



BRANFORD

Community Foundation

IMPACT REPORT 2024





Dear Friends,

As we step into our 45th year of service to the Branford community, we are filled with gratitude and pride. The Branford Community Foundation's success is rooted in decades of generous contributions from donors and the active engagement of our neighbors. Your continued support fuels our mission and enables us to expand our impact each year. Thank you.

Here are a few highlights from 2024 that reflect your generosity in action:

**Community Investment**

Thanks to your support, we distributed nearly \$178,000 through grants, scholarships, and our partnership with GSB. We also welcomed six new charitable funds, helping our endowment reach a record \$3.1 million—a milestone that ensures we can do even more for Branford. Since 2014, we've invested over \$1.6 million back into our community.

**Leadership**

We proudly launched BranfordVolunteers.org, a platform connecting local nonprofits with community members eager to give their time and talent. Branford is home to dozens of organizations doing meaningful work—and now, there's finally a simple way for residents to get involved.

In fall 2024, we hosted the first roundtable with First Selectman James Cosgrove and leaders from Branford's human services organizations. The session included a powerful presentation on ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) community members, sparking conversation and collaboration around how we can better serve those in need.

**Internal Growth**

This year marked our first-ever Charitable Golf Tournament, presented by Thimble Island Private Wealth, which raised over \$25,000 in support of our operational capacity. Mark your calendars: we'll be back at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club on Monday, September 29, 2025.

We also unveiled a completely redesigned website—modern, user-friendly, and full of inspiring stories, helpful resources, and the latest updates. It may seem like a small change, but it's a meaningful stride in strengthening our connection to the community we serve.

For 45 years, the Branford Community Foundation has responded to our town's evolving needs with compassion, leadership, and vision. As we look ahead, we remain deeply committed to fostering generosity and building a vibrant, inclusive future for Branford.

With gratitude,

*Liza Janssen Petra*

Liza Janssen Petra, *Executive Director*

*Stephanie Donegan Dietz*

Stephanie Donegan Dietz, *Board Chair*





## DONOR STORY

# A Life of Giving, a Legacy That Lasts

**Harold D. Levy, M.D., loved many things, but none more than his family, his medical practice, his Branford community and his alma mater, Yale University.**

It comes as no surprise that when Dr. Levy passed away in January 2024 at the age of 90, his family created in his memory, the Harold D. Levy, M.D. "Prescription for Success" Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a Branford High School senior pursuing an education in a field related to healthcare.

Dr. Levy was a life-long resident of Branford. He attended Branford elementary schools and Hillhouse High School in New Haven before attending Yale University. He earned his degree in medicine from Boston University and did his residency at the Rhode Island Hospital in

Providence, Rhode Island. Ultimately, in 1961, he returned to his beloved town of Branford to join his father Nathan's medical practice while he and his wife of 64 years, Patricia, raised their four children; Ellen, Debra, Andrew, and Betsy.

As a family physician, Dr. Levy cared for patients of all ages and often throughout their entire lives. He became known as "Branford's Doctor," taking calls around the clock and regularly made house calls right up until his retirement in 2020. His patients were treated more like an extended family.

Dr. Levy was the school physician for Branford, St. Mary School and St. Mary Church for 20 years as well as the physician for the Branford and North Branford Fire Departments. He was a member of Branford's first Board of Health and the Visiting Nurse Association of Branford. An avid sports fan, he became the team physician for the Branford High School football team and would support other

teams as well. He would attend all home and most away games, for many sports, and was always ready to run out on the field or the court if there was an injured player. When necessary, he would retreat to his office to set fractures or suture a laceration. Dr. Levy's hard work and dedication led to his induction into the Branford Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.

It was exciting for Dr. Levy's daughters to know that while involved with Branford sports, they could have been on the same field or court as their father at the same time, for very different reasons. Nowadays, the four children run into people around town who may point to a scar and say, "Your dad gave me these stitches," or "Your dad set this bone," or "Your dad treated my concussion." It is a source of pride for them to hear the stories.

