

# OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2018

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In 2018, the \$25,850 in net proceeds from our 2017 Christmas Bazaar was donated by the ECW to 18 local organizations that support our mission to provide financial assistance to women and children, in particular.

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## 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 intergenerational events for senior membership over the holidays which helps alleviate loneliness and depression.

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## 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 provide outdoor classroom furniture for the garden program where children and volunteers sow seeds, clear weeds, till the ground and grow their own vegetables.

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## CARITAS

Caritas of Port Chester feeds, provides clothing, counseling, companionship and hope to immigrants in our community. In 2017, its soup kitchen served just under 43,000 meals and its food pantry served 4,300 households, many of whom were single parent female families who needed 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 support a second monthly visit to the food pantry for women with children to obtain 5 additional proteins such as eggs, meat, fish and beans.

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## 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.

The **ECW grant** will support the program's summer field trip visits to various museums, state parks and nature centers.

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## 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 **ECW grant** will help cover the hourly salary for child care providers so that women can attend the CRC's Parent Leadership Group and related programs for women.

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## 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.

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## FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER - SHARING SHELF TEEN BOUTIQUE

At the Sharing Shelf's Teen Boutique, girls have an opportunity to "shop" for free clothing, shoes and accessories. Girls are referred to the program by social workers, therapists, teachers and others who work with low income families. The Teen Boutique served more than 500 girls in 2017, who took home over 10,000 items.

The **ECW grant** will support the costs of this event which has grown as it has increased participation and attendance. This has required additional hours to handle the larger clothing volume and use of off-site storage during the year.

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## FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

Since opening in 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has provided over 68,000 items of free furniture to more than 12,000 individuals, including 6,200 children and 2,400 single mothers. In 2017, the organization served 450 families.

The **ECW grant** will furnish the homes of 6 single female head of households who have either left a homeless shelter, are fleeing domestic violence or overcoming other personal trauma.

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## HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOPE Community Services was founded in 1984 as a soup kitchen to feed members of the community. HOPE has grown to become the largest provider of emergency food services in Westchester County, serving over 408,000 free meals annually with its Food Pantry. Over 900 children are registered in the Food Pantry.

The **ECW grant** will help HOPE buy mattresses and pillows for homeless young people in its Refuge program.

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## 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. In 2017 the group served 581 adult victims including 564 children in those families.

The **ECW grant** will replace playground equipment damaged by a fallen tree (and not covered by insurance) at the shelter residence.

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## INCARNATION CENTER CAMP

The Incarnation Center was founded in 1886 by the Church of the Incarnation, an Episcopal Church in Manhattan, and is located on 700 wooded acres in coastal Connecticut. The Incarnation Camp provides New York City youth with the experience of the rural Connecticut camp adventure. In 2017, 1,500 children visited the camp during the summer and half of the overnight campers received financial assistance totalling \$235,000.

The **ECW grant** will provide partial tuition for 5 campers from Westchester county from single mother families.

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## LARCHMONT MAMARONECK LIONS CLUB

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club is part of the International Lions Club, the largest service organization in the world. Its mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding. Its signature cause is blindness and eye health.

The ECW grant will contribute towards the purchase of a \$6,500 camera for the Lions KidSight program that safeguards the vision of children aged 6 months to 6 years. The diagnostic camera will assist with the screening of children who are too young to read an eye chart and refer those with abnormalities to ophthalmologists for early eyesight correction.

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## 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 2017, they awarded scholarships to 46 MHS graduates, totalling \$309,000. On average each student was awarded \$6,722 over a four semester period.

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

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## 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 children's counseling program.

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## 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.

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## ST. JOHN'S - BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Bridges to Community is a community development and service learning organization that promotes cross-cultural partnerships and sustainable community development. Bridges began working in Nicaragua in 1993 with a goal of combatting the entrenched poverty in that country, working in 4 key areas: housing, health, education and economic development. In 2012, Bridges expanded into the Dominican Republic.

A group from St. John's will be working with villagers in the Dominican Republic in June 2018, and will use funding from the ECW to purchase art and athletic supplies to share with the community in which they will be working.

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## ST. JOHN'S EASTER APPEAL - St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The **ECW grant** to the St. John's Easter Appeal and St. Peter's Episcopal Church will help purchase a walk in freezer, lap top computers and summer school/camp scholarships.

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## YOUTH SHELTER PROGRAM OF WESTCHESTER

The Youth Shelter Program of Westchester was incorporated in 1977 with the goal of removing young people ages 16-21 from the adult jail system. New York is one of only 2 states remaining that routinely arrests, detains and prosecutes 16 and 17 year olds as adults, incarcerating them with older, well-seasoned detainees accustomed to the jail system and culture. The Youth Shelter Program operates a 12 bed facility which houses its education program. It provides educational, clinical, vocational and substance abuse treatment to its residents.

The **ECW grant** will help fund the parents support group which acclimates families, parents and returning youth to being back home. Funds will provide meals for the group and metro cards to travel to / from the group.