



## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – JUNE 2020

**Audit Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair**

Nothing to report

**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: May 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 May and June to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and program data, fiscal monitoring, program improvement strategies and partner relations. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 has a meeting scheduled for 6/15 to discuss district achievement gap data with the Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools, Toni Jones.

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 the April invoice in May. G UW staff hosted a budget meeting with Family Centers' leadership to discuss next year's program budget. G UW staff is waiting on the draft budget from FC staff, which will be included in the YR3 Program Agreement.

**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. For now, most of these parent educator visits are conducted remotely. It has not yet been



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determined when live visits will resume. Funds raised by the CT United Way will support GPAT families with basic essentials during the COVID-19 crisis. Families continue to apply for these funds which can be used to purchase basic essentials. In addition, Family Centers applied for GUV COVID-19 Relief Funds to support 35 GPAT families. Each family will receive a grant of \$400. GUV staff will receive a monthly report on how these funds were used going forward.

The biggest needs since the crisis include: unemployment, food access, rent support, assistance with utility bills and diapers.

The GPAT Annual Performance Report (APR) to the National PAT Office is due in June and the GUV staff will have access to the results in July.

Data and Measurements: GUV continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements.

### **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 has continued the virtual coaching model while the Early Learning Centers are closed and has conducted 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. Family Centers is looking to re-open on July 6th.

GUV staff is still in the process of scheduling a meeting with Family Centers' pre-school leadership to discuss their plans to re-open their pre-school sites and how that might affect coaching sessions moving forward. FC staff has yet to communicate any official re-opening plans with parents and they are still in the process of gathering information from parents on who wants to come or not, before they make a final decision. In addition, the PSIC has started to support teachers in the Head Start classrooms.

Family Centers applied for GUV COVID-19 Relief Funds to support 95 ECE families in our ECAGS program. Each family will receive a grant of \$400. GUV staff will receive a monthly report on how these funds were used going forward.

GUV staff is working with FC staff to finalize the YR3 Program Agreement.

Data and Measurements: GUV staff continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. GUV will continue to monitor the shift to distance learning and its



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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.

### **III. Youth Impact Programs Update:**

Reading Champions: G UW staff continues to work with programs at the YWCA and Boys and Girls Club to pilot a virtual program this summer. G UW staff is in discussion with the Executive Director of the Horizons Program at Brunswick to see if a virtual program meets their program needs. As of now, the guidance from GPS is that no volunteers or guests will be allowed in school buildings this fall. This will have an impact on our program design and future work with volunteers. At its meeting with Toni Jones on 6/15, the G UW staff will discuss how to work with GPS staff to adapt the program to meet their needs.

G UW staff is in the process of distributing books, medals and certificates 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 has supported CCI with virtual tutoring.

### **Finance Committee Report: Debra Hess – Chair**

Finance worked with David and Jeremy on proposed 2020/2021 budget. First, the Finance Committee held a call on proposed budget and then held calls with the board to discuss in advance of the vote at the upcoming meeting.

### **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

Jeremy, Nicole and Kirsten had a conversation regarding ways that we could proceed with a more socially distant plan for the luncheon. Taking into account potential state regulations and people's



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comfort level of being in a large gathering we are looking at ways of adding a virtual component so that there would still be a luncheon of some format in September.

### Golf Tournament – Update from Mario Forlini

Event rescheduled for Monday, October 5 at Greenwich Country Club

Golf has still been relatively quiet, but we are staying firm with our September plan with the hopes of gradual improvement and being able to run the event. We've also started communicating with Greenwich Country Club about re-booking for May/June of 2021 to have 2021 on the books at a hopefully normal state!

### Brew Ha Ha – Update from Alysse Scott

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

- We will continue to monitor updates from health officials and hope to have more information by our July meeting.
- The committee will meet monthly to pull together auction package items and plan the event. Next meeting will be held on July 22nd.
- The committee has a few comedians they like, as well as one who could be the auctioneer.
- We will explore ways to improve cell service and Wi-fi at our location. Discussed that it would be beneficial to have online access to the auction items so that attendees can pre-bid and spend more time looking at the packages. Possible solutions include Wi-fi boosters and cell reception signage like "order your Uber here"
- The committee liked the food truck line up from last year. Committee members will continue to think about possible vendors / positive food truck experiences to share.
- Agreed that the liquor tastings went over well last year; we liked the Tequila tasting, whiskey, and craft beer stations. We should approach liquor stores and other connections with liquor/beer distributors.

We discussed trying to come up with Live Auction packages around the themes of "local travel," "Chef at home", and possibly "Sports." We are open to any connections and auction items that committee members may have access to.

### Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg

We continue the uptick in individual giving. With each division achieving goal. Right now, our main focus is on chasing the handful of outstanding gifts we have. Jeremy, Diane and Jaime have a meeting next week to discuss with annual campaign and next steps.

### Marketing – Update from Hagar Chemali

- Last week, Hagar encouraged David to put out a statement regarding not tolerating racism, etc. that would be more visible to Greenwich residents since I didn't see anything. They put it on GUW's social media and website.



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- On the call with Bazini Hopp, we talked about ways to get GUW's efforts and messaging out there - specifically to pitch a profile/feature with Greenwich Magazine and to encourage Ken Borsuk/Greenwich Time to do a story.

### Marketing – Update from Karen Hopp of Bazini Hopp

- Social media
  - Created posts for multiple status updates on COVID-19 fund and grant recipients
  - Created testimonials for partner organizations/grant recipients Abilis, Kids In Crisis, River House
  - Created post announcing Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grant
  - Created post addressing racism and discrimination
- Press releases
  - 5/14 — Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues Grants to Building One Community, Community Centers and TAG
  - 5/20 — Greenwich United Way Grants Support Local Businesses While Providing Food for Residents in Need
  - 6/5 — Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Issues \$50,000 Grant to Family Centers to Help 125 Families in Need

### Direct Impact Programs – Update from Anne Sherrerd

David and Jeremy are working on an update for DIP donors.

### **Governance Committee Report: Bill Finger - Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Grants Committee Report: Erin McCall - Chair**

Refer to COVID Grants spreadsheet for updates

### **Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair**

Nothing to report