Years after the schools outsourced physicals, Dr. Levy would still attend many Branford sporting events. He also held season tickets to the Yale Bowl for more than 60 years and rarely missed a home football game, especially when Yale hosted Harvard. He loved to watch his children and grandchildren in any activity, whether it was sports, theater, majorettes, cheerleading, choir or pageants.

**When his granddaughter played on the Branford field hockey team that won the state championship in 2022, he truly felt like he was a part of the team. The win and culmination of that season brought him to tears.**

In 1987, Dr. Levy established and funded a scholarship at Branford High School in honor of his

father, Nathan. It was a way for him to carry-on his legacy. Having had a precedent set, the Levy family turned to the Branford Community Foundation in 2024 to ensure his legacy in perpetuity. As part of BCF's managed funds, the income generated provides the annual award to a student selected by the Branford High School guidance department. From Nathan Levy to Harold Levy, from one lifelong Branford resident to another, from one doctor to another, from one family man to another, Harold Levy established a scholarship in his father's name. Now, the Levy family felt it was equally as important to continue Harold's legacy by giving back to the town their grandfather and father loved so much.

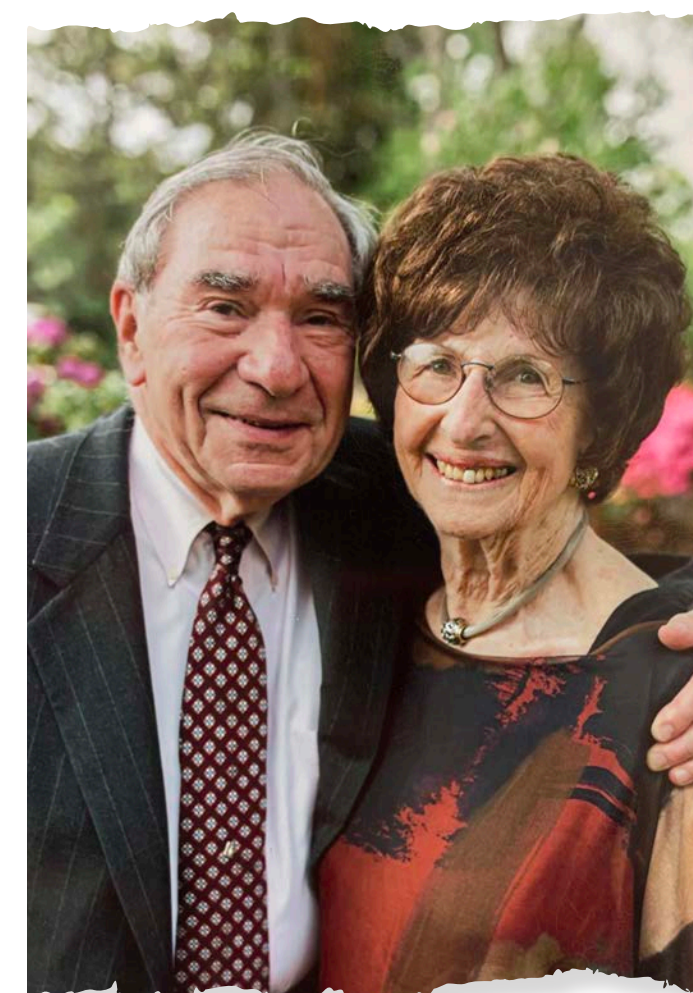


Photo above: Dr. Levy and his wife of 64 years, Patricia  
Photo left: Dr. Levy "in action" with legendary Branford High School Football Coach Joe Farina



## More Than A Meal

### Helping Branford school children head home each Friday with food and support.

Anyone who has ever had the afternoon munchies knows that hunger makes it hard to concentrate. Studies by dozens of public and private organizations have found that when it comes to hunger, children, in particular, experience negative impacts on concentration, academic performance, physical health, behavioral issues and even brain development. In Branford, roughly a quarter of the student population is enrolled in the federal government's program for free or reduced cost meals and as many as a third are considered food insecure.

