its own support network and audience. They hope to work more effectively with the schools to share the talent that comes to town in a way that supports the arts curriculum and encourages creativity among students and awareness and appreciation among families.

In December 2023, GreenStage Guilford received \$50,000 of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), administered by TGF in partnership with the Town of Guilford to offset losses in many areas including planning, marketing, fundraising, staffing, and programming.



*Photo: Performers from Air Temple Arts (left) and mother and son enjoy the Oompa Possum children's show.*





# More Johnny Cash, Please

## Orchard House expands music therapy for aging adults.

Of course, studies show a connection between music and brain function. Of course, exercise is more fun when there's a little rhythm. And, of course, we all have a song that immediately takes us back to a particular time and place whenever it comes on the radio. We know all that, but it's something altogether different to see firsthand the impact on the clients of the regional Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center.

Orchard House offers a medically supervised day program to help keep aging adults as independent as possible and provide respite to caregivers of patients with chronic conditions, including dementia.

A \$2,300 grant from The Guilford Foundation helped expand and enhance its music therapy program in 2023. While there is always music playing in the activities room, the grant has allowed Orchard House to bring local musicians in weekly, to encourage exercise and interaction with handheld musical instruments like maracas. They also show old musicals featuring the likes of Bing Crosby and Gene Kelly.

"It really brings them back to a really good place," Executive Director Mary-Margaret Mandel said. "Maybe they have dementia or cognitive issues, but we put on a Frank Sinatra song, and they know every single word."

It's common to find clients holding hands, moving in unison to the rhythm, singing along, or smiling contentedly during a concert or musical screening. According to Guilford client Lois Stauffer, the only thing that could make the program better would be more Johnny Cash.

In addition to the annual grant, Orchard House received \$20,000 in ARPA funding to purchase a van to transport Guilford residents to their facility.



*Photos: Orchard House music therapy program brings joy, movement, memories, and connection to their clients.*





## Town entrusts TGF to lead ARPA allocation to nonprofits.

Ecologists use the term “light gap” to describe a phenomenon that occurs when a forest canopy is broken by light, usually when a full-grown tree falls. As a result, light reaches the forest floor where it hadn’t before. New growth appears in that light, regenerating and often diversifying the forest, making it a stronger ecosystem.

In the dark days of the pandemic, it was hard to imagine the changes that might come and make a community stronger. There is no doubt every segment of society has been affected. How we learn, work, and interact have changed, and our priorities have shifted for many. Those shifts

caused ripple effects for nonprofits as needs were magnified while resources diminished.

Indeed, four years after the first strains of COVID-19 reached the Connecticut shoreline, the community is still discovering all the impacts of the pandemic. However, in 2023, the light gap appeared when the Town of Guilford partnered with The Guilford Foundation (TGF) to distribute \$1 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

The Town received \$6.5 million and allocated the bulk of those funds to schools, social services agencies, and the health department to address the most pressing needs. The only qualification for federal funding is that it be used to respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.

When First Selectman Matt Hoey and TGF Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra invited nonprofit organizations to discuss those impacts, the response was overwhelming, passionate, and enlightening.

“It first occurred to me what a challenge it would create to determine needs. Secondly, I wanted to remove politics to make it fair and equitable. Lastly, I knew that reviewing applications would be even more taxing on the town staff,” Hoey says.

“The Guilford Foundation is such a wholeheartedly respected organization — its integrity, mission, objectivity, and experience in assessing needs and distributing funds. We saw it as the perfect opportunity to utilize the foundation. This is what they do, on an annual basis,” he adds.

After the initial workshop with nonprofit leaders, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to double its original allocation, asking TGF to disburse \$1 million. A committee that included TGF board members, an ARPA consultant, and community representatives was formed to review applications that detailed the impacts of the pandemic, ranging from canceled fundraisers and lower contributions to higher costs and higher demands. The committee also considered the impact on the culture, character, and joy that are unique to Guilford.

The result was 34 grants to be awarded over two years (2023 and 2024), ranging from \$5,000 to \$75,000, to organizations like Guilford Art Center, the Women & Family Life Center, and Guilford Interfaith Volunteers. For some, the funding infusion provides a stopgap to keep them running smoothly. For others, like the Branford-based

regional Community Dining Room, which will use the funds to purchase a vehicle, provides the light to grow in a new direction.

This unexpected funding brightened the year for critical Guilford-serving nonprofits.

**“A heartfelt thanks to Matt Hoey and the Guilford Board of Selectmen for entrusting us to lead this historic funding process. Our relationships with community partners and our grantmaking experience made the process efficient and, hopefully, expanded impact.”**

– Liza Janssen Petra  
TGF Executive Director



*Photo: ARPA award recipients gathered at the library to celebrate (left), and Guilford Art Center expanded its programming with relief funding.*



# TGF 2023...



## GUILFORD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS (GIV)

3 new computers

Improved efficiency for Meals on Wheels and Charlie's closet.

