

OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2020

In 2020, the \$29,000 in net proceeds from our 2019 Christmas Bazaar was donated by the ECW to local organizations that support our mission to provide financial assistance to women and children, in particular.

AT HOME ON THE SOUND

Launched in May 2010, At Home on the Sound primarily serves older women (especially over age 80) in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck area that choose to live at home. It provides programs and services to support their mental and physical well being including transportation to appointments/errands, health and wellness services, social programs, home chores and repair, and other services.

The **ECW grant** will be used to help fund the Volunteer Training Program & Recognition Reception for services provided during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over 100 volunteers will be trained in communication skills, boundary training, and teaching new technology techniques.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NEW ROCHELLE

The five locations of the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle serve more than 2,000 6-18 year old children annually, helping them develop the attitudes, skills, values and behaviors that enable them to succeed in life. Programs are offered after school, during school holidays and the summer, and include school tutoring, computer and technology centers, arts and crafts, sports, dance and more.

The **ECW grant** will be used to support the Healthy Habits program which enables children to develop healthy behaviors regarding nutritional eating.

CARITAS

Caritas of Port Chester feeds, provides clothing, counseling, companionship and hope to immigrants in our community. In 2019, its soup kitchen served 55,979 meals to those in need, providing breakfast, lunch and a take-home meal for dinner. The food pantry is oriented towards families, many of whom are single parent female families who need supplemental groceries. It also provides emergency services to prevent eviction, utility termination and funding for medical care and prescriptions. In addition, it partners with the Westchester County Health Department to provide immunizations and referrals for medical care. It also serves as a daytime shelter in the winter and bad weather.

The ECW grant will fund the purchase of compostable take out “clam box” containers for those who can not come to Caritas. During the Coronavirus pandemic, Caritas has suspended their community dining and pantry hours, but are delivering food to the Salvation Army for delivery and to the Carver Center for distribution.

STEM ALLIANCE CO-OP CAMP

The Co-Op Summer Enrichment program offers a summer program to 230 elementary students who don't have access to other local summer programs due to economic barriers. The program blends project-based learning with recreational experiences that maintain summer fun. The program also focuses on increased exposure to STEM, promoting health and wellness activities and creating contact for young children with peer mentors, high school and college students.

Like many camps, the STEM Alliance Co-op camp will be unable to open for the summer of 2020. The ECW grant will support the STEM's Virtual Mentoring program which will pair eligible children 1:1 with an adult or young adult for a minimum of 2 hours of digital learning support weekly.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

The Community Resource Center of Larchmont/Mamaroneck targets the working, low-income, new immigrant families of Mamaroneck and surrounding areas by providing them with tools to become self-sufficient and active members of the community. It provides social services including housing assistance, eviction prevention, food security and immigration assistance, language development, job training, health and wellness, and youth and child development.

This year's **ECW grant** will go towards the CRC Emergency Assistance Fund which is needed to support those in the community who are being most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER

Serving the immigrant community of Port Chester since 1928, the Don Bosco center focuses on day programs for adults (ESL, Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry) and after school/Saturday and Summer Camp programs for youth.

The **ECW grant** will support the salary of a part time child care provider for the children of the young, immigrant mothers attending the center's ESL program. Until their regular programs can resume, they are providing take out meals and groceries to their community.

FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER - SHARING SHELF TEEN BOUTIQUE

The Sharing Shelf is a collaborative, personalized effort to deliver clothing to the children and teens who need it most. Social workers, therapists, teachers, attorneys and others working with low-income families in our community submit requests for their clients. The demand has grown year over year and, in light of the recent pandemic, the need for their services will be even greater.

The **ECW grant** will support the ongoing Clothing Program, Teen Boutique, and Backpacks to School program. While currently closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, they expect demand to be greater at reopening due to job losses

in the community.

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

Since opening in 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has provided free furniture to more than 14,575 individuals, including 7,239 children. In 2019, the organization furnished the homes of 425 families, more than half of which were female-headed.

The **ECW grant** will furnish the homes of 6 single female heads of households who are in need of a safe respite from previous turmoil or personal trauma, after domestic violence. Furniture Sharehouse is currently closed due to Covid-19 but will open on a case-by-case basis and anticipate pent up need when reopened.

HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOPE Community Services is the core of the social safety net for New Rochelle's poorest residents. Since 1984 HOPE has earned the trust of the community, particularly the elderly, minorities, veterans, the disabled, and very low-income families with children, who are among those highest at risk for becoming homeless. In 2019 their Food Pantry provided 408,163 meals and the Soup Kitchen swerved 39,532 prepared meals. There are over 900 children registered in their Food Pantry. The emergency food program is now Westchester's largest.

The **ECW grant** will help support HOPE in their on-going efforts to continue to feed and nourish their community.

HOPE'S DOOR

Hope's Door provides safety and support for the victims of domestic violence in Westchester County. This includes a 24/7 hotline, emergency shelter, counseling and support groups, advocacy, children's programs and a teen dating abuse program.

The **ECW grant** will help fund the increased costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased compensation ("hazard pay") for those reporting

to the shelter, personal protective equipment, and sanitizing supplies, among other needs.

MAMARONECK LARCHMONT STUDENT AID FUND

The mission of the Student Aid Fund is to help Mamaroneck High School students pursue their dream of a college education by providing financial assistance based on need. They provide two-year, need based scholarships to MHS students to help them close the gap between the cost of attending college and their financial resources. In June 2019, they awarded scholarships to 63 MHS graduates, totalling \$426,200. On average each student was awarded \$6,765 over a four semester period.

The **ECW grant** will contribute toward the scholarship fund for the organization.

MY SISTERS' PLACE

My Sisters' Place strives to end gender-based violence through comprehensive direct client services, advocacy, and community education with a focus on young people.

The **ECW grant** will help fund the organization's much-needed general operations in their efforts to end domestic violence and human trafficking.

NEIGHBORS FOR REFUGEES

Neighbors For Refugees mission is to welcome, protect and advocate for refugees and new Americans in our community by assisting in resettling newly arriving refugees using a co-sponsorship model in cooperation with the State Department. In addition, they provide assistance for refugees who have "timed out" of their initial resettlement period but find themselves in need of additional help.

The **ECW grant** will be used to fund small grants to refugee women through the Year 2 Family Fund for education, empowerment, advocacy and support.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Providence House's residences provide stable and supportive home environments for young women and their children who previously faced homelessness, domestic violence or criminal justice involvement. It provides its residents with comprehensive employment counseling and mentoring relationships with flexible timeframes for achieving goals.

The **ECW grant** will fund the purchase of move-in items including pillows, cribs, sheets, blankets, towels and bed bug-proof mattress covers.

RYE ASSOCIATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Established in 1963, the Rye Association for the Handicapped provides Water Therapy exercises at the Rye YMCA and social activities such as a June picnic, coffee hour, and theater outings. Many members are widowed or single women who benefit from the companionship as well as the physical therapies.

The **ECW grant** will help support the funding of the twice weekly water therapy exercises and social events.

ST. JOHN'S EASTER APPEAL - ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CRISIS RELIEF FUND

The **ECW grant** to the St. John's Community Crisis Relief Fund will help serve the various needs of our community going forward, particularly those who have been affected most by the COVID-19 pandemic.