

## Farmington Community Chest 2022-2023 Annual Report



The Farmington Community Chest (FCC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1931 to help individuals and organizations. It is the mission of FCC to improve the health, wellbeing, and community life of all residents of Farmington and Unionville through funding various organizations and initiatives.

In this past fiscal year FCC raised over \$130,000 from individuals, businesses, our annual wine tasting fundraising event, and our yearly contribution from our major contributor, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. These funds then went directly to support nonprofit organizations that are in line with our current funding priorities of basic human needs, educational programming, and community enhancements.

Over the last year, our funding directly benefited our community in a variety of ways. Summer camp scholarships were awarded to 34 school age children and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Farmington Food Pantry was awarded \$10,000 for its ongoing support of our residents. Last year, the Food Pantry served approximately 215 families.

Farmington Youth Services was awarded \$12,500 to support its programs for area youth. Most notably, the funding supported the Farmington-Unionville Community Officers Provide Support (FUNCOPS) program, which fosters positive, trusting relations between police and at-risk town youth.

Serving our senior citizens in our town has always been a priority for FCC. Services for the Elderly of Farmington was awarded \$6,000 to support its medical equipment program, congregate meals and "Forget-me-not" baskets for residents that may be shut-in and unable to participate in congregate activities. An estimated 1,100 individuals were helped by this grant. Additionally, Tunxis Senior Citizens Association was awarded \$3,500 to support their newsletter and music program.

Farmington Valley Special Olympics (FVSO) was awarded \$4,000 to purchase new uniforms for its athletes. FVSO offers year-round Unified Sports and several traditional sports opportunities for over 100 athletes / partners.

For over 90 years the Farmington Community Chest has supported and strengthened our community. We are proud of our positive impact on the quality of life for all residents and look forward to growing with our community as we continue to seek opportunities to financially support our community's evolving needs.

The Farmington Community Chest will launch its annual donation drive in January. Letters will be mailed requesting donations so that we can continue in our tradition of supporting our local nonprofits in providing quality services and programs that directly impact basic human needs, educational programming, and community enhancement. Donations can also be made on our website @ [www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com](http://www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com). Please also consider Farmington Community Chest through your employer matching gift programs.