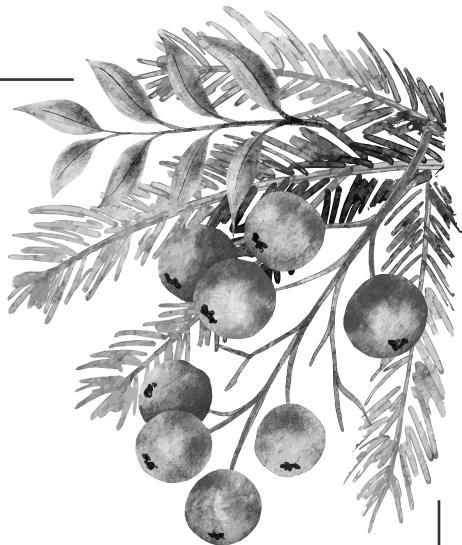




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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 37th Annual Holiday Gala! On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation, I would like to thank you for joining us this evening, especially after we could not gather in 2020.

This festive gathering serves an important purpose. Each year, the Foundation directs the funds raised to nonprofit agencies that improve the lives of children and families across eastern Connecticut.

In March 2021, the Foundation granted \$88,000 to 29 eastern Connecticut nonprofit organizations in support of a wide range of specific programs. Grant recipients help families with the essentials, like warm clothes and warm meals. They support pregnant mothers and infants, and they provide early education for preschoolers. Our recipients enrich the lives of children through science, play, toys, books, sports, and summer camp. Grants and scholarships from the Foundation provide opportunities for children to grow by supporting their success in school and helping them go to college. The Foundation is committed to investing in our community by investing in children now and in their futures.

Since 2002, the Chamber Foundation has donated over \$1.5 million to numerous local organizations, thereby meeting its goal to support initiatives and programs that enhance and enrich education and economic opportunities in the Chamber's service area.

We owe the success of the Gala in large part to the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Sun Casino, who year after year step up to sponsor and host this important event. Their continued support event allows the Foundation to give generously to the community. We are also grateful for all of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers.

You truly make a difference for the children of eastern Connecticut by joining us tonight. We wish you every joy of the season as you share in the warmth of giving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis Ziegler", written in a cursive style.

Louis Ziegler

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Retain the large ticket with your specific number, then drop any quantity of the small numbered tickets into the respective gift bag for that item.

Winning tickets will be drawn beginning at 7:15 p.m.

• SILENT AUCTION •

Each item will have a minimum bid and a specific incremental amount for the next entry. Please enter your bidder number on the sheets near each item.

Bidding will close at 7:00 p.m.

Winning bids will be posted at check-out beginning at 8:00 p.m.

• LIVE AUCTION •

Live auction will begin during dinner which will open at 6:45 p.m. Hold on to your program, your bidder number is on the back!

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The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations that provide essentials to children and families in need, enrich educational opportunities, and opportunities to grow and succeed.

We are working to make a difference in the lives of children. It is a community-wide effort and it could not be done without the generosity and kindness of the people of eastern Connecticut.

Thousands of lives are touched each year. Over the last 20 years Foundation grants have exceeded \$1.5 million.

The fundraising success of last year's Every Month is a Holiday Campaign allowed the Foundation to distribute \$88,000 in grants to the organizations on the following page for a variety of projects benefiting children and families in eastern Connecticut.

To learn more about the grants available through the Foundation,
please visit ChamberECT.com/foundation.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT for
additional information at (860) 701-9113.



• 2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS •

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| Norwich Rotary Foundation | \$1,000 |
| Public Library of New London | \$1,000 |
| S.T.E.P.S | \$1,000 |
| Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc. | \$1,000 |
| Interdistrict Committee for Project Oceanology | \$1,500 |
| Norwich Community Backpack Program | \$1,500 |
| Pregnancy Support Center, Inc. | \$1,500 |
| High Hopes Therapeutic Riding | \$2,000 |
| Jewish Federation of Eastern CT | \$2,000 |
| Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. | \$2,000 |
| Always Home, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| Higher Edge, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| New England Science and Sailing (NESS) | \$2,500 |
| New London Youth Affairs | \$2,500 |
| Safe Futures, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| Sea Research Foundation, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| Thames River Community Service, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| The Riverfront Children's Center, Inc. | \$2,500 |
| Eastern CT Community Gardens Association | \$2,700 |
| Waterford Country School | \$3,000 |
| Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT, Inc. | \$3,500 |
| Madonna Place, Inc. | \$3,500 |
| The Last Green Valley | \$4,500 |
| Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, Inc. | \$5,000 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich, Inc. | \$5,000 |
| UCFS Healthcare | \$5,000 |
| United Way of Southeastern Connecticut | \$5,000 |
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Due to the pandemic we were unable to hold the 2020 Holiday Gala. However, the heart and the spirit of the Gala continued: despite the lack of our typical lively event, dedicated sponsors and donors stepped up to ensure that at-risk children and families are supported when it mattered most.

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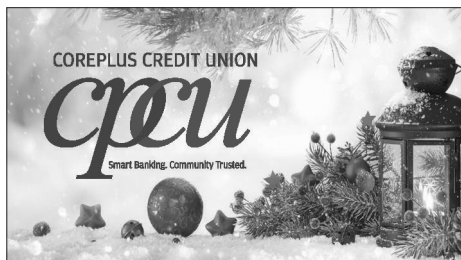




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