



BRANFORD
Community Foundation

IMPACT REPORT 2025



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Dear Friends,

Thanks to the generosity of our community, 2025 was a truly remarkable year for the Branford Community Foundation. Our success is built on decades of philanthropy and the active engagement of neighbors like you. Your continued support fuels our mission and allows us to deepen and expand our impact each year. Thank you.

Here are just a few highlights from 2025 that reflect your generosity in action:

Endowment

With your support and careful stewardship, our endowment surpassed \$4 million for the first time in our history. We also welcomed 10 new charitable funds, each helping to strengthen our ability to serve Branford now and for generations to come. Inside this report, you'll read about two of these special funds, each created to bring hope and purpose in the face of the tragic loss of a young life.

Community Investment

This year, BCF distributed nearly \$180,000 through grants, scholarships, and our sponsorship partnership with Ascend Bank (formerly GSB). A significant portion of these funds supported organizations serving the most vulnerable members of our community. As the cost of living continues to rise and federal funding remains uncertain, this support is more critical than ever to ensure Branford individuals and families do not fall through the cracks. Inside, you'll see the meaningful impact of five grants awarded this year.

Leadership

BranfordVolunteers.org celebrated its first anniversary as a vital resource connecting local nonprofits with community members eager to give their time and talent. In just one year, 57 organizations joined the platform, resulting in more than 700 volunteer connections—strengthening the network of care that defines our community.

It is an honor to steward the Branford Community Foundation. As we look ahead, we remain deeply committed to fostering generosity and building a vibrant, inclusive future for Branford.

With gratitude,

Liza Janssen Petra, *Executive Director*

Stephanie Donegan Dietz, *Board Chair*

A Life and Legacy of Passion



Charlie Fiskio was a passionate young man. When he found something he enjoyed, he really sank his teeth into it, whether it was music, reading, sports, service to others or his job at the Campbell Foundry Company. And he was passionate about family, including his parents, three older sisters, his new wife Savannah, and his nieces and nephews, and about friends, especially a close knit but welcoming group of guys he'd hung out with since he was 7 years old.

When Charlie passed away in March 2025 from complications of polycythemia vera, his family and friends almost immediately sought a way to honor that passionate spirit. They reached out to the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) to create a unique fund, the first of its kind at Francis Walsh Intermediate School, to help a young person pursue their passion, whether it be a hobby, art form, or sports activity. The hope is that one award will go to an 8th grader as they move on to high school, and that another award might be made to a younger child just starting out in something new.

“Boy, if there’s a confusing time in a kid’s life, it’s middle school,” explains Charlie’s father, Bob Fiskio. “We thought middle school was the right avenue for this fund...to find out who are the kids who have what looks to be a passion and for one reason or another, don’t have the resources to pursue it. Who needs a saxophone or a baseball glove or to go to a ballet class?”

According to Bob, the family wants to encourage school personnel to be imaginative and observant in recommending children whose gifts might otherwise be overlooked.

Charlie had been an athlete, playing baseball and basketball through his years in Branford schools and enjoying snowboarding and golf as an adult. As a kid, he learned to play the guitar and enjoyed reading. But, he came alive when his parents signed him up for volunteering through the First Congregational Church at Habitat for Humanity and Camp Totokett.

“As he grew older, he became a more generous and supportive young man,” his father remembers. That spirit was evident to the Fiskio family when the fund began receiving donations from those who knew Charlie – teachers, coaches, neighbors, fellow golfers, even restaurants he had frequented. In August 2025, 144 golfers gathered at Lyman Orchard Golf Course for the first annual Charlie Fiskio Golf Tournament, raising more than \$13,000 for the BCF fund. A second tournament is planned for August 2026.

At the tournament, Charlie’s sister Emily, herself a middle school teacher in New York, explained their vision for the Charlie Fiskio Fund to all the contributors:

“We hope that a kid who thought they didn’t quite fit might find their place; that a child who didn’t quite know what they were good at will get a chance to discover it; that Charlie’s legacy will live not only in memory, but in motion – in the small, and beautiful ways that one life can change another.”

Emily also thanked BCF for “giving us the space and encouragement to shape something that truly reflects the heart and soul of my brother.”

GRANTEE STORY

A Bright Light Lives On

The Branford High School (BHS) tennis courts will be getting a spruce-up in 2026, thanks to a new partnership between the Branford Community Foundation, Branford Public Schools and the tight-knit Pine Orchard community that continues to honor Tally Sepot more than 10 years after her passing. Tally was a BHS graduate and Penn State sophomore when she lost her life as a result of a car accident in the fall of 2015.

