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## News on Community Investment

We are pleased to announce that since the Spring 2016 newsletter, the Guilford Foundation has awarded over \$32,000 in grants and scholarships, bringing our total investment in the community this year to nearly \$50,000.

### Guilford Foundation Awards \$10,850 in Grants In June

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) awarded grants to five organizations serving Guilford. The awards ranged from \$500 to \$4,550 and support youth, case management for children and families, and the environment.

Menunkatuck Audubon Society is the local chapter of National Audubon Society, and works locally to preserve natural ecosystems. TGF provided a \$4,550 grant to Menunkatuck to install two cameras on Faulkner's Island that will stream live video of nesting Roseate and Common terns beginning as early as May 2017.

TGF provided a \$5,000 to the Clifford Beers Clinic grant for case management services to Guilford children and their families with psychiatric and behavioral disorders. Established in 1913, the Clifford Beers Clinic seeks to promote the emotional, psychological and physical well-being of children and families who are impacted by the effects of sexual abuse, domestic violence and other behavioral health issues.

The Guilford High School's Unity Club works to decrease bullying and promote tolerance, acceptance and inclusion in the High School. TGF granted \$500 to purchase T-shirts to be distributed to the entire student body at a rally in the fall of 2016.

Finally, TGF provided the Guilford Garden Club with at \$800 grant to help maintain the tree canopy in Guilford. The Guilford Garden Club works to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, and promotes the nurturing and preservation of the town's natural resources.

The Board was pleased to support these worthy programs that support Guilford and those who live, work and play here. The Guilford Foundation's next application deadline for funding is December 1, 2016.

### TGF's Youth Advisory Group Grants \$10,396

The Guilford Foundation's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) recently made the following awards:

- \$1,000 to the Guilford Keeping Society for Colonial Life Camp.
- \$1,500 to Shoreline Arts Alliance for an accessibility program for the 2016 Rising Stars Theatre Experience.
- \$1,500 to Guilford Developmental Assets for Youth (DAY) for the purple DAY Week flags seen around town.
- \$2,000 to Women & Family Life Center, Inc. for a "Crash Course Life Skills" program.
- \$440 to Guilford Arts Center for a creative arts workshop at the Branford Alps Farmers Market.
- \$1394.60 to the Guilford Free Library to support a diversification of educational resources.

- \$2,500 to Guilford Social Services for their "Back to School" backpack and supplies program.

These awards are made in partnership with TGF's Elisabeth Adams Fund, which provides a 100% match to amounts the students raise.

### 12 scholarships totaling \$12,050 to Guilford High School Graduating Seniors

The 2016 scholarship recipients are:

- Christopher Barber, Stephen A. Looney Fund, attending Bucknell University
- Anna Buchanan, Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. Humanitarian Fund, will attend McGill University
- Kathryn Burke, Elisabeth Adams Fund, attending Vassar College
- Samuel Fogarty, Elisabeth Adams Fund attending Union College
- Ashley Ignatowski, Ralph Schipani Scholarship Fund, attending Simmons College
- Daniel McCloskey, Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. Humanitarian Fund, attending University of Connecticut
- Mathew Moroso, Al & Gene Bishop Fund for Vocational and Industrial Arts, attending University of New Haven
- Madisen Panagoulis, Stephen A. Looney Fund, attending University of Delaware
- Tyler Rogers, Ralph Schipani Scholarship Fund, attending Southern Connecticut State University
- Mark Sejourne, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Schwanfelder Fund, attending Brown University
- Meredith Shank, Stuart D. Burt Fund, attending Florida State University
- Samantha Shank, Jake Penman Memorial Fund, attending Boston University

Many thanks to the Guilford High School Guidance Department for their work to help identify the awardees!



A few representatives of the 2016 Guilford Foundation Scholarship award recipients



## Donor-Advised Fund Provides the Flexibility for Education and Environmental Support

Acquiring an important piece of open space, providing environmental education, or maintaining trails and building a viewing platform are among the community investments envisioned by William (Bill) Bloss, who recently established the Jared Eliot Fund on behalf of an anonymous donor.

The donor-advised fund was started with a \$200,000 contribution and will focus on environmental issues, the preservation of open space and improving educational services in Guilford. Bloss explains the unusual sequence of events that led to the establishment of this latest fund at The Guilford Foundation.

“As part of a resolution of a case a person made a charitable contribution and I designated The Guilford Foundation as the recipient,” explained Bloss, an active community volunteer and trial lawyer with Koskoff, Koskoff and Bieder, PC.

The fund derives its name from Bloss’s Guilford homestead, the Jared Eliot House, built in 1723. The Mulberry Point house is on the National Register of Historic Places and once was home to Jared Eliot, a colonial theologian, doctor, entrepreneur and intellectual.

Bloss’s commitment to Guilford is evident in his volunteer endeavors. As vice president of the Guilford Land Conservation Trust and chairman of the Board of Education he devotes countless hours for the betterment of the town.

“These are the two things I’m active in,” he said. “The great thing about open space preservation is that once the Land Trust buys a piece of land, that’s it, it’s forever preserved open space and that’s a fantastic result to know that some vital piece of our town will be protected for generations and generations to come. And, similarly, in preserving and improving education the community is strengthened forever, as well, when children are able to reach their top potential.”

Bloss created the fund with very little constraints, which leaves it available to support the beneficiaries in a variety of ways. As a donor-advised fund, Bloss

can make recommendations to the Guilford Foundation Board of Directors on how the fund should be granted.

