

OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2023

In 2023, \$30,000 in net proceeds from our 2022 Christmas Bazaar were donated by the ECW to 16 local organizations that support our mission to provide financial assistance to women and children.

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 who 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 a community garden which seniors can tend, and in which they can congregate and connect following the isolation of Covid.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NEW ROCHELLE

The two clubhouses and ten school sites 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 helps support the Social Emotional Learning Toolkit project. The SEL Toolkits provide coping mechanisms for students when they are

experiencing stress or anxiety, which is all too common in today's challenging world.

MEALS ON MAIN STREET

Formerly Caritas of Port Chester, Meals on Main Street's mission is to eliminate food insecurity in Port Chester and the surrounding areas. MOMS provides healthy food and support services through our network of volunteers and our partner organizations. Meals on Main Street provides family style meals in its kitchen and in partnership with restaurants, culinary programs and caterers, along with an equivalent number of meals through pantry partners.

The ECW grant funds the purchase of containers to hold fully cooked family meals for students of Clarke Academy, where many of the children have learning disabilities and come from impoverished families. Their goal is to provide 50 family meals per week to students at Clark Academy.

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.

ECW grant funds helped to support the Middle School Co-Op Enrichment Program, a dedicated two week program to help 48 "at-risk" rising 6th graders make the transition into middle school.

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.

The 2023 ECW grant helped provide childcare for the “Building Our Future” program, specifically to help women enroll in educational programs and job training.

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 2023 ECW grant assisted in underwriting the part-time salary of a bilingual speech and language pathologist for the young students enrolled in the Port Chester Early Childhood Bilingual Summer Program. This is a NYS standards based program, lasting 4 weeks, which amounts to 80 hours of bilingual instruction and early intervention for children who present weakness or impairments in basic communications and behavioral skills.

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 supports the Sharing Shelf's Teen Boutique. This includes purchasing reusable storage bags and equipment to move inventory throughout Westchester as part of a series of free shopping boutique events for teen girls. In addition, the Sharing Shelf creates "Wardrobe Packs" containing a week's worth of appropriately-sized clothing and detergent.

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

Since opening in 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has provided free furniture to more than 16,000 individuals, including 8,328 children. Of these households, more than half were headed by women with children.

The ECW grant furnishes the homes of 4 single female heads of household who are in need of a safe respite from previous turmoil or personal trauma following domestic violence. Their goal is to provide beds, mattresses, dressers, living room furniture, kitchen table and chairs, and smaller items, and a Welcome Home Kit with kitchen basics.

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 to modernize a ground floor bathroom in Hope's Door's emergency shelter, and make it ADA compliant.

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 2022, MLSAF awarded scholarships to 70 graduates totalling nearly \$500,000. St. John's ECW will help to fund a two-year grant for a well-deserving female graduate of Mamaroneck High School.

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. In the last two years calls to their hotline increased by 36%, with almost half of those callers seeking emergency shelter. During 2021, My Sister's Place launched a chat/text element to our hotline to increase access to crisis support for victims/survivors who prefer to quietly send texts rather than risk being overheard on a voice call. The ECW grant helps 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 helps Neighbors for Refugees continue to work on a case-by-case basis, assisting refugees with anything they might need, including housing, medical care, education, transportation and childcare.

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 have histories in the criminal justice system. It provides its residents with comprehensive employment counseling and mentoring

relationships with flexible timeframes for achieving goals. The ECW grant funds 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 helps support weekly water therapy exercises and related insurance expenses.

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

The ECW grant contributed to St. John's support for Neighbors for Refugees. This Easter Appeal offers opportunities for St John's community not only to give financial, but also personal support. In addition to raising the funds necessary to support the assigned family, we will be assembling a team of parishioner volunteers to serve as "companions" to the assigned family, working with them for a year. Given the high cost of housing, transportation, and the necessities of life, it can cost as much as \$35,000 to support a refugee family in our area for a year. Each team will help a displaced family secure housing, furnishings, work with them on job searches, help them learn local transportation systems, enroll in neighborhood schools, houses or communities of worship, and secure medical resources, until they are closer to self-sustainability.