## COMMUNITY DINING ROOM

200 neighbors

secured meals through the family dining service.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONNECTICUT

56 athletes

registered for three competitions plus received jerseys and equipment.



## NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL

2 scholars

received full or partial tuition assistance for music programs.

## GUILFORD ARTS CENTER

4,000 residents

experience art education opportunities for all ages.



## SARAH FOUNDATION

6 special needs adults

enjoy couches at the new day support center, Gavin & Friends.



## DUDLEY FOUNDATION & FARM MUSEUM

3500 visitors

enjoyed upgrades for the museum, hiking trails, and the farmers' market.



## GUILFORD GARDEN CLUB

10 trees

planted to beautify the Guilford Green.



## CAMP HAZEN (YMCA)

5 children

awarded tuition assistance for overnight summer camp.

## RECOVERY MOVE™

40 teens

improved wellbeing through fitness coaching and mental health counseling.

## CONNECTICUT HOSPICE

150 people

utilized community-focused grief support services.

## GUILFORD ABAR

30 teachers

benefitted from equity-focused professional development.

## ETHAN SONG FOUNDATION

70 gun safes

given to the community to protect children.



## COVE CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

9 kids

participated in 20-week peer grief support groups.

## LEGACY THEATRE

120 actors & staff

used leased rehearsal and office space adjacent to the theatre.



## GUILFORD CENTER FOR CHILDREN

2 families

awarded preschool tuition assistance.

...by the numbers.



GRANT AWARDS

In 2023, The Guilford Foundation (TGF) invested in the community through its grantmaking, sponsorships in partnership with Guilford Savings Bank (GSB), Youth Advisory Group grants, designated charitable fund grants, scholarships, and ARPA awards in collaboration with the town of Guilford.

**\$1,000 Neighborhood Music School** to support tuition assistance to Guilford students.

**\$1,000 UR Community Cares** to support Guilford-based Community Cares.

**\$1,250 Legacy Theatre** to support general operating expenses.

**\$1,450 TGF 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** to support the expansion of grief services in the Guilford community.

**\$2,000 Guilford Social Services** to support holiday meal baskets for households experiencing financial hardships.

**\$2,000 SARAH Foundation** to support Gavin and Friends.

**\$2000 Guilford Garden Club** to support the planting of trees in Guilford.

**\$2,300 Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center** to support the expansion and enhancement of the Music Therapy Program.

**\$2,500 Emergent Grant to Friends of the Guilford Free Library** to support the annual book sale.

**\$2,500 Shoreline Arts Alliance** to support general operating expenses.

**\$2,500 Guilford Interfaith Ministries** to support technology upgrades to allow for increased efficiency of services.

**\$3,000 The Cove Center for Grieving Children** to support family support services to grieving families.

**\$3,000 Lifelinx Corporation** to support ongoing recovery transportation services, providing responsive, reliable, safe transportation to clinical substance abuse treatment.

**\$3,000 Camp Hazen YMCA** to provide financial assistance to Guilford campers.

**\$3,500 Community Dining Room** to offset the increasing cost of food.

**\$3,750 The Dudley Farm Museum** to support general operating expenses.

**\$3,900 Shoreline Village CT** to support a strategic plan process.

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

**\$5,000 The Ethan Miller Song Foundation** to support the Guilford Gun Buyback and Gun Safe Giveaway.

**\$5,000 Guilford Performing Arts Festival** to support the GreenStage Guilford 2023 Performing Arts Festival.

**\$5,000 Recovery Move** to support programming for at-risk teens and young adults.

**\$5,000 Special Olympics Connecticut** to support the athletes and volunteers of the Central Shoreline local program.

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

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

**\$6,000 Before and After School Care Program** to support tuition assistance.

**\$7,500 Guilford Art Center** to support general operating expenses.

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

**\$12,500 Women & Family Life Center** to support the Guided Assistance Program (GAP).

**\$12,640 Youth Advisory Group grants** to Before and After School Care Program, Community Dining Room, Guilford Center for Children, Guilford Parks and Recreation, Guilford Social Services, and Women & Family Life Center.

**\$27,740 Youth Advisory Group Guilford Institute** grants for Guilford High School.

**\$47,133 Designated Grants** to Guilford A Better Chance, Guilford Agricultural Society, Guilford Art Center, Guilford Community Fund, Guilford Free Library, Guilford Interfaith Ministries, Guilford Preservation Alliance, Guilford Social Services, Shoreline Village CT, St. George Church, The Guilford Foundation, and Women and Family Life Center.

