

Farmington Community Chest 2023-2024 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 \$140,000 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 dozens of school age children and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Farmington Food Pantry was granted \$10,000 for its ongoing support of our residents. Last year, the Food Pantry served approximately 215 families.

Serving our senior citizens in our town has always been a priority for FCC. HOPE Partners of Farmington (formerly Services for the Elderly of Farmington) was awarded \$15,000 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. Additionally, Tunxis Senior Citizens Association was awarded \$3,500 to support its newsletter and music program.

The Friends Room in Unionville was granted \$17,500 for the purchase of a dedicated vehicle and for staff hiring. The Friends Room provides comprehensive interventions and social support to adults with special needs, expanding their potential and helping them to develop socially and emotionally.

New Horizons Village in Unionville was awarded \$14,793 to support art therapy and adaptive yoga classes for its residents, as well as for the purchase of a floor scrubber used in residential areas and the community pickleball courts. Tunxis Veterans OASIS was granted \$7,200 to support its ongoing mission to help student-veterans in their transition back to civilian life. The Farmington High School Cutting Edge Program was awarded \$4,500 to support its 2-week summer program that offers rising 12th grade students an opportunity to do hands-on laboratory research under the supervision of UConn Health PhD candidates.

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. Please also consider Farmington Community Chest through your employer matching gift programs.