So, it is no surprise that the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) awarded its largest 2024 grant of \$8,000 to Feed Branford Kids (FBK). The

organization works with school administrators and social workers to send children home each Friday with easy-to-prepare meals for the weekend. According to board member Kristine Klarman, "Our budget is projected to be close to \$120,000 for the year. The costs are up in terms of the number of people we're serving and food costs are so much higher."

Each week, volunteers pack 300 satchels with shelf-stable breakfasts, dinners, snacks and drinks. The items selected are easy to prepare, in many cases microwavable, so that many kids can manage it themselves: instant hot cereal or pancake mix; macaroni and cheese and prepared pasta; along with fruit cups, raisins or fruit bars; and milk or water.

FBK was founded by Johanne Pantani after she witnessed a similar program in Tennessee while on a church mission trip. She worried particularly about

the meals that children missed when they weren't in school and about the stigma that surrounds children as they grow to middle- and high-school age. FBK began working with the Board of Education in 2016 to partner with Branford's three elementary schools and more recently expanded to the middle and high schools.

"We know in general that we have a lot of families with multiple kids, children with special needs or medical issues, grandparents raising kids, and single moms," Klarman says. "The families with teenage boys...when they are at that intermediate and high school age their needs are tremendous. Can you imagine working as best you can, but your paychecks just don't go as far as they used to as your kids grow? The moms are always so thankful, and the kids are always so polite."

Anonymity is a cornerstone of the mission behind FBK. Dozens of volunteers — many of them retired teachers who have seen first-hand the impact of hunger on learning — pack the bags each Wednesday. The bags are delivered to the schools on Thursday. And on Friday, they are placed discreetly by school employees into the backpacks of young children or the lockers of older students.

During the school closures associated with the Covid pandemic, volunteers positioned themselves at central locations like the Green and a couple of parks so that families could pick up a bag for each child in the open air. That pick-up method has continued as well but moved to their warehouse on the east end of town. No one is asked for personal identifying information.

*"We don't need to know. We don't ask a lot of questions. If people need it, they can come and get it," Klarman says.*

She says sometimes the youngest children themselves are unaware and recalls hearing from a first-grade teacher about a child who wondered why her backpack was so heavy on Fridays.

The BCF grant is used to purchase food from the Connecticut Food Bank, skipping the retail middleman. Nearly all of FBK's fundraising goes to support their mission, with only one part-time employee who manages the warehouse, purchasing and delivery each week. In addition to a strong working relationship with the schools, Klarman says, FBK has worked with other organizations in town, including the Community Dining Room and the Branford Food Pantry. A recent partnership with the Rotary Club led to a coat drive for families to make sure their children were properly outfitted for the winter season.





## PARTNER STORY

# Funding Hope for Furry Friends

## A new fund devoted to animal care and wellness.

When it comes to the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter (DCAS), one might wonder which came first...the chicken or the egg? Branford's community love for wild and domesticated animals (including chickens) or the outstanding care they receive at DCAS? In the end, it doesn't matter which came first because the result is a reputation as one of the best animal shelters in Connecticut.

On the heels of expanding and improving its facility in 2023, the DCAS has partnered with the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) to start the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Medical and Wellness Endowment Fund. As a designated endowment fund, contributions to BCF for this fund can only be used for Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter medical and wellness expenses.

DCAS operates as both an animal control center and a humane society. The staff of four full-time and eight part-time employees protects both the public and animals, answers calls for roaming or aggressive pets and wildlife, and investigates cases of animal cruelty. They also provide rehabilitation to abused, neglected and sickly animals; run an adoption program that includes counseling and training for prospective families; stock a pet food

pantry for owners in the midst of hardship; run outreach and education programs and a summer camp for kids; manage dozens of volunteers, including a Read to Animals program in which hundreds of young readers have the opportunity to help socialize potential adoptees; run rabies and microchipping clinics; and offer internships to high school and college students looking to gain experience working with animals.