**\$77,275 Scholarships Grants** to 38 graduates of Guilford High School and 2 graduates 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](http://www.guilfordfoundation.org).*

*Photo: Guilford and Branford First Selectman, along with staff and board members from the Hospice, Branford Community Foundation, and TGF.*

American Rescue Plan Grants

The Guilford Foundation in partnership with the Town of Guilford allocated \$1 million dollars in American Rescue Plan grants to local non-profits.

- \$5,000 Guilford Sailing Foundation
- \$5,000 The Cove Center for Grieving Children
- \$7,500 Witness Stones Project
- \$10,000 Knights of Columbus Council #3928
- \$10,000 North Guilford Nursery School
- \$10,000 Read to Grow
- \$10,000 Shoreline Village CT
- \$15,000 Move to Heal
- \$15,000 Paul Dostie KARE Foundation
- \$18,000 Shoreline Arts Alliance
- \$18,500 Legacy Theatre
- \$20,000 Neighborhood Music School
- \$20,000 Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center
- \$23,000 Guilford Center for Children
- \$25,000 Central Connecticut Coast YMCA
- \$25,000 Junior Achievement of SW New England
- \$25,000 The Ethan Miller Song Foundation
- \$26,000 Faulkner's Light Brigade
- \$26,000 Guilford Keeping Society
- \$26,000 The Dorothy Whitfield Historical Society
- \$26,000 The Dudley Farm Museum
- \$30,000 BHcare
- \$30,000 Guilford Agricultural Society
- \$35,000 APK Charities
- \$35,000 Community Dining Room
- \$35,000 Starship Dance Theater & Company
- \$37,000 Guilford Community Television
- \$50,000 GreenStage Guilford Live Arts
- \$50,000 Women & Family Life Center
- \$52,000 Community Nursery School
- \$55,000 Guilford Fund for Education
- \$75,000 Guilford Art Center
- \$75,000 Guilford Interfaith Volunteers
- \$75,000 The Connecticut Hospice





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) is pleased to present its Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023.

TGF awarded nearly \$795K in grants, sponsorships, leadership initiatives, and scholarships during our fiscal year that ended December 31, 2023. This was the highest total ever awarded by the Foundation and includes TGF’s traditional grantmaking as well as \$500,000 in grants made on behalf of the Town of Guilford’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to area nonprofits whose work and services impact the Guilford community.

While the ARPA impact is notable, it is also worth noting that the traditional grantmaking total was the highest amount ever awarded by the Foundation and was nearly 30% higher than pre-COVID19 grantmaking.

TGF’s work is made possible through the generosity of our donors. We thank our individual, family, nonprofit, and corporate donors for their confidence in us as an effective steward and partner. While the overall amount of our contributions was down (largely due to several significant one-time donations made during our prior fiscal year), the number of individual donations increased year over year. Your generosity and trust enable us to be a bold, courageous, and enduring partner in philanthropy.

In Fiscal Year 2023, we saw a recovery of the

markets from the previous year. Our investment portfolio closed the fiscal year (Dec. 31, 2023) with \$6.58MM, up 4.3% from the end of our prior fiscal year, a welcome performance improvement over the prior year where market conditions were challenging. This also represents a new high-water mark for the Foundation’s portfolio. Our Finance Committee focuses on preserving and growing the value of the assets entrusted to the Foundation to ensure the long-term sustainability of our impact.

TFG works with the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (CFGNH) investment professionals who manage our endowment. Our individual funds are pooled and invested in a globally diversified portfolio across stocks, bonds, and alternative investments such as hedge funds, private equity, and private real assets. While market dynamics inherently involve ups and downs, our Finance Committee remains steadfast in its commitment to a long-term strategy that will sustain our ability to serve our community for generations to come.

As we look ahead, our Strategic Plan will take us through the Foundation’s 50th anniversary. The finance pillar of this plan focuses on sustaining our organizational strength and maintaining our commitment to our operations, staff, and board governance. Prudent management and investment of our resources will allow us to grow and deepen our existing work while creating new opportunities to impact lives here.

	CURRENT FY 12/1/23 – 12/31/23*	PRIOR FY 2/1/22 – 1/31/23 (audited)	
Total Assets	\$6,585,293	\$ 6,313,062	*2023 reflects an 11-month period as TGF transitions to a new Fiscal Year End (FYE). FYE changed to the twelve months ending December 31, while previous fiscal years ended January 31.
Total Contributions	\$430,202	\$ 812,038	
Number of Donations	613	531	
Grants & Scholarships	\$ 795,561**	\$ 220,498	
			**Includes \$500,000 in ARPA awards.