Tally is always remembered as a bright light in Branford. Her infectious smile drew people in and lifted people up. A dedicated swimmer and captain of the tennis team, she was always quick to offer help and had spent summers volunteering – working to build a new school in Ecuador or working with disadvantaged children. She loved participating in charity events as a Penn State student and member of the Alpha Chi Omega

sorority. Indeed, she lost her life returning to campus with other sorority and fraternity friends after a day of fundraising for pediatric cancer care and research.

“She was a beautiful girl, inside and out,” remembers Alex Palluzzi, Jr., retired director of Branford Parks and Recreation and a family friend who spearheaded the recent partnership with BCF.

Basic improvements to the tennis courts themselves fall under the purview of the Board of Education and \$140,000 has been allocated in the capital improvement budget. A memorial plaque had been placed at the courts years ago, and that would have been preserved regardless of the changes. But the high school and the local community saw an opportunity for something more.



Photo: Tally Sepot, third from left, with teammates and coaches.

According to Blaize Levitan, chief operating officer for the Branford Public Schools, additional enhancements will be made – more and better spectator seating, a more decorative walkway, and flowerbeds that will include Tally’s favorite spring-flowering tulips.

“She was an active member of the community and she is always remembered as having had a kind spirit. This will be a more fitting tribute to what she embodied for the community and for other students,” Levitan says.

Palluzzi enlisted the help of Nick Torello, who offered to host an event at the Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club. Members and friends of the Sepot family gathered at a summer-time fundraiser at the club, where Tally’s love of the season and all warm-weather activities was celebrated. The goal was to raise \$50,000 to make the renovations appear less utilitarian and more vibrant...in short, to invoke the spirit of Tally Sepot.

“I saw love in Pine Orchard that night. People couldn’t do enough to help,” Palluzzi says. In the end, more than \$75,000 was raised, surpassing the immediate goal and allowing money to be set aside in a BCF restricted fund for ongoing maintenance and repairs.

Levitan and Palluzzi also note that several local businesses have donated materials and services to the project, above and beyond the contributions to the BCF fund. Construction will begin Spring 2026.



Photos: Board member Ryan Torello and family with Claudia and Joe Sepot (top); Gathering at Pine Orchard Country Club to celebrate the Fund (bottom)

PARTNER STORY



This year, the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) selected 29 grant recipients from a total of 51 applications, awarding a total of \$90,550 in funding. Requests ranged from \$1,500 to \$20,000 and totaled nearly \$300,000. In keeping with the guiding principles of BCF, more than one fourth of those grant dollars were awarded in the category of basic needs, including food insecurity, shelter, emergency financial assistance, and childcare needs.

BCF has long been committed to addressing those basic needs, while also enhancing quality of life through funding of the arts, environmental causes, health, education and youth and civic engagement. This year, five awards were made to long-established non-profit organizations helping those most vulnerable in the community, including an increasing number of families with children and senior citizens struggling to keep their households afloat.

Feed Branford Kids (FBK) received the largest of the basic needs grants, \$8,000. The organization discreetly provides weekend meals to hundreds of Branford Public Schools students who are eligible for free and reduced school lunches or identified by school personnel as food insecure. Many of the volunteers who pack the weekly satchels are retired teachers. FBK avoids paying retail food prices by purchasing directly from the Connecticut Food Bank. Because both the cost of food and the number of families needing assistance have increased in recent years, the grant was used to purchase food.

The Community Dining Room (CDR) received a grant of \$4,000 to support its nutritional program. The CDR serves meals every day, including a special family night with kid-friendly crafts and activities, in its efforts to combat both hunger and isolation. They also offer lunch-time information programs around

Photo: Staff representatives from Fair Haven Health

housing, personal finance, and community health. The grant was used to support CDR in providing freshly cooked, healthy and balanced meals, as well as educational initiatives that promote long-term wellness.

A \$6,000 grant was awarded to the Carrie P. Chandler Housing Development Corp. which maintains the St. Stephen's Townhouses, an affordable housing community constructed just outside the town center in 1987. The grant was used for maintenance and upgrades to heating and cooling equipment for the 7-unit complex.

Columbus House, Inc. received a grant of \$3,000 to provide case management services for 12 families and 3 individuals dealing with housing insecurity in Branford. Known for its emergency shelters in New Haven and Middlesex counties, Columbus House also helps connect clients to resources and services

they need as they work toward permanent housing. These might include affordable housing options, mental health and addiction services, veterans services, financial literacy training, employment coaching and more.