"We have 19 kennels and a number of cat condos and cages. At max, we can have 30 dogs, 125 cats and 15 critters, which include bunnies, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, snakes, and a bearded dragon," says Director Laura Burban. "We will take anything domesticated. We've had pigs, sheep, chickens, ducks, and even fancy pigeons."

Hundreds of animals pass through the shelter each year. In the post-Covid era, Burban says they are seeing a rise in abandonment and neglect as people who bought or adopted pets are facing return to traditional work environments or the hardship of the current economic climate. In addition, they are seeing a sharp increase in cases of animal cruelty.

For example, Chip is a dog that was found abandoned in Branford and came to the shelter emaciated, injured and sickly. "We give them a body condition rating of 0 to 10. Chip was a 1. Zero is dead, so he was really bad off. He was so abused and he was hungry so he had eaten anything he could get in his mouth. He needed multiple surgeries and so much intensive care. There were so many vet visits. And mental and physical rehabilitation. Our volunteers were teaching him about toys and vet visits."



*"He didn't understand people playing with him and being nice to him. That took months," Burban says. Chip's story does have a happy ending, though, as he was eventually adopted.*

The Town of Branford budgets for the cost of the employees and keeping the lights on, but medical and therapeutic care for the animals is covered almost entirely by donations. A commission of animal lovers appointed by the Board of Selectmen advises the DCAS and with Burban, they spend a lot of time fundraising for the veterinary and rehabilitative care. But despite the propriety of Branford's town budget system, a lot of people are uncomfortable donating to a municipal agency and would prefer a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Gretchen Dale, also an active

volunteer with the Connecticut Humane Society and a staunch advocate for animals at the State Capitol and the Branford Town Hall, personally provided a \$15,000 contribution to start the DCAS Medical and Wellness Endowment Fund. Together with the BCF, the new endowed fund feeds two birds with one scone, as it were.

Donors can feel even more confident that their money — donations, bequests, gifts of stock or otherwise — will go directly to the care of animals while enjoying the financial benefits of donating to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. And, when fully funded at \$2 million, the proceeds of the endowment will generate an annual budget of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to be used to support veterinary care and rehabilitation for the animals, which allows Burban and Dale to feel more secure about the needs of the DCAS into the future.



# A New Look!

## The BCF website gets a fresh look, designed with YOU in mind.

In 2024, the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) underwent the exciting process of designing, building, and launching a brand-new BCF website. It was time for a change: as BCF continues to grow and the needs of the community evolve, a new website was a key factor in striving to create a more accessible, all-encompassing hub for all things BCF.

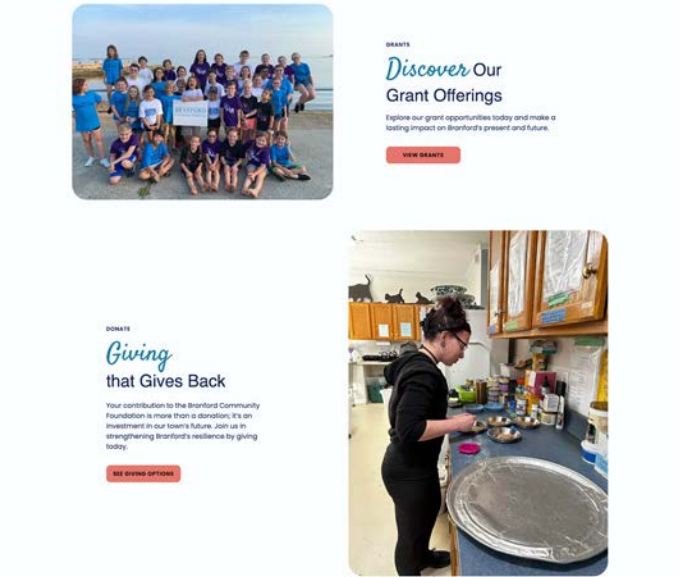
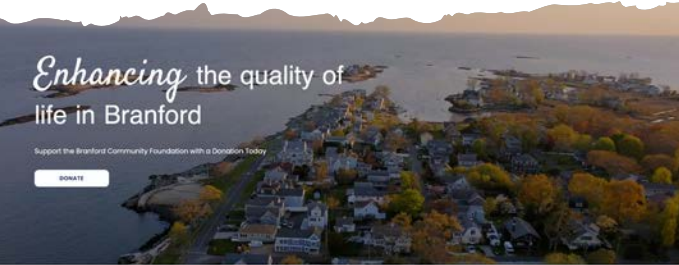
Featuring photography by Tricia Bohan and Bill O'Brien, the site offers an accessible hub for all things BCF, including updated branding utilizing the Foundation's signature colors and logo, a compiled knowledgebase where donors, partner organizations, and community groups could find the answers to their questions, and a full portfolio of all the funds that currently make up the Foundation.

