The mission of the Guilford Foundation is to connect people who care to the causes that matter to them, to enrich the quality of life in Guilford; now and for generations to come.

The Guilford Foundation was established in 1975 as a public foundation to enrich the quality of life in Guilford, forever. We fulfill our mission by building and maintaining a charitable endowment and using a portion of the annual income to address the needs of the Guilford community.

$120,151 in grants, scholarships and leadership initiatives
A letter from the Board Chair and Executive Director

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) ended fiscal year 2017-18 with assets nearing $3 million, which is an increase of $1 million since 2016, and a reflection of the generosity of our community and prudent investment management. We are honored to steward this permanent endowment to enrich the quality of life in Guilford.

TGF continued to pursue leadership initiatives in 2017, including convening a partnership with the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to produce a Guilford Community Report that provides a snapshot on Guilford’s demographic trends and general community well being. The report is based on local, state and federal public data analyzed by DataHaven, a New Haven based non-profit organization specializing in analytics, and is available on our website.

In addition, we completed our second full year of the Shoreline Nonprofit Workshop Sessions, in partnership with the Branford Community Foundation and the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. The 2017 series—designed to provide cutting-edge professional development to organizations serving Guilford and Branford—had 95 attendees, with an average of 27 people for each of the 4 sessions, representing 34 different organizations. As a result of our work on this initiative, Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra was honored with an award from the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce for Community Service of the Year Award in January 2017.

An important leadership effort we pursued in the latter half of 2017 was an initiative to build a Community of Compassion. Guilford is a wonderful place to live, work and play. We boast a population of just over 22,000 people, and, like the rest of the state as well as the country, we continue to experience increasing diversity among our citizenry. We have been confronted with episodes of racism, intolerance and vandalism in our town, which prompted community leaders to come together to find a meaningful response. On November 12th, 2017, we gathered more than 30 community leaders for a 3-hour session run by the Anti-Defamation League, to confirm and promote a climate of trust, understanding and solidarity across the broad spectrum of racial, ethnic, religious and other differences in Guilford.

Turning to our grant investments in organizations that serve Guilford, we were able to make several large grant commitments in 2017 thanks to our increased endowment, including a $25,000 Challenge Grant to the Women & Family Life Center (over two years) to match all gifts of $1,000 and under for their “Open Door” Capital Campaign. Our goal was to encourage widespread support for this campaign.

We also provided our largest, single-year grant of $20,000 to supply seed funding for the inaugural Guilford Performing Arts Festival. This celebration of music, theatre and dance took place October 12 - 14, 2017, at 17 different locations around the Guilford Green, with 44 performances and workshops involving 350 performers and attracting 3,672 attendees. Based on its success, the group plans to host a second festival in 2019.

In response to a significant increase in grant funding availability over the past few years, the Board undertook an initiative to ensure that our process for grant investments into the community is fair, transparent, and impactful. The results included a revision of both the grant application guidelines as well as the application document itself and, significantly, the move to a single, annual deadline. The new process took effect January 1, 2018.

The Guilford Foundation is designed to be a permanent asset to the Guilford community, and our success is made possible thanks to the work and commitment of our town. Through your support, we are able to continue an upward trajectory and impact the lives of our neighbors in a meaningful way. We are grateful.

Most sincerely,

Kyle Eagleson, Board Chair & Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director
**2017 Board of Directors, Ambassadors/Corporators, and Youth Advisory Group**

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### 2016-2017 Youth Advisory Group

- **Brendan O’Callahan**, Co Chair  
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- **Claire Dinauwr**  
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- **Indira Greif**  
- **Andre Kish**  
- **Mariam Kish**  
- **Elaine Lynders**  
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- **Katie Spinner**  
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### 2017-2018 Youth Advisory Group

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- **Brendan O’Callahan**, Co Chair  
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- **Ella Stanley**
Summary Statements

The Guilford Foundation’s assets grew almost 20 percent to a record of $2.95 million in the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 2018, driven by strong gains in the investment portfolio and more than $200,000 in donations. Thanks to continued community support and sound investment management, the Foundation’s assets have increased by more than $1 million since fiscal 2016, allowing us to increase grants to $120,151 last year, up more than 26% from the preceding year and 67% from three years ago. Contributions totaled $241,964, considerably below a peak of $438,000 in fiscal 2016 when the Foundation received particularly large donations as part of its 40th anniversary. Donations remain significantly above the $100,000 to $140,000 a year the Foundation received from 2012-2014. Operating expenses rose 16 percent to $99,010 as the Foundation continues to build infrastructure for its growing endowment and mission of community service.

