



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – MAY 2020

Audit Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair

Planning Meeting with auditors and Committee-wide Kick Off will occur after Memorial Day.

Board Designated Reserve Fund (BDRF) Committee Report: Mario Forlini - Chair

Nothing to report

Community Planning Council (CPC) Committee Report: Joui Hessel - Chair

Nothing to report

Direct Impact (DI) Programs Committee Report: Nancy Weissler - Chair

Reporting Periods: April 2020

The DI Programs Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss program topics for the Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions (ECAGS) program, Human Services Technology Solutions program and expanding/enhancing Youth Impact (YIP) programs. The Committee met in February, March and April to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and program data, fiscal monitoring, program improvement strategies and partner relations. The Committee met on May 11th and the next meeting is scheduled for June 8th.

The COVID-19 public health crisis continues to have an impact on all programs.

I. Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions Update:

Staffing: The program is fully staffed.

Data and Measurements: G UW staff understands the district priorities may have shifted due to distance learning but will continue to follow-up with the district's data administrator.

G UW staff continues to work with Family Centers' leadership and Greenwich Public Schools to monitor the impact of distance learning. G UW staff continues to work with our partners to identify trends and formulate solutions as the public health crisis evolves.

Fiscal: G UW staff continues to review all invoices and supporting documentation to ensure accurate payment. G UW staff received and reviewed the March invoice in April. G UW staff is in the process of scheduling budget meetings with Family Centers' leadership to discuss next year's program budget.

Development: G UW was awarded grants \$12,000 from the Town's Community Development Block Grant Funds for ECAGS and Reading Champions.



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Greenwich Parents as Teachers (GPAT)

Program Updates: Overall, GPAT is operating smoothly and FC program staff completed all program reports on time. G UW staff and GPAT staff continued their regularly scheduled program meetings. Funds raised by the CT United Way will support GPAT families with basic essentials during the COVID-19 crisis. Forty-six of the GPAT family members have lost their jobs. All families have registered for the funds. Since March 13th, the GPAT team has conducted 7 in-person home visits and 87 virtual visits. Staff held a virtual Group Connection meeting in April to better understand families needs during the crisis and will have two meetings in May centered around health care access and relationships during the public health crisis. The biggest needs since the crisis include: unemployment, food access, rent support, assistance with utility bills and diapers.

One of the GPAT families gave birth in April at Greenwich Hospital to a healthy baby.

Data and Measurements: G UW continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. G UW staff is in the process of collecting data with GPAT staff that highlights the work being done during COVID-19 and the next PAT Affiliate Performance Report (APR) will be conducted in June by the PAT National Office.

Pre-School Instructional Coach (PSIC)

Program Updates: Virtual instructional coaching has been taking place since the pre-school closures and the PSIC and Early Childhood Expert (ECE) continue to speak weekly to discuss program barriers and make improvements.

The PSIC continued the virtual coaching model while the Early Learning Centers are closed and conducting distance learning with families. The closure and possible re-opening of sites continues to present many challenges for working families and for the teaching staff. The PSIC is conducting coaching sessions with teachers individually and in groups. Since mid-March the PSIC has conducted approximately 150 hours of individual coaching to teachers. The concepts covered with teachers include: Pyramid Model Modules, learning style approaches, writing a developmentally appropriate lesson plan, planning for differentiated instruction and virtual learning, and planning for meeting children's outcomes during teacher's zoom sessions with the children. G UW staff is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Family Centers' pre-school leadership to discuss when and how they might re-open their pre-school sites and how that might affect coaching sessions moving forward.

Data and Measurements: G UW staff continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. G UW will continue to monitor the shift to distance learning and its impact on student learning and the achievement gap.

II. Human Services Technology Solutions Update:

G UW staff continues to work with CCI leadership to effectively use the VisionLink software to support service delivery.



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III. Youth Impact Programs Update:

Reading Champions: GUW staff is working with after-school programs at the YWCA and Boys and Girls Club to pilot a virtual program and with GPS to plan for the fall. GUW staff has ordered books, medals and certificates to be distributed to the after-school programs but is still working out efforts with GPS on how and when to distribute end-of-year materials to GPS students.

Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW): GJrUW continues to host weekly, virtual meetings. Members continue to collect basic essentials for local nonprofit organizations and will support CCI with virtual tutoring.

Finance Committee Report: Debra Hess – Chair

Finance Committee to present historical financial trend analysis and discussion on grants policy.

Fund Development & Marketing Committee Report: Diane Viton – Chair

Sole Sisters Luncheon – Update from Kirsten Riemer

Event rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at Greenwich Country Club

Golf Tournament – Update from Mario Forlini

Event rescheduled for Monday, October 5 at Greenwich Country Club

Brew Ha Ha – Update from Alysse Scott

Event scheduled for Friday, October 16 at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

We are hopeful the health situation will improve so that Brew Ha Ha 2020 can take place this fall.

- Kicked-off planning for Brew Ha Ha 2020 and on-boarded two new co-chairs last week
- If fall date is approved by health officials, many factors and/or accommodations may need to be considered to ensure the safety and confidence of our attendees.
- Co-chairs are currently building our committee roster, with the first committee meeting planned for June 3rd

We are in the early stages but are prepared to move forward with all that we can while we await further direction.

Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg

Our mailing went out at the beginning of May, and we have already received donations. We should hit our individual giving goal within the next couple weeks. In early June we will assess who is outstanding and design a personal reach out campaign for those gifts.



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Marketing – Update from Karen Hopp of Bazini Hopp

- Social media
 - Created social media posts including: multiple status updates for COVID-19 fund, rescheduled golf tournament, multiple grant recipients, and “One Table One Town” event.
- Press releases
 - 4/20 — Greenwich United Way’s Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues First Round of Grants Totaling More Than \$113,000
 - 4/22 — Greenwich United Way’s Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues Grants for Kids In Crisis and Meals on Wheels
 - 4/24 — Greenwich United Way’s Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues Grants for Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich and River House
 - 4/28 — Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Successfully Surpasses Initial Fundraising Goal, Expands to \$600,000
 - 4/30 — Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues Fourth Round of Grants to Caritas, Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, Neighbor to Neighbor and Pathways
 - 5/12 — Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues Grants to Building One Community, Community Centers and TAG

Direct Impact Programs – Update from Anne Sherrerd

Nothing to report

Governance Committee Report: *Bill Finger - Chair*

Nothing to report

Grants Committee Report: *Erin McCall - Chair*

The COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has surpassed its initial target of \$500k. The committee continues to meet consistently each week as the applications come in so we can provide the grant in a time-sensitive fashion.

The Grant committee does their due diligence by digging deep into the application details as well as the organizations financials to ensure the donor dollars are being utilized to their fullest. Often after reviewing the applications, the committee has additional questions that Rob/David reach back out to the organization to receive clarification on (how many Greenwich residents, is this a COVID related need, are they receiving other grants from the state/federal governments, understanding the overlap for food specific programs across the Greenwich organizations, etc.)



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Grants Committee of Greenwich United Way

Eric McCall, Chair

Karen Chaplin, Board Member, GUW

Grace Lockhart Djuranovic, Vice Chair of Stewardship

Eileen Kim, Board Chair

Nicole Kwasniewski, Vice Chair of Community Impact

Kirsten Riemer, Board member, GUW

JP Muir, Board member, GUW

Breakout of the agencies that have been granted funds to date included in separate attachment.

Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair

Nothing to report

Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair

Next committee conference call on Tuesday, May 26 at 3pm

Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair

Nothing to report