*"This site was a labor of love and an exciting upgrade," said BCF Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra. "It will help us reach more of our community and expand our impact."*

Visitors can meet the BCF Board members and staff, explore funds, apply for grants and sponsorships, donate, and access Foundation

news. Everything from Foundation news to past Impact Reports demonstrating the work of BCF over the years is now hosted on the new website.

Explore the new site by visiting [BranfordCommunityFoundation.org](https://BranfordCommunityFoundation.org).



# Giving on the Greens

## BCF's first ever Charity Golf Tournament was a success.

2024 was a year of growth for the Branford Community Foundation (BCF), with a new website, partnerships, funds, and the launch of the first-ever BCF Charity Golf Tournament. Held on October 7 at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club, the tournament overcame a rainy start and turned into a spectacular day. Attendees enjoyed golf, a silent auction, and inspiring remarks from BCF Founder David Etzel.

Presented by Thimble Island Private Wealth, led by former Board member Logan Reed, the

event also celebrated Reed's creation of a new BCF scholarship for finance students. BCF is deeply grateful for his leadership and for our sponsors, including the Donegan and Etzel families, American Polyfilm, GSB, Kamana Branford/ Guilford Fine Indian Cuisine, Wells Thomas, LLC, and the Kling Donegan Team at William Raveis.

The event raised over \$30,000 to strengthen BCF's impact. "The tournament exceeded expectations, bringing together supporters and friends," said Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra.

Thank you to all who made it a success! Mark your calendars: the 2025 BCF Charity Golf Tournament is set for September 29.





# 2024 By the Numbers

LUMIBILITY  
(FORMELY SARAH INC.)

**30 participants**

with disabilities participated in enriching wellness and arts programs.

FEED BRANFORD KIDS

**175 students**

received backpacks full of food on a weekly basis.

SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE

**3 educational workshops**

uplifted diverse voices in children's literature.

STONY CREEK MUSEUM INC.

**750 children**

explored a pop-up dinosaur museum.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

**90 adult learners**

participated in ESOL classes .



COMMUNITY DINING ROOM

**1250 meals**

served to our neighbors.



BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

**1000 natural, biodegradable**

pots and products given to Branford neighbors.



TRAVELING TOYS, INC.

**2695 families**

checked out toys from the toy lending library at the James Blackstone Memorial Library.

TAIL TO PAW ANIMAL SUPPORT

**10 seniors**

secured support for their companion animals.

EAST SHORE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT.

**2500 residents**

learned about public health impacts of dog waste on our shoreline.

THE COVE CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

**5 families**

participated in monthly healing meetings.

SHORELINE VILLAGE CT

**43 seniors**

received support to age with dignity in the homes and neighborhoods that they love.