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

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Through the Legacy Circle, donors 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](mailto:lpetra@guilfordfoundation.org).





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We extend our deepest gratitude to the following individuals, businesses & foundations who made financial contributions to The Guilford Foundation from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

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GRANTEE STORY

BHcare uses ARPA award to fund clinic relocation.

Among the 34 grants awarded by The Guilford Foundation using funds allocated to the Town of Guilford by the American Rescue Plan Act is \$30,000 to BHcare to help support a new regional facility that will open in June 2024. BHcare is a certified community behavioral health clinic designated by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as the local mental health authority for Guilford, Madison, Branford, East Haven, North Branford, and North Haven.

The organization was already outgrowing its outdated Branford facility and satellite offices when the pandemic emerged as a major factor in mental health and addiction services. The physical space was no longer adequate or suited to BHcare’s clientele, and the pandemic amplified the need for a more modern, centrally located facility.

“All of our clients were affected by the pandemic,” explains Michael Wynne, community engagement specialist. “The rate of domestic violence went up as victims were essentially housebound. Families were struggling to keep a balance while their kids were home. For vulnerable kids, to begin with, COVID-19 exacerbated the situation. Those with mental health and addiction issues became more isolated. And while our client’s needs went up, our fundraising went down. The ARPA funds will help to offset that loss.”

The new facility in North Branford will include separate entrances and treatment spaces for adults and families with children. There will be comfortable, cozy spaces for group therapy and individual therapy with age-appropriate decor and up-to-date employee-friendly spaces like a break room and kitchen for the staff. The grant from TGF and similar grants from other towns will be used specifically for furnishings and equipment in the two (child-friendly and adult) reception areas.



BHcare President & CEO Roberta Cook (middle), Development Officer Emily Granelli (far right), and board members break ground at the new facility site.

2023 LIST OF THE GUILFORD FOUNDATION CHARITABLE FUNDS

**Unrestricted Funds:** Meets ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time a gift is made.

- The Guilford Foundation 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

**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 ABC College Education Fund
- Guilford Art Center Endowment Fund
- Guilford Interfaith Volunteers Endowment Fund
- Guilford Keeping Society Endowment Fund
- Guilford Youth Mentoring Education Fund (NEW!)
- Norma & Arthur Hall Fund
- Patricia W. Jaeger Fund
- Amy D. Jaffe Fund for the benefit of the Emergency Discretionary Fund at WFLC
- Liz Jones Fund for Art
- Saint George Knights of Columbus Fund for Children in Need
- Bill & Kate Lee Family Fund to Support the Guilford Community Fund
- The Guilford Foundation Operating Fund

- Barbara Pine Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Guilford ABC
- Jane Rudner Fund for the Benefit of Shoreline Village CT
- Lou & Susan Weady Fund
- Women & Family Life Center Agency Endowment Fund

**Donor Advised Funds:** Allows donors to actively manage the use of their gift.

- APK Charities Corp Endowment Fund
- Chris & Carl Balestracci, Jr. Community Fencing Fund
- Elizabeth “Betsy” Goodspeed Frederick Fund (NEW!)
- Guilford Bell Curve Charitable Fund
- Jonathan & Nancy Bishop Fund for Musical Opportunities for Youth (NEW!)
- Paul Dostie KARE Fund
- Jared Eliot Philanthropic Fund
- Fappiano Family Fund for Special Needs
- Guilford Interact Student Advisory Fund
- Gustave & Carol L. Sirot Fund
- Ethan Miller Song Fund

**Field of Interest Funds:** Focused on area of donor interest (youth, education, special needs, and more). TGF then awards grants to community-serving organizations that are making a difference in that field.

- Elisabeth Adams Fund
- Michael B. & Maryann Bracken Family Fund
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- The Children’s Fund
- Helen E. Downing Outdoor Education Fund
- Corky Fisher Educational Fund
- Thomas M. Ginz Fund for Children
- Joe & Cindy Goldberg Family Children’s Opportunity Fund (NEW!)
- Guilford Institute Fund
- Guilford Interfaith Housing Fund

- The Guilford Savings Bank Charitable Fund
- Gunn-Marshall Performing Arts Diversity Fund
- Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund
- Janet Poss Women & Girls Fund
- Elizabeth Stevens Tree Fund
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**Scholarship Funds:** Donors designate award parameters while the high school counseling department manages the application process and candidate recommendations.

- Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. Humanitarian Fund
- Karen & Terry Bergantino Educational Fund
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- Richard Brooks Memorial Fund for Vocational Technology
- Stuart D. Burt Fund
- Maureen Cyr Caruso Scholarship Fund
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- Jake Penman Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Photo: Camp Hazen counselors and campers  
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