



The Catalyst Fund

*Transforming Modest Gifts Into
Major Community Impact*



*Where Good Begins in Berlin,
New Britain, Plainville and
Southington*

Being a Philanthropist Has Never Been So Easy

What is The Catalyst Fund?

Catalyst Fund membership is important, accessible and social – philanthropy made easy.

The Fund offers an ideal opportunity for caring citizens to join with their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to socialize, enjoy refreshments and learn more about community needs in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. An annual grant is awarded by members who vote to meet a community need. Catalyst provides an opportunity to transform a modest gift into major community impact.

Our Mission

To inspire philanthropy,
manage permanent
charitable assets and
partner to address key
community issues through
strategic leadership.



Students from Pathways/Senderos in New Britain benefit from new computers provided by The Catalyst Fund.



Family Promise of Central Connecticut was supported by a Catalyst grant.



Catalyst Fund members taking part in a presentation at Stanley Black & Decker World Headquarters in New Britain. Catalyst Fund meetings are both social and educational, with meetings typically taking place in the welcoming facilities of generous, community-minded companies and organizations such as Stanley Black & Decker, the Hospital of Central Connecticut and others.

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How it Works

Catalyst members make an annual gift and come together three times yearly to enjoy a light meal and are afforded the opportunity to:

- Take part in selecting a community need that members will focus on for the year.
- Hear enlightening and informative presentations about the topic from local experts.
- Evaluate presentations and grant proposals from non-profit organizations addressing the chosen topic.
- Take part in the annual awarding of a grant of at least \$10,000 to a non-profit organization.



Membership Options

Catalyst membership is easy and affordable. One membership may be for an individual, couple, family or business and constitutes one vote.

Discovery Membership

First-time members interested in learning about Catalyst can join for a minimum gift of \$50 for one year. Discovery members enjoy all the privileges of full membership.

Full Membership

The annual cost for returning members is a minimum gift of \$250.

Business Membership

Membership for a local business for a minimum gift of \$250 offers a unique opportunity to engage employees in community causes. Businesses may sponsor one or more employees who can attend meetings, learn about community issues and take part in the annual awarding of a grant.

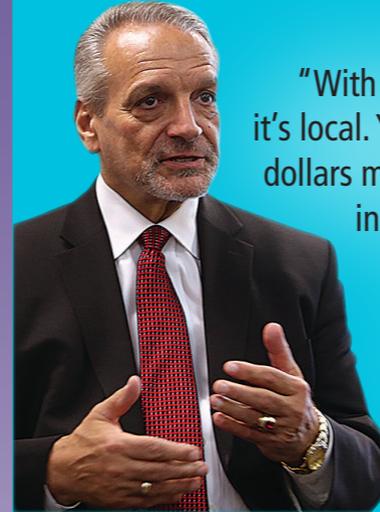
"This Catalyst grant will have a measurable, positive impact on local youth and families. We are going to make it count."

Family Promise of Central Connecticut Catalyst Grantee



Catalyst Fund History

Since 2003, the Catalyst Fund has supported numerous community organizations and causes, donating more than \$150,000 in grants that have helped change lives and strengthened our communities.



"With the Catalyst Fund, it's local. You really see your dollars making a difference in your community."

*Paul Salina
Kensington
Catalyst Member*

Community challenges addressed by Catalyst members have been wide ranging, including:

- Alleviating homelessness for area families with children
- Addressing mental health issues in schools and families
- Repairing the homes of veterans in need
- Preparing non-college bound students for post high school success
- Expanding services for senior citizens
- Improving literacy

Catalyst members embrace the challenge of coming together, learning about important issues and making a difference in their communities.

Join Catalyst Today



I/we wish to join The Catalyst Fund, and purchase:

- # _____ **Full Membership(s)**
at minimum \$250 per voting unit
- # _____ **Discovery Membership(s)**
at minimum \$50 per voting unit
- # _____ **Business Membership(s)**
at minimum \$250 per voting unit

Enclosed is \$ _____, or I/we have paid \$ _____ online at www.cfgnb.org. Please complete this form and return with your check, unless you have made your gift to The Catalyst Fund online.

Name(s): _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please tell us who referred you to Catalyst: _____

Please detach and return to:
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