Summary Statements of Financial Position
(As of January 31st, 2017 and 2018)

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Our Finance Committee works with the professionals at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to preserve and grow our endowment. TGF’s individual funds are pooled together and invested in a diversified portfolio.

$2.95 Million in assets
Without the Guilford Foundation, John Markowski’s effort to save Guilford’s iconic Grass Island Shack might have a very different ending.

Built in 1930, the tiny, barn-red shack across from the town marina is a magnet for photographers and artists. Given to the Town of Guilford in 1963, the empty, weathered shack fell into disrepair over the next three decades. In 1996, resident Richard Werle founded “Save Our Shack,” raising $10,000 to shore up the structure.

By 2015, time and two hurricanes had once again ravaged the structure. As a 16-year-old Eagle Scout candidate, John mounted an ambitious “Save the Shack” project. With no town funding available, John’s goal was to raise thousands of dollars, purchase materials, gather construction volunteers and establish a fund to provide for future maintenance.

“In the beginning stages, people were asking if it was too big of a project for an eagle scout,” John recalls. “As we were starting the fundraising phase of the project, the Guilford Foundation was one of the first organizations in town that reached out to me and said, ‘We’re here and we want to help.’ It was big sigh of relief to know we had their support.”

After reviewing several options to help meet the project’s needs, GF issued a challenge (matching) grant of $10,000.

“She contacted us and said she had a connection to the shack,” says John. “We went over to her house and she showed us photos, and told us about her husband’s efforts. It was so interesting to learn about.”

Before Richard Werle passed away in 2014, he was planning to undertake a second effort to save the shack.

“I wanted to make sure that his work didn’t fade away,” says John.

He found a fan in Carol Werle. “Throughout the entire project, she was so supportive,” said John. “She came down to the marina and watched us working, and she was at the celebration when the project was completed.”

On May 20, 2017, John cut the ribbon on the restored shack, joined by Guilford First Selectman Joe Mazza, GF Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra, State Representative Sean Scanlon, Guilford Parks and Recreation Director Rick Maynard and Eagle Scout project mentor Oliver Bishop. Guilford residents and project supporters, including many answering GF’s challenge grant, were shuttled out to Grass Island to share in the celebration.

In the future, thanks to GF, Guilford’s iconic Grass Island shack won’t fall back into crisis. The GF challenge grant not only matched every donated dollar up to $10,000; but also helped establish a Grass Island Shack Fund for future maintenance.

For his part, John hopes to help the town form a Grass Island Shack maintenance committee.

“The fund is going to stay in place, so money is going to be there in the future for repairs,” John says. “That didn’t exist before this project. It’s great knowing there’s money set aside through The Guilford Foundation to ensure that.”
To share a gift of Guilford deeply cherished by lifelong resident Livia Ann Jacobs, her family established The Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund in December, 2017.

“Livia was Guilford born and bred,” says her husband, Allen Jacobs. “She loved her house and she loved her family, but when it came time to relax, she loved the seashore. She would spend hours at Jacobs Beach. She would go looking for arrowheads at the beach at Chittenden Park, or explore Chaffinch Island. She relished the opportunity to slow down in today’s left-lane world.”

The Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund is a restricted fund dedicated to enhancing Guilford’s shoreline, with grant oversight provided by GF’s Youth Advisory Group (YAG). A retired GF board member and founding YAG advisor, Allen continues his connection to GF as a corporator, serving as community ambassador. He knows there is no better foundation to foster the Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund, and no better group to guide it than GF’s youngest philanthropists.

“The Guilford Foundation is near and dear to my heart; and I have a huge amount of confidence in what these kids do,” says Allen. “There’s also some symmetry there -- our daughter, Stephanie, was in the first Youth Advisory Group. It’s just a wonderful way to honor Livia and something she was passionate about.”

Allen and his wife both grew up in Guilford, but on separate paths. In an interesting twist of fate, when Allen and Livia married in 1984, she became part of the same family that had donated her beloved Jacobs Beach to Guilford, back in 1948. And as a mother of two, Livia loved sharing all of Guilford’s shores with her son and daughter.

