



# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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## GRANT DEADLINES

To learn more about our new grant process and timelines, please visit the [Grants page](#) on our website.

## 2017 Annual Report Now Available



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## A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us and, as always, we at the Foundation are full of excitement for the season and gratitude for another successful year.

Just last week we celebrated the Season of Giving at our annual Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception. This is such a special way to kick off the holiday season! The Foundation has an incredibly generous group of supporters who really embody the spirit of the season. We are deeply grateful for the dedication and support of our Ambassadors and Donors.

We would also like to take a moment to thank all of those who participated in our 29-Hour Give event. It was our most successful "Give" event yet and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to impact so many in our community in a short 29-hour time period. Find out how much we raised in the article below!

And, if you haven't donated yet but would still like to make a tax-deductible donation for 2018, it's not too late! You can donate with ease via our [website](#), through the mail, or in person as long as it is received by December 31, 2018.

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman  
Executive Director



Happy Holidays from the Foundation Staff! Pictured left to right: Amy

Aundrea Cordle  
Dean DeRolph  
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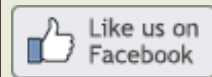
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Eyman, Stephanie Herman, Abby King and Renee Reilly.

## The 29-Hour Give Results are In!

We are pleased to announce that this year's 29-Hour Give event was the most successful yet, with a total of **\$95,809 raised for 71 different Fairfield County Foundation funds!** Add to that the \$29,000 in matching funds from the Foundation, and this year's **total award to participating funds is \$124,809!**

Once again, this event inspired several new individuals to become Foundation donors. We appreciate the efforts of many of our fund holders, who used the communications toolkit we provided them to help spread the word to their supporters. By working together, we are expanding our impact and positive influence throughout Fairfield County!

We are truly grateful to our donors and supporters who continue to make our annual 'Give' events such a success for the community. What an incredible way to kick off the Season of Giving!!



## 2019-2020 Scholarship Application Now Open

The [scholarship application](#) for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! The application opened on December 1st again this year to allow students time during winter break to start their applications. Current college students as well as high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Our simple, general application will automatically narrow down the scholarships that each student is eligible for as well as suggest those that may require more information.

We have compiled a list of [frequently asked questions](#) that we recommend students review prior to submitting their application. We encourage students and parents to follow us on Facebook throughout the application process for important updates and reminders. Don't miss your opportunity to be awarded one of over 80 scholarships given annually!



## 2018 Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception

This year's Ambassadors' Club and Donor Reception was held on Wednesday, November 28th. With more than 100 Donors and Ambassadors in attendance, it truly was a lovely evening! We appreciate your continued support of the Foundation's mission and your efforts to help us raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community.





## What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.