

PUCF Awards \$741,000 During 3rd Grant Cycle

People's United Community Foundation is pleased to award \$741,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

One hundred sixteen organizations received grants during our third and last grant cycle of 2014. The funding was distributed within the foundation's three areas of focus, with 43 percent allocated to youth development, 34 percent to community development, and 23 percent to affordable housing initiatives.

"Our grant recipients continue to deliver outstanding programs to the individuals they serve," said Vincent Santilli, Executive Director of the foundation. "We are proud to support their efforts and grateful for the opportunity to witness extraordinary outcomes in our communities as a result of our partnerships."

A list of grant recipients is available on page 6, or refer to our website at pucf.org.

Habitat of Greater Bangor Gets a Visit from PUCF on World Habitat Day

On Monday, October 6, Bill Lucy, Foundation Officer in Northern Maine, paid a visit to [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor](http://HabitatforHumanity.org) to present a grant check. "These funds will directly support our mission to eliminate poverty housing by helping us to purchase building materials and professional services," said Executive Director Lynn Hempen. "We are so grateful to the People's United Community Foundation for its generosity and especially thrilled to accept this gift on World Habitat Day."

Pictured in photo (left to right): Lynn Hempen, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor; Seamus Higgins, President-Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor; Bill Lucy, Officer of People's United Community Foundation, SVP and Division President Northern Maine, People's United Bank; Michael Ludwig, Wealth Management Advisor VP, People's United Bank and Vice President-Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor.



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OUR MISSION

To invest in programs and services that enhance the quality of life for residents, promote the economic development and well-being of neighborhoods, and support the educational and developmental needs of children and youth, with special emphasis given to programs and services in low-income areas.

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Member Wins Dependable Leader Award

Congratulations to Billy Narvaez of Bridgeport, Connecticut!

Through a national partnership, Maytag® and Boys & Girls Clubs of America launched the "Dependable Leader Awards" to recognize Boys & Girls Club professionals and volunteers who exemplify leadership and dependability.

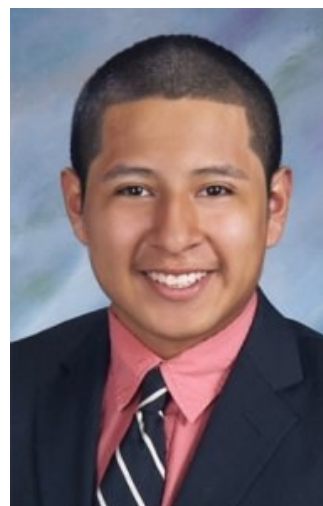
Billy Narvaez, [Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse](#) member, was selected as one of five finalists nationwide to compete for the distinction, including a \$50,000 grant, of which, \$20,000 will go towards a scholarship, and the remaining \$30,000 will help provide educational assistance for Club members and staff. After a few weeks of online voting, Billy was named the 2014 Maytag Dependable Leader!

A high school senior juggling his studies and caring for his two younger sisters, Billy is also a Junior Staff member and youth program volunteer at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse.

Billy runs both the Saturday Film School and Future Engineers Club and funds these programs out of his own pocket, illustrating to younger Club members another way of giving back to the community.

Elected as President of the Keystone Club, a unique leadership development experience provided by the Boys and Girls Club, Billy helped to lead the Club in community service projects including a toy drive for the local children's hospital and fundraisers to help members attend conferences.

Billy was accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology and will be the first in his family to attend college. His success is a tremendous example to every member at the Club, including his younger siblings, that they can achieve their dreams and goals if they stay focused and work hard.



Prepare. Connect. Inspire. Achieve.

Participating in dance troupes, working at Aeropostale, and helping with "school tube" are just a few of the activities that Junie juggled while at Burlington High School. All while participating in two of Navicate's programs – College Connections and PILOT—which led her to Clarkson University.

Junie's family migrated from China in 2002 with no English skills. Her parents emphasized that she focus on academics and instilled the value of "if you start something, you finish it," as Junie puts it. Junie pursued every opportunity, including [Navicate](#) programs. During her College Connections experience, she worked with Dhyana Bradley, the program's coordinator, to learn how to take responsibility for her own learning by working on her time management skills, asking for help in class, and developing relationships with her professors.

Junie also strengthened her people skills, learned how to network and connect with others during her PILOT experience. The PILOT program also exposed her to several career fields, including hospitality management which she thought she wanted to pursue. Junie completed a job shadow at the front desk of the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington and decided that what she actually likes is helping people but in a less stressed environment. After listening to the panelists during the PILOT healthcare day, she decided she would like to do research and "find a cure for something." She is now studying biomolecular science at Clarkson University after completing a summer research program there this summer.