Allen adds that not many, himself least of all, have the same deep appreciation Livia Jacobs had for Guilford’s varied shoreline spaces. But in the end, he understood what it was. On the morning of her passing, “…I went down to Jacobs Beach, and I could hear the waves – and I thought, ‘Oh! That’s what she loved.”

As a lasting legacy, The Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund will ensure that future generations will enjoy the gifts of Guilford’s shoreline.
2017 Grant Awards

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) is pleased to announce that we committed over $120,000 for initiatives and organizations serving Guilford in 2017, the most ever and a 16% increase from fiscal year 2016. This reflects 16 grants made through our competitive grant making (complete list below), 8 grants through our Interact Youth Advisory Group, 12 scholarship awards to graduating Guilford High School students, 10 grants from designated funds for local organizations, and a number of significant investments in TGF-driven leadership initiatives.

$600 Menunkatuck Audubon Society to replace Osprey nest platforms in Guilford as needed
$800 Guilford Garden Club to support tree planting
$1,000 Melissa Jones PTO to support the rebuilding of the community playground
$1,000 Camp Hazen to support financial assistance for Guilford campers
$1,022 Jordan Porco Foundation to support suicide prevention education at Guilford High School
$2,000 Bare Necessities to support the availability of diapers for babies in need in Guilford
$2,500 Neighborhood Music School to support the Guilford branch of the DoSo Dance Band
$3,000 NeighborWorks New Horizons to improve landscaping and signage at Hubbard Woods Development in Guilford
$3,250 Guilford Housing Authority to expand parking at Guilford Court
$2,900 East Shore Health District to help build the first fully electric, solar powered pump-out boat
$4,000 Shoreline Arts Alliance to support Shakespeare on the Green and other summer productions
$5,000 Community Dining Room to purchase food products and packaging materials necessary for take-out meals
$5,000 Clifford Beers to support case management services to Guilford Children and their families with psychiatric and behavioral disorders
$9,250 Leadership Initiatives and sponsorships, including the Shoreline Nonprofit Workshop Series, the Guilford Community Report, and “Building a Community of Compassion”
$10,000 Grass Island Shack challenge grant to support fund raising efforts for renovations
$11,366 Designated grants to Guilford Food Bank, St. George Food Pantry, Guilford Interfaith Volunteers, Guilford Social Services, Women & Family Life Center, the VNA Community Healthcare, Guilford Agricultural Society, Guilford Community Fund, Guilford Free Library, Guilford Preservation Alliance
$12,500 Women & Family Life Center for their “Open Door” Campaign and renovation (year one of two)
$12,663 Youth Advisory Group Grants to Guilford Center for Children, Guilford Before and After Care, Melissa Jones PTO, Guilford Social Services, Guilford Art Center, and GPA Witness Stones, and Guilford High School
$12,300 Scholarships to 12 graduating Guilford High School students
$20,000 Inaugural Performing Arts Festival in Guilford, providing a weekend of workshops and performances that were open to all and free of charge

Competitive grants are awarded to qualified nonprofit and government agencies serving the town of Guilford. Grant applications are accepted and reviewed quarterly. For more information and the application form, go to our website: www.guilfordfoundation.org

List of Funds

Unrestricted Funds

Effie Good Fund
Guilford General Trustees Fund
David W. Knapp Fund
Eleanor Little Fund
Mancini Family Fund
Virgil & Elizabeth McDaniel Fund
Stanley H. Page Fund
Funds Relating to Youth

Elisabeth Adams Fund
Supports initiatives, projects, and organizations that support youth and provides two scholarships to graduating Guilford High School students.

Joe & Nancy Arnold Fund to Support the Guilford ABC Program
Supports Guilford A Better Chance by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

Al & Gene Bishop Fund for Vocational and Industrial Arts
Supports innovative opportunities for Guilford youth in the vocational and industrial arts and provides a scholarship to a graduating Guilford High School student pursuing further education in these fields.

Stuart D. Burt Fund
Supports youth seeking education or work experiences in business, entrepreneurial ventures or a technical trade. Provides a scholarship to a graduating Guilford High School student pursuing an education in these fields.

The Children’s Fund
Supports the development of Guilford’s youth.

Helen E. Downing Outdoor Education Fund
Supports opportunities for Guilford students to learn about and better appreciate the outdoors.

Corky Fisher Educational Fund
Supports the development of Guilford’s youth.

Thomas M. Ginz Fund for Children
Supports opportunities for Guilford’s youth with a priority for children of military families.