GRANT AWARDS

*In 2024, Branford Community Foundation invested in the community through its grant making, sponsorships and partnerships with GSB and designated charitable, funds and scholarships.*

- \$800 Branford Garden Club** to support sustainable gardening educational programming.
- \$1,000 Schiller Shoreline Institute for Lifelong Learning** to support the upgrade of technology website, and program equipment.
- \$1,000 The Branford Chorale** to support the 2024 holiday performance in the Walsh Middle School auditorium.
- \$1,000 Branford Compassion Club** to cover the cost of neutering 10 cats.
- \$1,000 Peace Love and ACCESSability** to develop educational programming regarding accessible parking.
- \$1,000 Shoreline Arts Alliance** to support educational workshops in children’s literature.
- \$1,500 Children in Placement, Connecticut Inc.** to support the guardian ad litem program, providing crucial services to Branford children in the child welfare system.
- \$1,600 James Blackstone Memorial Library** to support the 2024 youth summer reading program “Read, Renew, Repeat.”
- \$1,700 in Designated Grants** to The Branford Community Foundation Operating Fund and Shoreline Village CT.
- \$2,000 BHS Project Graduation** to support a substance free, safe, all-night celebration for the graduating class. This event is organized and staff by volunteers and open to all Branford High School graduating seniors.
- \$2,000 Tail To Paw Animal Support** to provide mobile vaccine and medical exams for individuals who are unable to access veterinary care for their pets.
- \$2,000 The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.** to support improvements to the swimming pool for community use and accessibility, including storage and wiring to enable use of mechanical equipment.

- \$2,000 Move to Heal CT** to support gym memberships mental health, counseling, nutrition, coaching, and group sessions for Branford resident struggling with mental health issues addictions substance abuse, depression.
- \$2,000 Society of Nepalese in America** to support Nepalese language and culture classes.
- \$2,000 Soundview Family YMCA** to support the Y B Fit afterschool program designed to increase physical activity for students in grades 4 and 5.
- \$2,000 Read to Grow, Inc.** to support Popcorn and PJs virtual family story times.
- \$2,000 Legacy Theatre** to support the restoration and display of a historic Stony Creek puppet.
- \$2,500 Traveling Toys, Inc.** to establish a toy lending library within the children’s and teen sections of the James Blackstone Memorial library.
- \$2,500 Branford Early Learning Center** to create a Community Children’s Resource Guide.
- \$2,500 BHcare, Inc.** to support the creation of an adult welcome area at the new BHcare facility.
- \$2,500 East Shore District Health Dept.** to support an education campaign to increase public awareness of health impacts of pet waste contamination in Short Beach.
- \$2,500 Lumibility** to support enhanced enrichment programs in wellness, arts, and therapy for day program participants.
- \$2,600 in Donor Advised Grants** to support Branford Land Trust’s education and outreach programming, and the maintenance of Todd Hill preserve.
- \$2,700 Community Dining Room** emergent grant to allow for additional food storage due to increased food cost.
- \$3,000 Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance** to support operating expenses.

- \$3,000 Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven** to train and support at least 10 volunteer tutors to teach at least 90 adult learners in English as a Second Language (ESL) literacy in partnership with Shoreline Adult Education.
- \$3,000 Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc.** to support outpatient mental health programs for the delivery of trauma informed clinical services and non-reimbursable, case management and care coordination services for Branford, children, and families.
- \$3,000 Camp Hazen YMCA** to provide financial assistance to Branford campers.
- \$3,000 Special Olympics Connecticut** to support athletes and volunteers of the central Shoreline local program.
- \$3,300 for leadership grants** to support the professional development of leaders of local charitable organizations.
- \$3,750 The Cove Center for Grieving Children** to support peer support groups for children experiencing grief.
- \$4,000 Stony Creek Museum Inc.** to support Dino Week in the Creek.
- \$4,000 Community Dining Room** to support the procurement of healthy and nutritious foods.
- \$4,000 Soundview Family YMCA** to support a partnership with Branford Public school system to ensure every child is water safe by the age of 12.
- \$4,000 Shoreline Village CT** to support member services and events that allow seniors to age in place.
- \$4,200 Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center** to purchase a bingo flashboard allowing more clients to participate.
- \$6,000 Women & Family Life Center** to strengthen and enhance the Guided Assistance Program (GAP).
- \$8,000 Feed Branford Kids** to provide food to all Branford kids on a year-round basis.
- \$50,057 Branford High School Scholarships** to 37 Branford High School graduates pursuing higher education and 3 scholarships to Branford Fire Department for emergency services education.