“Funds like this have a great deal of flexibility,” said Bloss, “and can be used to supplement existing programs in a way that just would not be possible through the normal budget.”

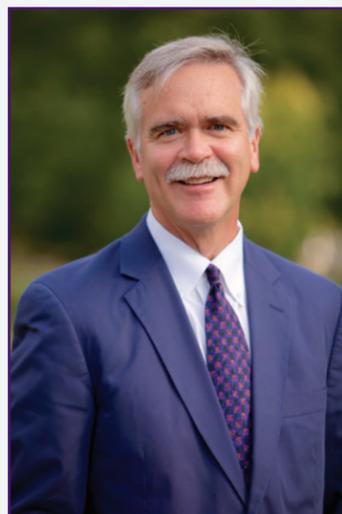
While no monies have yet to be disbursed, when that time comes Bloss will be looking for advice from individuals who are more closely aligned with the issues that the Jared Eliot Fund benefits.

“I’m going to rely on people who have greater expertise than me about that and listen to others and consult with the Foundation and try to make sure this works for Guilford in the most effective way possible,” he said.

He is humble when asked how he feels about having this unique opportunity to give back to the community he calls home.

“Guilford has been very good to me and very good to my family,” he said. “My girls are in the public schools and I am nowhere close to giving back to Guilford everything that it’s given to my family, so I’m very proud to live in Guilford. It’s a group of people that care passionately about our town and about others. So I’m just happy to live in this community.”

And the Guilford Foundation is honored that Bloss selected them to help him meet his philanthropic vision.



Attorney and local philanthropist William (Bill) Bloss

**\$200,000** fund will focus on environmental issues

## Linking Children and Families to Needed Services

Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. is the nation’s oldest non-profit outpatient mental health clinic and has been working to improve the lives of children and families since 1913. The clinic provides outpatient mental health, mobile crisis intervention and care coordination services for children and families residing in Guilford and the greater New Haven communities. The Guilford office has been open since 1998.

The Guilford Foundation recently awarded Clifford Beers \$5,000 to provide case management services – vital coordination that isn’t reimbursed by insurance – to Guilford children with psychiatric and behavior disorders and their families.

“Case management, which is so important in linking children and families to needed services and to ensure that positive outcomes are achieved by our client families, is not billable. Funding will be used to support this crucial, yet non-reimbursable activity,” states the initial application for funding.

“What we’re trying to do is integrate services,” says Kathryn L. Champlin, development director at Clifford Beers. “Integrate the medical, the behavioral health and the social needs and make sure everybody’s connected together. So that everybody’s talking together.”

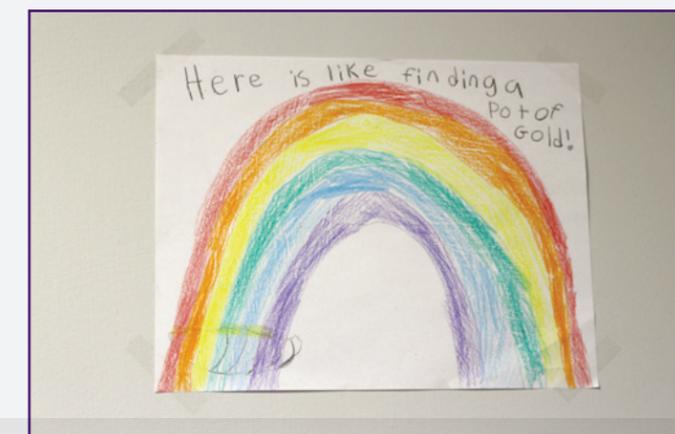
Child and family therapist Paul Breton, social worker for the Guilford office, says this service is extremely important for the children, as well as the families.

“If it’s a recent diagnosis, like on a young kid, parents are often extremely overwhelmed, perplexed and heartbroken. It’s hard to navigate all these systems at times,” he says. “This is an important service that I can’t provide, but can see the need for very clearly. It’s really helpful to have a care coordinator on these more complicated cases coordinating with the family and other community providers.”

“We want to be as comprehensive as possible between educational, medical, physical, emotional, OT, PT. There can be lots of different providers and a lot of times, in today’s world the left hand doesn’t know what the right one’s doing.”

The investment from the Guilford Foundation provides critical support for these wraparound services. Shoreline Care Coordinator Cara Manzari says bringing everyone involved in a child’s life together is tantamount to effectively working with the child.

“If Paul and I were working with somebody together we would have meetings here with the family and then whoever else they would want on their team,” she says. “It could be a coach, it could be another community provider that they need involved in their life that we all need to be on the same page to work together with the family.”



Drawing by a young client of Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic

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Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2016 Rising Stars Theatre Experience



Purple flags to raise awareness about substance abuse prevention as part of DAY Week



One of Guilford's beautiful summer residents—a common tern

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Create a personal legacy in Guilford by establishing a named fund, for yourself, your family, or a loved one. The minimum amount required to establish a fund is \$10,000. To help reach your philanthropic goals, we offer an “Acorn Fund” option, which allows interested donors 5 years to reach the \$10,000 minimum.

If you are not ready to create a charitable fund but want to contribute to our efforts to enrich the quality of life in Guilford, provide a direct donation of any amount at any time to one of our existing charitable funds.

Finally, consider a gift to our operating fund, which allows us to maintain our visibility in the community; provide leadership around community issues; raise new dollars to invest back into the organizations that serve Guilford; and provide excellent stewardship for our existing funds.

Gifts can be accepts from cash, stock or other assets; bequests; or planning a future gift through your IRA or insurance policy.

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