

OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2021

In 2021, the \$26,500 in net proceeds from our 2020 Christmas Bazaar was donated by the ECW to 14 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 supportive services through an in-person and remote workshop series to train their population in managing life's tasks on their own and to cope with the loneliness and unexpected challenges of everyday life.

STEM ALLIANCE CO-OP CAMP

The Co-Op Summer Enrichment program offers a summer program to 240 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 provide funds towards increased program costs due to program and supply needs required to meet Covid safety requirements for in-person camp programming. Higher salary costs, higher supply costs, and reduced revenues are all part of this year's challenges in providing students

with much needed academic, social, and emotional support after this unprecedented year.

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 expanding the Voz y Vida support groups that domestic violence survivors need in order to heal, and to continue the childcare services that have become even more critical as survivors seek safe places for themselves and their children.

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 Early Childhood Bilingual Program for Summer 2021 by assisting in the underwriting of the salary of a bilingual counselor for both parents and early childhood students.

The Sharing Shelf

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 expanded Layette and Diaper initiative, specifically providing layettes for infants and toddlers in 4 sizes. 20% of the children served by The Sharing Shelf are of diaper-wearing age.

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

Since opening in 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has provided free furniture to more than 14,969 individuals, including 7,421 children. Over half, 2,962, of households 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. This year is expected to see a post-Covid “eviction tsunami” as people are forced from their homes and into shelters, losing their possessions in the process.

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 2020 their Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen provided 2,505,505 meals. There are over 1,200 children registered in their Food Pantry. The emergency food program is now Westchester’s largest.

The **ECW grant** will go towards the purchase of disposable diapers and personal sanitary items for women. The majority of their increased clients are women with children who are struggling to feed their families. The goal is to ensure that the pantry babies are clean and healthy and the pantry women can take care of themselves with dignity and self-esteem.

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 "Adopt-a-Room" project which aims to refurbish the building: cleaning, painting, replacing worn out furniture, and installing new lighting. The main house and outbuilding have not been refurbished in 20 years, in that time providing shelter to over 2500 victims of abuse.

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 2020, they awarded scholarships to 68 MHS graduates, totalling \$423,200. On average each student was awarded \$6,220 over a four semester period.

The **ECW grant** will contribute toward the scholarship fund for a deserving MHS female student. As of the end of April, MLSAF had received a record number of applications (72).

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.

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. In 2020, the New Rochelle residence was home for 29 women and 31 children.

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 insurance expenses, twice weekly water therapy exercises and social events as they begin again this summer.

Youth Shelter of Westchester

Established in 1975, The Youth Shelter Program of Westchester is Westchester County's only non-secure homelike alternative to incarceration for young men ages 18-21 who are awaiting adjudication of their cases in criminal court. The Youth Shelter Program operates a 12 bed facility which houses its education program and serves approximately 40 young men annually. It provides educational, clinical, vocational and substance abuse treatment to its residents.

The Shelter's theme this year is "Suited in Success" whereby each young man will be given a professional business suit and headshot to help them obtain a polished look as they engage their job search. The **ECW grant** will go towards their "From Mugshots to Headshots" program, covering the cost of professional headshots for their LinkedIn profile, and incidentals such as a haircut, etc.

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.