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The Farmington Community Chest (FCC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1931 to help individuals and organizations. It is the mission of FCC to improve the health, wellbeing, and community life of all residents of Farmington and Unionville through funding various organizations and initiatives.

In this past fiscal year, FCC raised over \$140,000 from individuals, businesses, our annual wine tasting fundraising event, and our yearly contribution from our major contributor, Greater Hartford Gives Foundation, formerly Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. These funds then went directly to support nonprofit organizations that are in line with our current funding priorities of basic human needs, educational programming, and community enhancements.

Over the last year, our funding directly benefited our community in a variety of ways. Summer camp scholarships were awarded to dozens of school-age children and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Farmington Food Pantry was granted \$10,000 for its ongoing support of our residents. Last year, the Food Pantry served approximately 270 families.

Serving our senior citizens in our town has always been a priority for FCC. HOPE Partners of Farmington was awarded \$3,000 to support its congregate meals and "forget-me-not" baskets for residents that may be shut-in and unable to participate in congregate activities. Additionally, Tunxis Senior Citizens Association was awarded \$3,500 to support its newsletter, banquet and music program.

New Horizons Village in Unionville was awarded \$3,000 to support art therapy and adaptive yoga classes for its residents. Tunxis Veterans OASIS was granted \$7,200 to support its ongoing mission to help student-veterans in their transition back to civilian life. The Farmington High School Cutting Edge Program was awarded \$3,500 to support its 2-week summer program that offers rising 12th grade students an opportunity to do hands-on laboratory research under the supervision of UConn Health PhD candidates.

Arts for Learning Connecticut was granted \$5,500 in support of its Express Yourself program that expanded access to high-quality arts learning for more than 1,950 K-6 students in East Farms and West Woods schools. The grant was used to provide both classroom-based workshops and school-wide performances.

FCC granted \$3,450 to the Town of Farmington Recreation Department to launch a new inclusive/adaptive recreation initiative that promotes social interaction, physical activity and community engagement for individuals of varying abilities. In addition, the Farmington Land Trust received \$20,000 to support the rebuild of Polly's Pier in order to make it accessible to everyone.

Now in our 95th year, Farmington Community Chest has supported and strengthened our community. We are proud of our positive impact on the quality of life for all residents and look forward to growing with our community as we continue to seek opportunities to financially support our community's evolving needs. In October, postcards will be mailed requesting donations so that we can continue our tradition of supporting our local nonprofits in providing quality services and programs that directly impact basic human needs, educational programming, and community enhancement. Donations can also be made on our website at www.farmcommchest.org. Please also consider Farmington Community Chest through your employer's matching gift programs.