Year in Review

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, founded in 1941, is one of the oldest community foundations in the country and is located in the Foundation Center building at 74 Vine Street in New Britain. The Foundation Center also houses the Community Chest of New Britain and Berlin, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, and is the fiduciary for the Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington.

Our Mission

To inspire philanthropy, responsibly manage permanent charitable assets, and partner to address key community issues through strategic leadership.
President’s Message

Thank you to all of our Foundation family for your support during my first full calendar year with the Foundation. 2018 was a great success for the Community Foundation, with grants and scholarship awards of over $1.6 million to a broad range of area organizations, programs and college-bound students.

We hope that this Year in Review publication will help inform our friends and neighbors about who we are and the impact we make due to the generosity and vision of our donors who make all of this possible.

We can’t show our entire impact here so please take a look at our website at www.cfgnb.org for more information including how to make a gift to our Civic Leadership Fund Annual Appeal, to a specific fund or scholarship, or to find out about how you can establish your own donor-advised fund for a low-minimum of only $5,000.

Thank you for reading and for supporting the Greater New Britain area and beyond through your community foundation.

Sincerely,

David J. Obedzinski

CFGNB Impact by the Numbers

$40,469,887 = Our total foundation investments as of December 31, 2018

$90,000 = Approximate increase in giving to all funds in 2018

$66,226 = Gifts made to our civic leadership fund annual appeal in 2018

74 = Number of scholarships awarded amounting to $224,150 in aid to students for higher education

$20,350 = Amount raised in just two months to establish the James G. Williamson Education Assistance Fund, in memory of our former President

$843,723 = Community Response grants, Community Initiatives grants, and Community Sponsorships awarded throughout Berlin, New Britain, Plainville, and Southington

More than $1.6 million = In 2018, the total amount of grants, scholarships, sponsorships, and awards our foundation and its donor advised and designated funds provided to our community and to other nonprofits operating in communities our donors are connected to throughout the United States.
Entering its 16th year, the Catalyst giving circle focused on services for adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder that would benefit residents of our four-town area.

The giving circle is comprised of a group of community-minded citizens interested in improving the quality of life in Greater New Britain. Members contribute $250 (or $50 for first-time members) and gather three times a year to learn about a member-chosen issue facing the community, and to consider funding requests from charitable organizations addressing the need. The year concludes with a grant award of up to $12,500.

CCARC of New Britain was awarded $10,000 to offer a series of nine workshops targeted to local families with adolescents or young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It is CCARC’s hope that the workshops provide families from Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington with the kind of information and support needed to connect them with vital services now and in the future, and to begin planning for their child’s adult years.

In 2018, Catalyst achieved its highest level of membership with 68 members and meetings became more accessible as Foundation staff offered recordings of presentations so that members could view them at any time.

Our sincere thanks to the Catalyst members who contribute and participate annually as well as the local sponsors such as the Hospital of Central Connecticut and Stanley Black&Decker for generously hosting Catalyst meetings and providing support.

To learn more or to join Catalyst contact Joeline Wruck at Jwruck@cfgnb.org or (860) 229-6018 x307

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2018 Year in Review

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- $637,716 in Community Response and Community Initiative grants supported the community.
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In the Town of Plainville...

- $231,266 in Community Response and First Years First Early Childhood grants supported the community.
- 3 students earned scholarships totaling $5,300.
- multiple nonprofit events benefited from community sponsorship awards totaling $1,500.

Members of our Catalyst Giving Circle select community issues in our service area annually and provide a $12,500 grant to address those needs.

Our Foundation has made grant awards totaling $23,286,043 that reach all four towns, including The New Britain Museum of American Art, Hospital of Central Connecticut, Bread for Life, Good Cause Gifts, and Plainville Community Food Pantry.

In the Town of Southington...

- $369,756 in Community Response and Community Initiative grants supported the community.
- 13 students earned scholarships totaling $44,250.
- multiple nonprofit events benefited from community sponsorship awards totaling $3,200.
- The Foundation served as the fiscal agent for the Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington (ECCS), providing financial administrative services and support as needed.

Staff from the Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington pose at “A Buzzworthy Cause”, a young philanthropy event held in Southington.

CFGNB staff, Plainville Public Schools administrators, as well as members of the Schaller family gather for a photo using one of Plainville High School’s new cameras that were installed thanks to a grant to boost school security from the Schaller Auto World Fund in 2018.
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The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain now has a new booklet about our donor-advised funds and scholarship program and how to establish a fund or scholarship with us. To receive a copy of that booklet email us at info@cfgnb.org and request the booklet or call us at (860) 229-6018.

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At the end of 2018, we lost our former president of 13 years, Jim Williamson. In his time spent at the Foundation, Jim touched the lives of many with his leadership and dedication and has left behind a lasting legacy. The Community Foundation has established the James G. Williamson Education Assistance Fund, which will provide financial assistance to college and technical school students who need help to complete their degrees beyond what scholarships, financial aid, employment and other sources can provide.