

Farmington Community Chest 2019-2020 Annual Report



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

In the past fiscal year FCC raised over \$124,000 from individuals, businesses, our annual 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, particularly in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, our dollars had a significant impact on programs that serve our community. The Farmington Fuel Bank provided over \$5,000 in fuel assistance, a grant of \$11,000 was awarded for summer camp scholarships for school-age children, and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Additional funding was provided to the Farmington Food Pantry, totaling over \$16,000, to support their COVID-19 relief efforts and increased food purchases. Additional COVID relief funding was also granted to Services for the Elderly to provide grab-and-go meals for seniors in isolation. Farmington Youth Services was awarded \$5,000 for their Fun Cops Program to build positive relationships between at-risk youth and law enforcement. And finally, the Farmington Senior Center received a \$7,000 grant to improve and expand the fitness and wellness center for our town's senior population. New Horizons Village received funds for two vehicles for staff to respond to emergencies throughout their 26 acres. Lastly, FCC joined forces with The Olive Bar & George's Pizza to provide meals for our hardworking medical professionals at UCONN Hospital.

Due to the risks associated with coronavirus, FCC's annual Farmington Cares Day had to be postponed, but the \$4,000 budgeted for its service projects was redirected to organizations providing groceries and essential needs for those most affected by the state shutdown.

For 89 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 town's evolving needs.

In November, the Farmington Community Chest will start its annual donation drive. Letters will be mailed requesting donations so that we can continue in our tradition of supporting local nonprofits that provide quality services and programs directly impacting the wellness of our community. Please consider donating. Donations can be made on our website, www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com, as well as through AmazonSmile while doing your online shopping this holiday season. Farmington Community Chest is also an option during the United Way Campaign and through employer matching gift programs.

This is another wonderful way to show your support for Farmington Community Chest and the many organizations that receive support through FCC. Please join us in strengthening our community!