Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut

Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut has been a resource for our community for 110 years, and we are keeping the business community and the community as a whole, informed on economic assistance programs, and the community and country is not. We have a history of uniting to overcome pressures of the COVID-19 crisis, we see how they are the backbone of our community. The medical professionals in our region have been quick to respond to especially thank the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Life for everyone in our region. For hosting a beautiful community. Their support is vital for our eastern CT has always been our sense of community and willingness to pull together in tough times. While these times are unprecedented, the powerful resolve of our community and country is not. We have a history of uniting to overcome tragedy, and working together, we will soon return to a vibrant, strong economy.

Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut Foundation Awards Over $94,000 to 39 Local Organizations

Eastern CT – The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation awarded grants in excess of $94,000 in support of 39 programs that benefit children and families in the region on March 24, 2020. “At this critical time for many nonprofits, the Foundation worked to swiftly disburse funds to the participants,” said Tonya Shapiro, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT. “The Board members did a wonderful job of making ready the grants to support these important programs.”

The Foundation’s (501)3(c) oversees a volunteer board with support of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT, fulfills its mission to enhance and maintain economic and educational opportunities for children and families through generous donations from the community. Major fundraisers in 2019 were the 36th Holiday Gala hosted by Mohegan Sun in December and the 8th Annual Bowl-A-Thon at High Rollers Luxury Lanes at Foxwoods Resort Casino last April.

“The Foundation relies on a dedicated team of volunteers who support local businesses, who year after year donate generously toward our effort,” said Louis Ziegler, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation’s Board of Directors. “These events are special because they bring together so many people, who come together to help improve the quality of life for everyone in our region. For hosting a beautiful gala that draws hundreds of people annually, I want to especially thank the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Life. They consistently go above and beyond to make sure that our events are successful in disbursing the needed funds in support of children and families.”

“We cannot afford enough thanks to our sponsors, community partners, volunteers, corporate members, and staff at the Chamber. The success of these events is built on the contributions of so many people,” said Ziegler.

Since 2002, the Chamber Foundation has donated nearly $1.4 million to numerous local organizations that serve the needs of children. The Foundation’s goal is to support projects and programs that enrich and educate children and economic opportunities for children and families in the Chamber’s service area. This year’s recipients will be able to use funding to provide participation in regional activities, toys and books, school supplies, locally grown food, clothing, intervention for at-risk children, and food pantry items, among many others.

The 2020 Chamber Foundation grant recipients are:

- Always Home, Inc., Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Norwich
- Camps
- Children’s Museum of SECT, City of Norwich Human Services
- Connecticut Community Foundation
- Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra
- Education for Employment Foundation
- Hygienic Art, Inc.
- Immigration Advocacy & Support Center
- Madonna Place, Inc.
- Montville Little League
- New England Science & Sailing, New London Homeless Hospitality Center
- Norwich Community Backpack Program
- Norwich Historical Society
- Norwich Rotary Foundation
- Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.
- Shiloh Development Corporation, Inc.
- St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich, Inc.
- Stomping Ground, Historical Society, Through Our Eyes, Inc.
- Turner Community Council for Community Action, Inc., The Arc Eastern Connecticut
- Uncle Tom’s Cabin, Inc., among many others.

For more information on the grant recipients and eligibility to apply by the May 15 deadline. Learn more at ChamberECT.com/Chamber-Foundation.

Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut Foundation Offers Four Scholarships

The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation opened its application for four $1,250 scholarship opportunities to high school seniors in eastern CT. Students who are planning to attend college or a technical, vocational or apprenticeship program are eligible to apply by the May 15 deadline. Learn more at ChamberECT.com/Chamber-Foundation.

Shop and Dine Local

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We’re always here for small business

The Chamber of Commerce Eastern CT has been a resource for our community for 110 years, and we are keeping the business community connected. Connected to reliable information on economic assistance. Connected with government. Connected with each other.