



NEWTOWN-SANDY HOOK
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

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Our Impact

2013–2022

751 Individuals Served

31 Grants awarded to 23 organizations that support recovery efforts with groups and individuals impacted by the tragedy

Our Mission

The mission of the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation is to devote itself to furthering and supporting operations and activities which address the short-term and long-term unmet needs of individuals and the Newtown community arising from the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

A Message from the Board Chair Chris McDonnell

Ten years following a tragedy that has torn at the fibers of family and community, we find ourselves amazed and inspired by the resilience witnessed.

In the face of the challenges touching those whose lives were forever changed, it has been the connections to one another that have fueled resolve to journey a path towards a better tomorrow. The connections that propel us forward aren't so different from those that created us.

Data reveal that people experience trauma differently. There is no 'right' way to respond to traumatic loss. This depends on the individual, their past experiences, and levels of support. As we steward our endowment, we only hope that the resources entrusted to us will have their greatest impact being put to work in support of efforts aimed at post-trauma mental wellness and emotional resiliency.

To that end, we have focused on equitable financial support for mental health and wellness services; strengthening nonprofit organizations working directly with those most impacted; and providing collaborative leadership aimed at building a stronger, more resilient community. The success of this work does not hinge on the Foundation alone, or on organizations providing services in the community, or on the generosity of any donor. It depends on all of us committing to building a better tomorrow together. We are inspired by love for one's neighbors, the commitment to the community, and the indelible memory of those lives taken.

Chris McDonnell

Chair, Board of Directors



Foundation Leadership

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Executive Director

Lucie A. Connell, MPA



Fund Distribution

Since the establishment of the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, the Foundation has remained steadfast in its support of victims, families and the community affected by the December 14, 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Research confirms that there is no single approach in assisting individuals suffering from a loss or traumatic event. The Foundation provides financial assistance for mental health treatments and support to individuals in finding the treatment modality that best fits their needs.

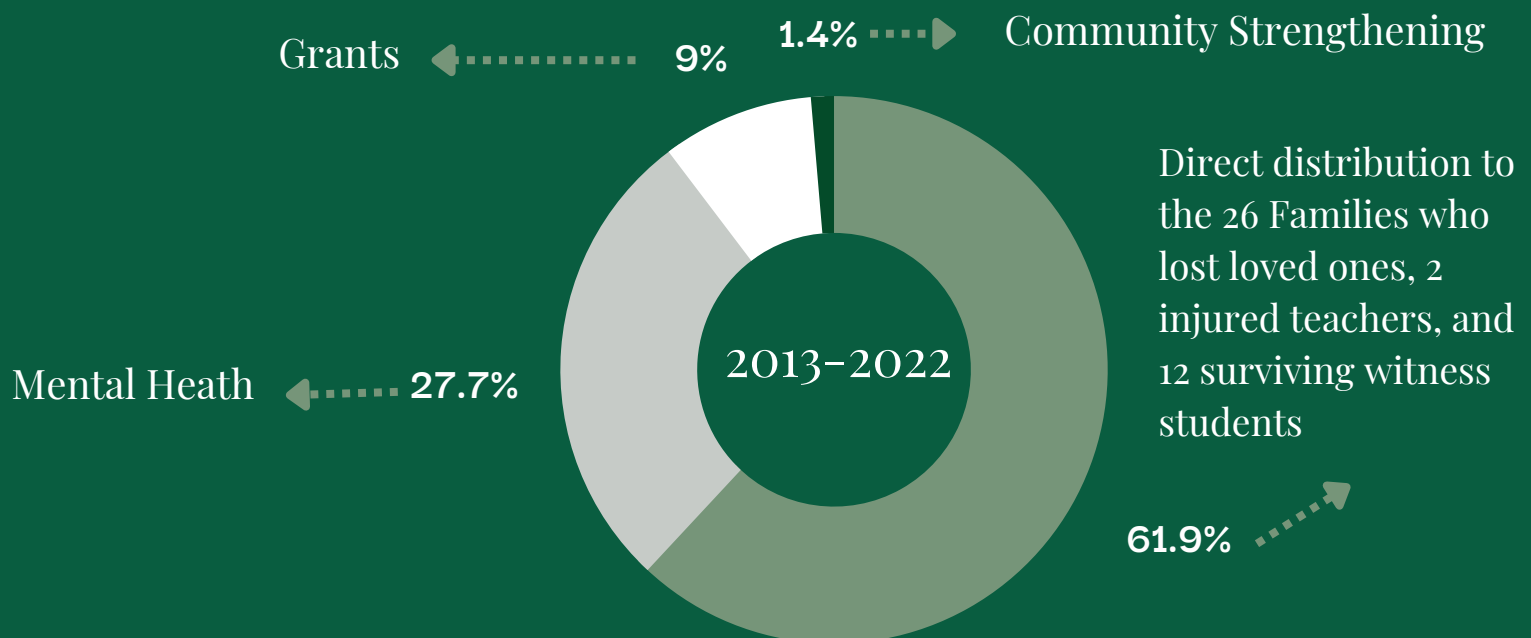
Mental Health and Wellness: The Foundation provides financial assistance to individuals with out-of-pocket costs related to behavioral health needs stemming from their exposure to the tragedy.

Grants: The Foundation provides grants to organizations working directly with those impacted by the tragedy.

Community Strengthening: The Foundation provides recovery leadership through the support of training for clinicians and non-profit leaders, and specialized programs for the community.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

\$12,427,389



Grants and Community Partnerships

Since 2013, the Foundation has partnered with 23 organizations and provided a little over \$1.1 million in support to non-profit organizations that align with our mission and work to support recovery efforts with groups and individuals impacted by the tragedy at Sandy Hook School on 12/14/12.



Grant Recipients 2015-2022

- Ben's Lighthouse
- Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. School Based Health Center, Newtown Middle School
- Embrace Hope
- Family & Children's Aid
- Heart of Hope-Newtown Chapter
- HEART 9/11
- Lunding/Bannerstone Consulting
- Newtown Community Center- Playmakers
- Newtown Community Center – CMAK Foundation Race4Chase
- Newtown Kindness
- Newtown Police Department
- Newtown Public Schools
- Newtown Youth Academy (NYA)
- Newtown Youth & Family Services (NYFS)
- Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Recovery & Resiliency Team
- Resiliency Center of Newtown (RCN)
- The Ana Grace Project
- The Avielle Foundation
- The Center for Empowerment and Education
- The Tapping Solution Foundation
- Town of Newtown, Center for Support & Wellness
- Wheeler Clinic



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