Learning to Live with Macular Degeneration

Joan's Story

It's not easy to ask for help. But five years ago, following cataract surgery, my eye doctor told me I had macular degeneration. I knew something wasn't right because I was starting to see some cloudiness in my vision and was having difficulty with reading and driving. I was hoping it wasn't macular degeneration. I knew the disease ran in my family. My mother had it as did eight of my uncles and aunts. I always hoped my eyes would be spared.

"I realize now that I'm not alone and even with blindness I can keep doing what I'm doing."



Adding to my misery that year was my cancer diagnosis - "malt lymphoma" they called it. The fight required aggressive treatment for nearly a year. Between the cancer and the vision loss I was forced to leave my job. And to this day I can still remember my retirement party. I wasn't even able to read the print on the card given to me and signed by all of my co-workers.

While I managed to beat the cancer, my vision continued to deteriorate rapidly. Giving up my driver's license was the most difficult thing I've ever done in my life. I was so angry about having to give it up. I was even mad at my husband. I didn't want him telling me to do it. I wanted it to be my decision. I wanted to give it up on my own. I wanted to do it for myself. I was determined

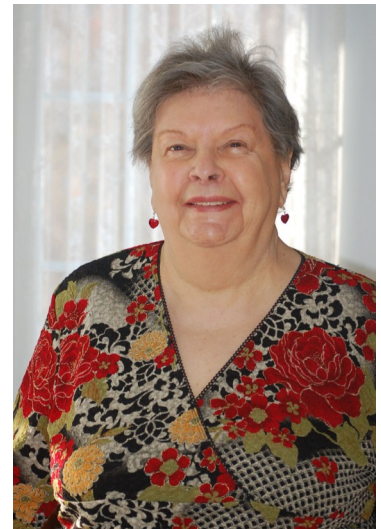
to get on with my life despite my deteriorating vision. I quickly came to the conclusion that I couldn't do it on my own. Dr. Correnti, my eye doctor, told me about the [New Hampshire Association for the Blind](#).

Jennifer, one of the Association's social workers, helped me get set up with the Talking Books program. That opened up a whole new world to me. Jewett, a specialist in low vision rehabilitation brought me some hand magnifiers as well as a video magnifier (CCTV). He even came to my home and marked my dishwasher so I could "feel" where the controls were. They were both great!

The Association's monthly peer support meetings in Manchester have helped me to build the confidence I never knew I had. I realize now that I'm not alone and even with blindness "I can keep doing what I'm doing". Even simple things are difficult when you can't use your eyes. But I say, "Keep trying - it will work". I'm inspired by a woman in my group who is 100 years old. I look at her and say to myself, "If she can do it, at age 77 I can do it too!" All my life I've been independent. I guess I get that from my mother. I know that I can't let my vision loss get me down. I have to keep living my life.

Thanks to the training and support I've received from my many friends at the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, I'll be able to keep doing what I'm doing for a very long time.

This year I travelled cross country with a friend to visit my sister in Colorado. I stay active by walking and bowling with the Senior Bowling League. What I've learned through all of this is that sometimes "you can't do it on your own and need to ask for help".



Finding Hope and Help Once Again at Person to Person

Jean had come so far and it was all gone in what seemed like an instant...

With a focus on helping low-income individuals and families at their moment of need, the Emergency Assistance Program at [Person to Person \(P2P\)](#) in Darien, Connecticut makes a meaningful difference in the lives of people who are seeking help. One such person was Jean Johnson.

Several years ago, Jean went to P2P, where she received groceries from the Emergency Food Pantry, and financial assistance for rent and utilities. She also developed her job skills and was able to choose an outfit from the P2P Clothing Center for job interviews.

Jean landed a job at a higher salary, rented an apartment, bought new furniture and moved into her new apartment with her children. And then a fire destroyed her home right before the Christmas holiday. "I called Person-to-Person and told them I lost everything."

Jean had come so far and it was all gone in what seemed like an instant. "P2P came to my house and furnished my new apartment: the living room; bunk beds for the kids; dishes. P2P even brought gifts for my children."

"They helped me ... and they are still helping others." P2P's focus is on providing long-term solutions. "P2P doesn't just provide a quick fix. They help people figure out how to improve their lives."



"I knew I could pick up the phone and someone at Person-to-Person would be there to help me." - Jean

Providing a Bridge to Self Sufficiency™

Melissa has been making great strides since she entered [Crittenton Women's Union \(CWU\)](#) in 2011. Although she grew up in a foster family, Melissa was asked to leave her home when she became pregnant. She found herself homeless, struggling with domestic violence, and lacking a high school diploma; a situation that quickly became overwhelmingly debilitating for her.

Melissa took her first step towards building a better life when she enrolled in CWU's GED program as a guest of Hastings House—CWU's largest congregate shelter in Brighton, Massachusetts. After completing her GED, Melissa moved into a transitional shelter setting at Abbot House. The Abbot House Pilot Program provides homeless families with stable housing and support services to help them make significant progress toward economic self-sufficiency. Each family designs short-term and long-term goals based on the CWU Bridge to Self Sufficiency™ - a theory of change that takes a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to fostering economic mobility.

