



Community Impact Report January 2018

Community Planning Council: The Community Planning Council (CPC) hosted its annual Legislative Breakfast on December 5th at Town Hall. First Selectman Peter Tesei and the Town's State Legislators, Mike Bocchino, Fred Camillo, Livvy Floren and Scott Frantz, discussed the impact of local and state legislation and initiatives on critical human service needs in Greenwich. The Breakfast was well attended and was recorded by the Town's local community TV channel. At its January meeting, the CPC hosted a panel of four mental health professionals addressing the issue of Stress and Anxiety in Teens and College Students. The February 20th CPC meeting will focus on Restorative Justice and Interagency Team programs for the Town's youth.

GJrUW- Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW) has continued to meet regularly and is working on multiple projects to solve community challenges. GJrUW Teens worked closely with Neighbor to Neighbor to help collect clothing for distribution to low-income clients. GJrUW members hosted a Hoodie Drive, to collect clothing for clients at the middle and high schools, which operated from November 27th to December 11th. The teens have started discussions on implementing the Financial Champions program. In addition, the teens have committed to raising \$5,000 through the school year to support Greenwich United Way's annual campaign. So far, they have raised \$1,000.

Reading Champions- The 2017-2018 Reading Champions program has continued to serve over 400 students and maintain a network of over 100 volunteers. A new Reading Champions Coordinator, Cecile Meunier, started in December. While supporting Reading Champions, she will also help to further develop additional "Champions" programs that are still in the planning phases. The Coordinator and Director of Community Impact have scheduled site visits with each liaison to observe sessions, meet volunteers and students and review program materials. In these initial meetings, staff emphasized a few key points: open communication, building community, assessing needs and fostering a supportive and learning environment. Currently, program staff is working on volunteer recruitment strategies and is planning to host the next liaison meeting in February.

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