



Reaching Out

A REPORT FROM THE BRANFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, 2008

BRANFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Meeting
Community
Needs

*"We make a living
by what we get, we
make a life by what
we give."*

Sir Winston Churchill

A Message from the President...

Since 1980, the Branford Community Foundation has fulfilled its mission to "enhance the self-sufficiency of recipient agencies" with grants from its permanent endowment. The Foundation has become an effective vehicle to relieve selective community problems as well as provide initial support for new and innovative community solutions. The effects of the Foundation's goal to "make Branford an even better place to live" can be felt by all who reside here.

Like many of the organizations who receive our grants, the Branford Community Foundation continues to operate on a wholly volunteer basis. Through donations to our Foundation and prudent management of our endowment, we have been able to increase annually our distribution to the community.

To apply for a grant, non-profit organizations may download an application from our website at www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org. All applications are given serious consideration by our Board of Directors who has been elected for their judgment and integrity. The Foundation strives to be acutely aware of the ever-changing needs of the community.

The Branford Community Foundation thanks you for your continued support throughout the years.

Eunice Lasala, President



Ecuador Project

The Branford Community Foundation continued its support of the First Congregation Church's Ecuador Project which enables Branford youth to build homes in Ecuador. Shown are several volunteers working on a home built in the summer of 2007.



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Treasurer's Report: 2006-2007 Financial Information

**Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2007 and 2006**

	2007	2006
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$84,064	\$32,791
Accrued interest income	2,247	2,394
Total current assets	\$86,311	\$35,185
LONG-TERM ASSETS:		
Investments	\$1,105,234	\$925,193
Total Assets	\$1,191,545	\$960,378
LIABILITIES:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Grants payable	\$0	\$0
NET ASSETS:		
Temporarily restricted	\$22,608	\$26,472
Permanently restricted for High School Scholarships	175,245	149,165
Unrestricted:		
Unappropriated	771,510	607,055
Appropriated - by Board for scholarships	222,182	177,686
Total Net Assets	\$1,191,545	\$960,378
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,191,545	\$960,378

Treasurer's Notes:

- *The consolidated total return in 2007 was \$61,171.47 or 5.69% of average year-end assets. (Larger donations were received late in the year.)*
- *Branford Community Foundation endowment funds and its scholarships returned 6.08% with a growth objective and 70% Equity/30% Fixed Income portfolio target, per analysis of Olson Mobeck Investment Advisors.*
- *The Branford High School Scholarship fund is segregated from BCF funds for investment purposes and returned 6.97% with a growth and income objective and a 48% Fixed Income/48% Equity/4% Cash portfolio target, per analysis of Olsen Mobeck Investment Advisors.*
- *Grants received from the Graustein Memorial Fund are for Discovery Grants for the Branford Early Childhood Collaborative. Distributions are shown as program expenses. All funds attributable to this program are carried as temporarily restricted until utilized.*
- *In 2007, the BCF pledged \$25,000 to the Soundview YMCA, payable over 4 years. A \$10,000 payment was made in 2007.*
- *In 2007, the BCF publicly committed to granting a \$1,000 per year scholarship in honor of Chief Robert Gill for the years 2008-2012.*

**Statement of Activities
& Change in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006**

	2007	2006
REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT:		
Contributions	\$201,479	\$21,819
Contributions passed through BHS	23,121	—
Grants:		
Graustein Memorial Fund	10,000	11,000
Income on long-term investments	24,295	19,004
Net unrealized & realized gain on long-term investments	36,877	84,723
Total revenues, gains, and other support	\$295,772	\$136,546
EXPENSES:		
Charitable giving:		
Grants	\$28,600	\$23,537
Scholarships	15,729	12,850
Program expenses*	13,864	11,097
Total giving	\$58,193	\$47,484
Administrative:		
Professional fees	\$2,869	\$2,451
Postage	691	962
Dues	300	283
Printing	2,203	3,310
Web site expenses	150	979
Administrative	61	1,013
Insurance	138	138
Total administrative expenses	\$6,412	\$9,136
Total expenses	\$64,605	\$56,620
Change in net assets	231,167	79,926
Net assets at beginning of year	960,378	880,452
Net assets at end of year	\$1,191,545	\$960,378

* including Graustein expenses of \$11,057 and Alcoa expenses of \$40 in 2006.

**For a complete copy of our
audited financial statements
please visit our web site:
branfordcommunityfoundation.org**

Branford Community Foundation

The Bob Dow Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund Established



The Bob Dow Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund was established this year by his family in memory of Bob Dow who died suddenly in February 2008. Bob was a lifelong resident of Branford. He was a graduate of Hopkins Grammar School and then went on to Duke University where he studied engineering and was a star football player for their varsity team. He then served three years with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, including one year as a platoon leader and commander in South Vietnam. Bob moved on to commercial real estate where his career spanned more than 37 years, including 27 years as president of Dow Realty Company. He was responsible for attracting relocating industries to Branford and developed many

important commercial properties here. Bob was active in the community as well, serving on many boards and commissions, including the New Haven Rotary Club, the Quinnipiac Council, Boy Scouts of America, The Greater New Haven and Guilford YMCA Boards of Managers, the Branford Economic Development Commission, and the Real Estate Board of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, to name just a few. Bob also coached youth sports and was a mentor at Walsh Intermediate School.