Guilford Institute Fund
Supports the Guilford High School Interact Club Youth Advisory Group grant making efforts to fund innovative projects in teaching/learning at Guilford High School that fall outside of the regular school budget.

Guilford Interact Student Advisory (YAG) Fund
Supports the Guilford High School Interact Club Youth Advisory Group grant-making efforts in the community.

Scholarship Funds for Guilford Students Pursuing Higher Education

Stephen A. Looney Fund
Provides scholarships to two graduating Guilford High School scholar-athletes (one each from the boys’ and girls’ soccer teams) who have exhibited leadership qualities.

Jake Penman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Provides a scholarship to a graduating Guilford High School student.

Ralph Schipani Memorial Fund
Provides scholarships to two graduating Guilford High School Scholar-Athletes with a strong academic record, community service and need.

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Schwanfelder Fund
Provides a scholarship to a graduating Guilford High School student who exhibits strong leadership skills, community involvement, interest in other cultures/languages, music, athletics and academic achievement.

Other Specialized Funds for Specific Purposes

Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. Humanitarian Fund
Supports veterans, children & families with special needs, local commemorative endeavors and scholarships in government, public policy, Foreign Service, social studies or special education.

Jane H. Berger Fund
Supports the Guilford Preservation Alliance.

Michael B. & Maryann Bracken Family Fund
Supports the protection, restoration and preservation of the Guilford shoreline.

Catardi Family “Loaves and Fishes” Fund
Supports equally the Guilford Food Bank and the St. George Church Food Pantry.

Grass Island Fund
Supports the preservation, maintenance and repair of the red shack on Grass Island.

Guilford Art Center Endowment Fund
Supports the Guilford Art Center by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

Guilford Interfaith Housing Fund
Supports organizations that assist individuals to obtain and retain housing in Guilford.

Guilford Interfaith Volunteers Endowment Fund
Supports the work of the Guilford Interfaith Volunteers four core programs: Charlie’s Closet, Friendly Visiting, Meals on Wheels and the Guilford Food Bank.

Guilford Keeping Society Endowment Fund
Supports the Guilford Keeping Society by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

The Guilford Savings Bank Charitable Fund
Supports scholarships, general needs and operating support for the Guilford Foundation.

Gunn-Marshall Performing Arts Diversity Fund
Supports opportunities for music, dance, poetry, theater performance and promotes opportunities for racial diversity in the arts.

Norma & Arthur Hall Fund
Supports the Visiting Nurse Association and the Guilford Foundation.

Livia Jacobs Seashore Fund
Supports the operations of the Guilford Foundation.

Liz Jones Fund for Art
Supports the Guilford Free Library for purchases related to art, architecture and artists.

Saint George Knights of Columbus Fund for Children in Need
Supports Guilford Social Services.

Bill & Kate Lee Family Fund to Support the Guilford Community Fund
Supports the Guilford Community Fund by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

Linda Stevens Tree Fund
Supports the care and/or replacement of trees around the Guilford Green.

Lou & Susan Weedy Fund
Supports the Guilford Agricultural Society by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

Women & Family Life Center Endowment Fund
Supports the Women & Family Life Center by ensuring financial resources in perpetuity.

Donor Advised Funds

APK Charities Corp Endowment Fund
To raise community awareness for active and wounded warriors and their families, and for the families of fallen warriors.

Jared Eliot Philanthropic Fund
To support the preservation of open space, protection of the environment, and improvements to educational services in Guilford.

Guilford Bell Curve Charitable Fund
To support initiatives, projects and organizations that serve to protect the quality of life in Guilford.

Gustave & Carol L. Sirot Fund
To support initiatives, projects and organizations that serve to protect the quality of life in Guilford with a special consideration for women facing hardships.
Donors

We extend our deepest gratitude to the following individuals, businesses and foundations who made financial contributions to the Guilford Foundation from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

**$10,000 and up**
- Guilford Savings Bank
- Robert Jaeger
- Connie & Roger Joyce

**$5,000 to $9,999**
- Anonymous
- Nancy Arnold
- Gwendolyn Gunn & Norman Marshall
- Mary Jo Kestner & Russell Campagne
- Delaney & Bruce Lundberg
- St. George Men’s Group
- Helen Pederson-Keiser & Robert Keiser
- Jan Walzer & David Etzel
- Linda & Jeffrey Weber