Lastly, BCF awarded Fair Haven Community Health Care (FHCHC) a grant of \$2,000 toward its Basic Needs Fund. FHCHC provides behavioral health services at two of Branford's elementary schools, while the other schools offer full service school-based health centers. The Basic Needs Fund at FHCHC recognizes that a child's health and well-being are influenced by factors outside a child's control, such as food insecurity, job loss and safe housing. This grant helps Branford clients' families access assistance quickly to ensure a stable environment for a child to learn and thrive.



Photos: Volunteers at Community Dining Room (left); Representatives of Feed Branford Kids (right)

Giving on the Greens

On a picture-perfect Monday, September 29, 2025, more than 100 friends and neighbors gathered at the beautiful Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club for a day that was about far more than golf. The 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of the Branford Community Foundation brought together community spirit, friendly competition, and a shared commitment to Branford’s future.

From the morning buzz of registration and practice swings at the range to the resounding cheer of the shotgun start, the energy was contagious. Golfers enjoyed a delicious lunch before heading out onto the stunning course, where laughter and camaraderie carried across the fairways all afternoon.

By evening, players and guests gathered for a lively buffet dinner, awards, and prize drawings, celebrating not just great shots, but a great cause. Thanks to a sold-out tournament, generous sponsors, and enthusiastic supporters, the event raised more than \$34,000 to help meet Branford’s educational, cultural, health, social, and civic needs.

As Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra shared with attendees, every dollar raised strengthens the Foundation’s ability to serve the community. With presenting sponsor Thimble Island Private Wealth and many dedicated partners leading the way, the day was a powerful reminder of what’s possible when a community comes together.

The Foundation looks forward to making this cherished tournament an annual tradition—one that continues to drive impact for years to come.



Photos: Board member John McGow (left) and volunteer Matt Fleming (top); L-R, Liza Janssen Petra, Jennifer Mullett, and Board Chair Stephanie Donegan Dietz (bottom)



Celebrates 1st Anniversary

The Branford Community Foundation launched BranfordVolunteers.org in the fall of 2024 in partnership with Anonym Partners and the James Blackstone Memorial Library with a simple goal: make it easier for neighbors to help neighbors. By the end of the year, that goal has translated into 700 volunteer connections—and a stronger network of support for Branford’s nonprofits.

As of April 2026 the free, searchable site now features 57 local organizations, from the Community Dining Room to the Shore Line Trolley Museum, the James Blackstone Memorial Library, and many more. With no fees, no ads, and no registration required, residents can browse by

keyword, category, or organization and connect directly with causes that match their interests.

Nonprofit leaders say the impact has been immediate, making volunteer recruitment faster, more visible, and more accessible than ever before. What once relied on word of mouth is now powered by a dedicated local platform producing real results.

By bringing its slogan “connecting people who care with causes that matter” to life in a tangible way, BCF has strengthened the backbone of Branford’s nonprofit community. 700 connections in year one is just the beginning.



Branford Community Foundation 2025 By the Numbers

CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT

5 Branford volunteers

trained to support foster children



ORCHARD HOUSE MEDICAL
ADULT DAY CENTER

32 Branford residents

enjoyed entertainment and
music therapy

READ TO GROW, INC.

300 families

received free children's books

SOUNDVIEW FAMILY YMCA

60 second graders

received swimming lessons

BRANFORD COMPASSION CLUB

10 cats

spayed/neutered

CAMP HAZEN YMCA

12 kids

received financial assistance to
attend summer camp

AMERICAN LEGION CORCORAN
SUNDQUIST POST 83

1 heating system

replaced at the American
Legion Post 83

TAKE A VET FISHING

20 Veterans

relaxed on a fishing trip



FRIENDS OF OUTER ISLAND

120 first-time visitors

traveled to Outer Island for
investigative field trips



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONNECTICUT

45 athletes & partners

attended state competitions and
played the sports they love

BRANFORD MICROFUND

5 Branford residents

received interest free loans

JAMES BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

4,278 children & teens

learned, played and socialized through
the summer learning program

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. HERITAGE FOUNDATION

60 community
members

practiced open-mindedness
at Meals for the Mind

GRANT AWARDS

In 2025, the Branford Community Foundation invested in the community through its grant making, sponsorship partnership with Ascend Bank, donor advised funds, designated charitable funds and scholarships.