Bob's life was filled with activities such as skiing, sailing, tennis, golf, reading, and riding his Harley Davidson, and will be remembered for his spirit and enthusiasm. The Bob Dow Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund is a tribute to Bob's pride and commitment to the town of Branford, and to how highly he valued the role of competitive sports in his life. Bob was a well-rounded individual with a competitive drive, but will always be remembered for the sportsman-like qualities he learned through participating in sports and applied throughout his life. This scholarship is awarded annually to the individual who best represents these qualities.

For more information or to make a memorial contribution to Bob's fund, please visit our website www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org.

OUR FUNDS*

- General Fund (\$401,829)
- The Andriole Family Fund (\$29,292)
- The H. Allen Carroll Fund (\$17,121)
- The Clark Family Fund (\$7,661)
- The A. Peter and Fae Delfini Memorial Fund (\$11,034)
- The Darin G. Etzel Fund (\$110,235)
- The Ellen McDonnell Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$50,899)
- The P.J. Ferriolo Memorial Fund (\$27,592)
- The Vincent S. Giordano, Sr. Scholarship Fund (\$31,990)
- The Donald W. Grigley Memorial Fund (\$16,057)
- The Harry and Abby Johnson Fund (\$5,854)
- The William C. and Barbara R. Lyons Fund (\$136,968)
- The Mobeck Family Fund (\$12,489)
- The John and Carol Moss Fund (\$9,267)
- The William Owens, Jr. and Attorney Robert Owens Scholarship Fund (\$11,116)
- Carol D. Redden Scholarship Fund (\$28,556)
- The Mari-Ellen Reed Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund (\$15,621)
- The Austin Ryer Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$10,311)
- Selectmen's Awards Fund (\$3,340)
- The John B. Sliney Scholarship Fund (\$11,083)
- The Eleanor Taylor Fund (\$6,317)
- The Donald and Mary Lou Welch Fund (\$7,385)
- Winward Scholarship (\$21,570)
- Winward Music Award (\$9,855)

* 2007 Year End Totals

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Branford Community Youth Mentoring

This program matches community volunteers with Branford students, proving a positive role model. As a result, students become better students, have greater self-confidence and a better attitude toward school. The Branford Community Foundation supported this effort with a \$1,000.00 grant. Pictured: Colleen MacDonald, Tricia Bohan, Lou Onofrio, Marion Glick, and Jeff Wallace.



Branford Stingrays

This photos show the new, much needed timing equipment purchased through a \$4,200.00 grant from the BCF which will benefit the BHS Swim Team as well as the Stingrays. The Branford Community Foundation is proud to support the Stingrays and the many excellent Branford swimmers its program produces.

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 Darlene and Remy Zimmerman
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Camp Hazen YMCA

For 87 years, Camp Hazen YMCA in Chester, CT has been committed to building strong kids, families, and communities. Each year, over 8,500 youth attend its Summer Resident Camp, Day Camp, and Teen Leadership Programs, and year-round activities. The Branford Community Foundation partners with Camp Hazen to provide need-based financial assistance for Branford youth.



Harbor Health Services, Inc.

The Branford Community Foundation provided a \$600 grant to Harbor Health Services, Inc. to support 'lunch and learn' sessions for HHSI and Branford Counseling employees on diversity and multicultural issues.

GRANT FOCUS: The Branford Food Council, Inc.

2007 GRANTS

The Foundation's continuing commitment to our community was reflected by the number and size of our grants in 2007 which supported:

- Branford High School Performing Arts
- Branford Community Youth Mentoring Program
- Branford Stingrays
- Branford Food Council
- Camp Hazen YMCA
- First Congregational Church Ecuador Project
- Harbor Health Services, Inc.
- Orchard House
- St. Raphael's Foundation, Inc.
- Shoreline Arts Alliance
- Soundview Family YMCA
- Walsh Intermediate School Performing Arts
- Women & Family Life Center

In addition, 12 Branford High School seniors received scholarships for their education from memorial funds we hold and manage, totaling \$12,850.

Hungry people do not live only in third-world countries, but strive to survive in our local community. Since they tend to live outside the mainstream, their presence is often overlooked. The mission of the Branford Food Council is simple—to provide groceries for families in need. What is difficult, however, is finding the resources to meet those families' needs.

Families are qualified for assistance through the Branford Counseling Center. Those who qualify usually include the elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, the disabled, single parent families, the unemployed, and the working poor. Last year help reached an average of 113 families per month (387 people). Families receive food weekly and special dinners during the holidays.