**$2,000 to $4,999**
- Barbara Bishop
- Maryann & Michael Bracken
- Barbara Andrews Fisher
- Melissa & Peter Ginz
- Cindy & Joe Goldberg Family Foundation
- Guilford Rotary Club
- Guilford Keeping Society
- Allen Jacobs
- Amy & David Jaffe
- Saundra & Michael Janssen
- David Knapp
- Elizabeth & James Mancini
- The Stoddard Family Foundation

**$1,000 to $1,999**
- Anonymous
- Deborah Abildsoe & Irving Schloss
- Melanie Barocas & Rick Mayer
- B.W. Bishop & Sons, Inc.
- Jane & Charles Bishop
- Debbie & Keith Bishop
- Edith & Howard Brown
- Maureen & George Collins
- Catherine & John Crawford
- Ann & Daniel Fisher
- Michael Haggerty
- Kaaren Janssen
- Kate & William Lee
- Martha & Terry Maguire
- Jennifer & Michael McNiff
- Elisa & David Milano
- Joan & Barry Richter
- Wire Association International
- Carol & Fred Wright

**$500 to $999**
- Barbara & Chip Angle
- Donita & John Aruny
- Linda & Carl Balestracci
- Ruthann & David Beckerman
- Rita Berkson & Randolph Reinhold
- Nancy & Jonathan Bishop
- Ursula Brewer & Mark Gahm
- Stacy & Kyle Eagleson
- Dorothea & Hans Flink
- Thomas Ginz
- Sallie & Stephen Goldschmidt
- Jane & Stephen Gresham
- Lynne Hyman & Caird Forbes-Cockell
- Deirdre & Robert Jacob
- Jones Family Farm Fund
- Carol & Robert Lyons
- Alice & J Thomas Macy
- Gretchen & Stephen O’Connor
- Laura Page & Richard Beatty
- Ann & Stephen Page
- Diane & Guido Petra
- Realty Group
- Helen & Marco Rizzo
- Bonnie & Jonathan Rothberg
- Lisa & Donald Rusconi
- Pamela & Bruce Simonds

**$250 to $499**
- Anonymous
- William Aselyne
- Nancy & Ronald Bailey
- Karen & Terry Bengtsson
- Bridget & Roger Berman
- Joann & Richard Carson
- William Childress & Randi Bradbury
- Connie & Peter Dickinson
- Lois & John Dillon
- Steven Errante
- Bonnie & Wesley Fastiff
- Melissa & Timothy Geelan
- Lisa Gray & Alan Organschi
- Guilford Funeral Home
- Anne & Edward Huguenel
- Jill Sullivan & Oil and Propane
- Gwendolyn & Paul Johnson
- Barbara Kiesel
- Wendy Kravitz
- Maggie Lee Designs
- Marie & Leonighton Lee
- Lindalea Ludwick
- Marilyn & Richard Lynch
- Cindy & Robert McNamara
- South Lane Bistro

**$100 to $249**
- Anne & George Aghajanian
- Joyce & Peter Arentzen
- Julie & Marc Arrians
- Robert Attaran
- Sharon & Donald Baechler
- Mary & Roger Barnes
- Jean & Peter Barrett
- Sharon Barrett & Gary LaChance
- Christine & Brian Beirne
- Maureen & Michael Belden
- Shauvan & Edward Bennett
- Kimberly Bishop & Scott VanPatten
- Karen Blanchard
- Nona & Kent Bloomer
- Kathleen & Alan Brooks
- Kate & William Blass
- Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation
- Claudia Buzzi & Pietro DeCamilli
- Layna & Peter Cain
- Cindy & George Caligan
- Helen & David Carlson
- Robert Carmody
- Linda Carr
- Celia & William Carroll
- Anita Catardi
- Shannon Clarkson
- Dorothy & Eugene Colones
- Maureen Corcoran & Zeno Chiarilli
- Ellen Cordes & Harry Haskell
- Jackie & Tom Cost
- Donna & Tim Costello
- Kristopher Crisciti
- Dennis Culliton
- Patricia DeChiara & James Goodridge
- Pamela & David DeMaio
- Frank DePino
- Jacqueline & Millard Dorwin
- Lawrance Dowler
- Joan & Wayne Downey
- Amy & Matt Earls
- Eileen & Andrew Eder

**$100 to $249**
- Peggy & John Eleftheriades
- Pamela & Jonathan Einman
- Richard Ferguson
- Edith Fisher
- Betsy Frederick
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