\$1,000 New Haven Ballet to support community Ballet Classes at Branford Community Center.

\$1,000 Friends of Outer Island to support first-time visits to Outer Island.

\$1,000 Special Olympics Connecticut to support athletes and volunteers of the central Shoreline local program.

\$1,000 Donor Advised Grant to the Branford Land Trust to support the mowing of Todds Hill Preserve.

\$1,500 James Blackstone Memorial Library to support the 2025 Summer Learning Program "Level Up at Your Library."

\$1,500 Read to Grow, Inc. to support childhood literacy in Branford through Books for Kids and Popcorn and PJs programs.

\$1,500 Camp Hazen YMCA to provide financial assistance to Branford campers.

\$1,740 Branford Compassion Club to cover the cost of neutering 10 cats.

\$1,900 Designated Grants to Branford Community Foundation Operating Fund and Shoreline Village CT.

\$2,000 Children in Placement, Connecticut, Inc. to support the Guardian Ad Litem Program, providing crucial services to Branford children in the child welfare system.

\$2,000 Fair Haven Community Health Care to support Branford clients through their Basic Needs Fund.

\$2,000 Pine Orchard Nursery School to support school building renovations.

\$2,000 Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance to support the BACA Youth Arts Initiative.

\$2,000 Soundview Family YMCA to support a partnership with Branford Public Schools system to ensure every child is water safe by the age of 12.

\$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.

\$2,850 Take A Vet Fishing to support getting veterans out of the clinical environment for a relaxing day of fishing.

\$3,000 The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. to support education in the Branford community about Hospice and Dementia Care.

\$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 Columbus House, Inc. to provide case management services and community resource connections to families and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Branford.

\$3,000 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation to support ongoing costs for MLK programs throughout the year.

\$3,600 Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center to support Music and Mood Program for Dementia.

\$3,860 Branford Early Learning Center to provide summer enrichment programs.

\$4,000 American Legion Corcoran Sundquist Post 83 to offset the cost of necessary repairs to the heating system.

\$4,000 Community Dining Room to support the procurement of healthy and nutritious foods.

\$4,000 The Cove Center for Grieving Children to support peer support groups for children experiencing grief.

\$4,000 Shoreline Village CT to support member services and events that allow seniors to age in place.

\$5,000 Women & Family Life Center to strengthen and enhance the Guided Assistance Program (GAP).

\$6,000 Carrie P. Chandler Housing Development Corporation to offset the cost of necessary upgrades to the HVAC system.

\$6,000 Branford Microfund to support an increase in number of applications from people who face a sudden emergency beyond their immediate financial capability.

\$6,000 Camp Totokett to support a week of camp at Killiam's Point for children affected by trauma.

\$8,000 Feed Branford Kids to provide food to all Branford kids on a year-round basis.

\$52,450 Branford High School Scholarships to 44 Branford High School graduates pursuing higher education and 1 scholarship to Branford Fire Department for emergency services education.

Sponsorships:

The Branford Community Foundation partnered with Ascend Bank (formerly GSB) to provide sponsorships for the following events in 2025:

BHcare, Inc. Shoreline Family Fun Day
 Branford Compassion Club Animal Awareness Day
 Branford Early Learning Center Week of the Young Child Celebration
 Branford Festival Father of the Year Contest
 Branford Garden Club Sustainable Gardening and Healthy Yards
 Branford Historical Society Annual Meeting & Dinner
 Branford Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department TGIF Concert Series
 Branford Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department Fire Prevention for Seniors
 Branford Road Race
 Camp Rising Sun Annual Night Out
 Community Dining Room
 Feeding Families Foundation Magic Cabaret
 Friends of James Blackstone Memorial Library Annual Fall Book Sale
 James Blackstone Memorial Library Mini Golf
 Legacy Theatre Gala Sponsorship
 New Reach Annual Auction
 Peace Love and ACCESSability 2nd Annual Community Access Awareness Day
 Read to Grow, Inc. Spring Into Reading: Family Day
 Rotary Club of North Branford Fall Fling - Dancing through the Decades
 SARA Foundation Gala
 Shoreline Arts Alliance Tassy Walden Awards - 25th Anniversary Celebration of Children's Literature
 Shoreline Eldercare Alliance Celebration of Healthy Aging
 Shoreline Theatre Company Rent & Disney's Descendants
 Soundview Family YMCA Sweat for A Cause, Race for Chase, and the Stingrays Banner
 Stony Creek Farmers Market
 Tabor Lutheran Church Soup's On
 The Shore Line Trolley Museum 125th Right of Way Anniversary
 The Connecticut Hospice Gratitude Gala
 Walsh Intermediate School Memorial Day Essay Contest
 Women & Family Life Center empowHER Gala and SHERo Awards

BCF LEGACY CIRCLE

The Legacy Circle provides a way for the Branford Community Foundation to recognize donors who want to secure a strong future for the community through a planned gift. A charitable bequest to BCF is a simple way to positively impact the future well-being of the people who live, work, and play in Branford, while simultaneously securing the tax benefits of planned giving.