There has always been a struggle to obtain enough food, but the need is particularly acute now due to diminishing supplies at the national food banks. "Food pantries" and "soup kitchens" rely on the Connecticut Regional Food Bank to supply most of their needs at a substantial discount or for free. In the past three years, the amount of food received from the Food Bank has been reduced by more than half. This gap must be filled by the community through cash and food donations.

"In spite of the challenges facing us," says Branford Food Council President Jay Webb, "we are encouraged by the wonderful support of the community in terms of food drives, financial contributions, and individual donations of food. Friends, businesses, churches, civic organizations, and foundations have offered their help."

The Branford Food Council was started by Branford churches over 30 years ago and those churches play an important, but not exclusive, role in current operations. The Food Council is a 100% volunteer effort located at 30 Harrison Avenue in the Volunteer Services Center.

Understanding the increased need in 2007, the Branford Community Foundation was happy to provide the Food Council with grants totaling \$5,000.00. The photos above show some of the many dedicated volunteers who help run the Branford Food Council.



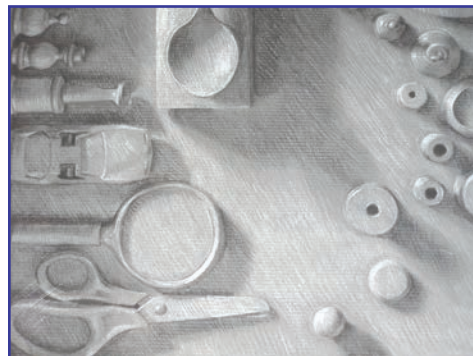
GRANT FOCUS: Shoreline Arts Alliance

The Branford Community Foundation was proud to support the Shoreline Arts Alliance with a \$2,000.00 grant for the Shoreline Arts Showcase. For over 20 years, the Shoreline Arts Alliance has created, presented, and promoted cultural programs and artistic activities in the central Shoreline region of Connecticut. Their success in making the arts visible, diverse, and accessible has been a major force in the cultural and artistic life of the region.

Since 1980, the Shoreline Arts Alliance has seeded the growth of vibrant cultural life in Connecticut. Their programming has grown enormously over the years, along with the number of member organizations (Affiliates) served. Currently, the Shoreline Arts Association has 70 Affiliate member organizations including the Branford Chorale, Let's Dance in Rhythm, the Branford Town Band, the Blackstone Library and Cultural Center, and Musical Art Society of Branford. They continue to publish a quarterly newsletter, which includes an Arts Calendar of Events of Affiliate organizations and a web site calendar with links to all of the Affiliate members (shorelinearts.org).



Shoreline Arts Alliance programs include (left) Shakespeare on the Shoreline, offering free outdoor performances of classic theatre on the historic Guilford Green; IMAGES, an annual, juried photography competition for Connecticut residents (bottom left Seaside with Elephant by Dana Osborn); and the Future Choices art exhibition, open to high school art students residing or attending school in the Shoreline region (bottom right, Best of Show from 2007).



About the Branford Community Foundation

The Branford Community Foundation, founded in 1980, is a public, nonprofit, tax exempt, charitable trust. It provides an administrative, philanthropic service -a means by which public-spirited citizens may make gifts or bequests, the income from which is distributed for educational, cultural, health, social and civic needs.

OUR MISSION

- To provide a permanent endowment and to meet unforeseen and important community needs.
- To enhance the self-sufficiency of recipient agencies in order to make Branford an even better place to live.
- To provide initial support for new and innovative projects of special merit and to provide leadership and resources for the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Branford Community Foundation and how to apply for a grant or set-up a fund, visit our website, branfordcommunity-foundation.org.



Saint Raphael Foundation

Radiation Oncologists Dr. Frank Cardinale of Branford, Dr. Joseph Cardinale of Hamden, and Dr. Arthur Knowlton of Branford are shown with the new linear accelerator installed at the Hospital of St. Raphael in 2007. The Branford Community Foundation contributed \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of this equipment, and is part of the Father Michael J. McGivney Center for Cancer Care.



Branford Performing Arts Programs

The Branford Community Foundation is proud to support the artistic efforts of the talented youth in Branford with contributions to the Branford High School and Walsh Intermediate School Performing Arts Programs. (Photo by Bill O'Brien)



Orchard House

The Branford Community Foundation recognizes that Branford is very fortunate to have a facility such as the Orchard House Medical Adult Center in its environs and is happy to support it. The Foundation gave a grant of \$1,000.00 to Orchard House to help offset the cost of a chair-lift van, a vehicle essential for the transportation of its clients.



The Women and Family Life Center

The Women and Family Life Center, a resource for individuals and families, was the appreciative recipient of an \$1,800.00 grant from the Branford Community Foundation to help upgrade their phone system and purchase multi-media equipment. The new equipment was needed in response to an expansion of services provided by WFLC, which has doubled the number of individuals accessing services in the past three years.