- Sponsorships**  
The Branford Community Foundation partnered with GSB to provide sponsorships for the following events in 2024:
- Branford Compassion Club Animal Awareness Day
  - Branford Festival Father of the Year essay contest
  - Branford Food Pantry Musical benefit in support of the Branford Food Pantry
  - Branford High School Performing Arts - Legally Blonde: The Musical
  - Branford Historical Society 2024 Annual Meeting & Dinner
  - Branford Land Trust Nature Events and Speakers
  - Branford Parks and Recreation Department AED’s In the Park
  - Branford Parks and Recreation Department TGIF Music on the Green
  - Branford Road Race
  - Camp Rising Sun Inc Annual Night Out for the Kids
  - Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. Builders of Hope
  - Community Dining Room
  - Friends of James Blackstone Memorial Library Annual Book Sale
  - James Blackstone Memorial Library Mini Golf
  - Legacy Theatre A Practically Perfect Evening
  - Living Wisely & Well on Planet Earth Day Fair
  - Mothers Against Drunk Driving New England Walk Like MADD on the Branford Town Green
  - New Reach Auction
  - Peace Love and ACCESSability Community Access Awareness Day
  - Rotary Club of North Branford Fall Fling - Murder Mystery Dinner
  - SARAH Foundation Gala
  - Shoreline Arts Alliance Tassy Walden Awards - New Voices in Children’s Literature
  - Shoreline Eldercare Alliance Celebration of Healthy Living
  - Shoreline Theatre Company
  - Shoreline Village CT Member Recruitment Events
  - Soundview Family YMCA Race 4 Chase Youth Triathlon Program
  - Soundview Family YMCA 18th Annual Golf Tournament and Sweat for a Cause
  - The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. Branford Celebrates Joe Mooney!
  - Walsh Intermediate School Memorial Day Contest
  - Women & Family Life Center EmpowHER Gala
  - Women & Family Life Center SHero Awards



# BCF 2024 Financial Highlights

The Branford Community Foundation (BCF) is pleased to present its financial report for fiscal year 2024. BCF awarded nearly \$178,000 in grants, scholarships, and sponsorships during our 2023 fiscal year, a consistent year over year growth in our community investment through our permanent charitable funds.

BCF takes the stewardship of the assets entrusted to it very seriously. Our investment portfolio closed the fiscal year (Dec. 31, 2024) with \$3.1 million, up 3% from the end of our prior fiscal year. We are proud of our steady growth in our assets even as we continue to provide more support each year to our community.

BCF’s work is made possible through the passion and generosity of our donors. We are grateful to our individual, family, nonprofit and corporate donors for their confidence in us as an effective steward and partner. We received over \$300,000 in contributions in 2023, a 4% increase over the previous year. Your generosity and trust enable us to be a courageous and enduring partner in philanthropy.

We are so grateful for the incredible donor support the local community provides BCF. None of this would be possible without you.

AS OF DECEMBER 31	FY2023 (unaudited)	FY2023 (audited)	% Change
Total Assets	\$3,123,872	\$3,046,717	3%
Total Contributions	\$300,152	\$287,373	4%
Total Grants	\$177,980	\$174,636	2%

We and our donors seek to address the needs of today while upholding charitable legacies for generations to come, so we invest both for now and for the future. The prudent fiscal stewardship of our donors’ funds and legacies is our top priority. BCF works with the investment professionals at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (CFGNH) who manage our endowment. BCF’s individual funds are pooled and invested in a globally diversified portfolio across stocks, bonds, alternative investments such as hedge funds, private equity and private real assets. While market dynamics inherently involve ups and downs, our Finance Committee remains steadfast in its commitment to a long-term strategy that will sustain our ability to serve our community for generations to come.



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