Legacy Circle Members

- Jan Walzer & David Etzel
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Join the Legacy Circle by contacting Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra by calling (203) 444-4898 or emailing lpetra@branfordcommunityfoundation.org.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

BCF 2025 Financial Highlights

The Branford Community Foundation (BCF) is proud to share its financial report for fiscal year 2025. Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, BCF awarded nearly \$180,000 in grants, scholarships, and sponsorships during the year—a new high-water mark—supporting local nonprofits, students, and community initiatives that strengthen Branford today and for generations to come.

BCF takes seriously the responsibility of stewarding the charitable assets entrusted to us. As of December 31, 2025, our investment portfolio surpassed \$4 million for the first time ever and a 23% increase over 2024. This growth reflects both prudent financial management and the enduring commitment of donors who believe in building a permanent source of support for our community. The heart of BCF’s work is the generosity of

our donors. Individuals, families, nonprofits, and businesses continue to invest in Branford through charitable funds that reflect their values and passions. In 2025, BCF received \$747,491 in contributions, more than double the previous year, including the creation of 10 new permanent legacy funds that will support the community for years to come. We are deeply grateful for the trust our donors place in us to carry forward their philanthropic vision.

Every gift helps create opportunity, strengthen local organizations, and respond to emerging needs. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient Branford. None of this work would be possible without the generosity and partnership of our community.

AS OF DECEMBER 31	FY2025 <i>(unaudited)</i>	FY2024	% Change
Total Assets	\$4,078,765	\$3,327,464	23%
Total Contributions	\$747,490.99	\$300,152.15	149%
Total Grants	\$178,621.55	\$176,847	1%

At BCF, we believe in meeting the needs of today while protecting charitable legacies for tomorrow. Our goal is to ensure that the generosity of today’s donors continues to benefit Branford far into the future.

To support this mission, BCF partners with the investment professionals at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (CFGNH), which manages our endowment. Individual funds are pooled and invested in a globally diversified portfolio that includes stocks, bonds, and alternative investments such as hedge funds, private equity, and private real assets. While markets naturally rise and fall, our Finance Committee remains committed to a disciplined, long-term investment strategy designed to sustain and grow these charitable resources for generations to come. Together with our donors, BCF is creating a permanent legacy of generosity, opportunity, and community care.



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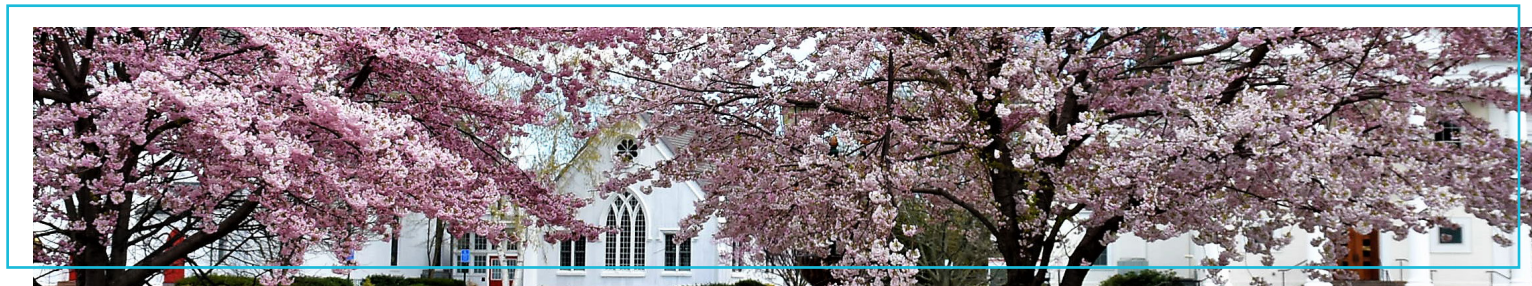
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