



grantmaking news

SUMMER 2025

ONE GIFT HELPS SO MANY

LIFESAVING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR BET

Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) is the only emergency medical response provider serving our community. We raise \$60,000 annually to provide EVAC with more than 60% of the purchase price of a new ambulance every three years. EVAC will purchase the next new vehicle in 2026.



KEEPING OUR ELDERS HEALTHY & WELL

We provide nearly \$100K to **Senior Citizens Council** and **Eastchester Senior Programs and Services**. Without your support, a significant number of nutritional, social, anti-isolation, transportation, and domestic programs and services currently available could not continue.

In addition to subsidizing membership fees for low-income, local seniors, this year

we responded to **Gramatan Village's** \$20,000 request, which also partially funds a social worker position — a vital service delivering personalized support and healthcare navigation.



At a cost of just over \$20,000, we fully fund the **Aisling Irish Community Center's Lunch Delivery for Homebound Seniors**. This program guarantees the delivery of a hot meal each week to 40 homebound seniors in the BET area. Aisling's team also conducts wellness checks each week by phone and during visits.

CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR LIFE'S BIG CHALLENGES

Through a \$40,000 annual grant to the **Cancer Support Team**, 50 local residents and their families receive help in navigating a cancer diagnosis. CST provides BET cancer patients with access to specialized nursing, social work, counseling, and case

management services (including transportation and financial assistance).

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides a variety of civil legal services to low-income and vulnerable individuals in BET; \$37,500 from The Fund covers fees for 75 cases annually. Many clients live with disabilities, have been diagnosed with cancer, or are victims of domestic violence.



The Fund will provide a \$25,000 grant to **The Maxwell Institute/St. Joseph's Medical Center** to subsidize substance abuse and mental health treatment for nearly 100 under- and uninsured residents in our service area.

We grant \$24,000 to cover the total annual rent for **The Bereavement Center of Westchester's Bronxville Tree House** program, and subsidizes peer grief support groups for children 4-18, parents, and guardians.



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THERAPEUTIC RECREATION & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING

The Fund supports a wide variety of programs, activities, and services for individuals with developmental disabilities and special needs. **South East Consortium** is the only organization of its kind in our area. In 2024, they offered 153 programs for individuals aged 5+, including swim and sports programs, after school programs, life and job skill development, dances, and other social events. The Fund continues to support this work with a \$30,000 grant.



TCF has made a \$10,000 grant to **Concordia Conservatory** to expand its weekly music therapy programming for 40-50 special education students in contained, K-5 classrooms in the Eastchester School District. Concordia's program seeks to bridge the gap between traditional education and therapeutic intervention, recognizing that music can unlock potential in ways other approaches may not.

106 YEARS OF FREE FLU SHOTS

NYP Westchester and The Community Fund continue their historic partnership of providing free flu shots administered by



NYP Westchester nurse professionals at three locations across the BET area. This program vaccinated nearly 650 residents last year, many of them older adults who receive the higher-dose shot. TFC's FY26 contribution to this program will be \$20,000.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Access to high-quality programs and activities for children is directly tied to income. This year we continue support for the **Eastchester Community Action Program (ECAP)** with \$60,000 for educational after-school programming and summer enrichment activities for at-risk, low-income students aged 7-14.



Sixty percent of the **Tuckahoe Public Library's** public programs will be made possible this year through \$25,000 in TCF funding, benefiting thousands of participants of all ages across hundreds of offerings — from arts, dance, and music classes for children, to CPR and financial literacy workshops for teens, to ESL instruction, meditation, yoga, and arts programs for adults.

SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Without positive options for the use of their leisure time, teens can be at risk for choosing negative ones. The **Town of Eastchester's Teen Zone** program, funded at \$5,000, organizes recreational activities for BET teens in a safe, chaperoned environment. Both **Eastchester** and **Tuckahoe Police Departments** offer D.A.R.E. programs which reinforce healthy choices and behaviors. We also support **Tuckahoe PD's Youth Services** programming. The police-led programs are funded at \$22,000.



2025 MICHAEL FREY SCHOLARS

For nearly a quarter-century, The Community Fund has awarded nine area high school students with the Michael Frey Scholarship in honor of the Eastchester PD Police Officer who died tragically in the line of duty in 1996. We celebrate these scholars for their contributions to our community!

- Gavin Barreno, WCC
- Juan Gonzales, WCC
- Santiago Ortega-Brown, U of PGH
- Leonida Perleshi, Pace University
- William Souza, Belmont U.
- Josue Venegas, Boston College
- Sophia Vitanza, Fordham U.
- Jackie Zhuta, Boston University

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