After Melissa obtained her GED she knew she needed a job that would earn her a family-sustaining wage. Graduating from the JVS Pharmacy Technician training program last July, Melissa landed a job as a Pharmacy Technician at CVS, and was recently promoted to Front Desk Supervisor. In addition to her new job, she also completed an educational workshop for her peers at Abbot House, and utilized her current job skills to promote the flu vaccine, and had one of her co-workers provide free flu shots for the Abbot adult tenants.

In addition to achieving her education and career goals, Melissa is now better managing her finances, has enrolled her son in childcare, and reports being in a healthy and safe relationship.



CAREERS for People with Disabilities

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the rate of unemployed disabled people is over twice the rate of unemployed non-disabled people.

Individuals with disabilities face overwhelming challenges when trying to find a job. At CAREERS for People with Disabilities in Valhalla, NY, its primary goal is to help disabled individuals overcome these employment odds and obtain jobs that interest them and allow them to be independent.

Ellen found [CAREERS](#) in 1991, and over the past 22 years, the staff has assisted her in obtaining and maintaining several different jobs doing a variety of tasks. In 1996, CAREERS staff found a great fit for Ellen at the Gap store in Mt. Kisco. Ellen is responsible for cleaning all three of their stores—The Gap, Gap Kids, and Baby Gap—and the staff have indicated how much they appreciate her efforts. With the support of her co-workers and CAREERS' staff, Ellen recently celebrated her 16th anniversary of employment at The Gap!



Scott Wisla, Assistant Customer Experience Manager at the Gap, with Ellen, a CAREERS client for 22 years.

AMBITION IN MOTION (AIM)

For adults whose skill level would normally keep them from participating in a traditional supported work program, CAREERS provides the AMBITION IN MOTION (AIM) program. AIM is a day habilitation program designed to create opportunities for disabled individuals to interact with, and contribute to, the local community while learning vital life and job skills.



Doug and Greg spend their days doing activities that include office cleaning and document shredding.

Participants are scheduled throughout the day in a variety of recreational and vocational activities including food shopping and preparation, landscaping and office tasks, to name a few. Each activity is treated as a teachable moment that can enhance each participant's daily life and provide the foundation for independent, productive lives.

Giving back to the community is a vital part of the program, with participants volunteering at local libraries, animal shelters and recreation centers. Bowling, basketball and other physical activities are also part of the program, which helps participants gain self-esteem, confidence and social skills as they learn to be part of the community in which they live.

AIM helps to bridge the gap from school to life as an adult by teaching skills needed for independent day-to-day activities, while preparing participants to be more job-ready. Whether it is shredding or mailing documents, cooking lunch or cleaning the office, AIM participants have a full day of activities.

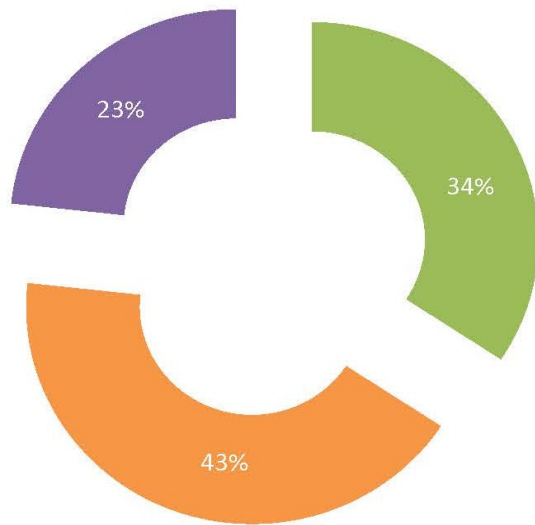
Congratulations To Our Grant Recipients

116 nonprofit organizations were awarded grants in the communities we serve in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

ACTION FOR BPT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
 ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL BUS. YOUTH EDUC. SERVICES
 ARTISTS FOR HUMANITY INC
 BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL INC
 BETH-EL CENTER INC
 BILLINGS FORGE COMMUNITY WORKS INC
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 BRIDGEPORT NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST INC
 BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND INC
 CAPITAL WORKFORCE PARTNERS INC
 CAROLINE HOUSE INC
 CATHOLIC CHARITIES INC
 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA
 CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER OF MAINE
 CHRYSALIS CENTER INC
 COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER
 COMMUNITY HARVEST PROJECT INC
 CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
 CONNECTIKIDS INC
 COVER HOME REPAIR INC
 CRADLES TO CRAYONS INC
 CRITTENTON WOMENS UNION INC
 DANBURY YOUTH SERVICES INC
 DEBT COUNSELING CORP
 EL CENTRO HISPANO INC
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 FAIR TIDE INC
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 FAMILY CENTERS INC
 FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER NASHUA INC
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 FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY OF YONKERS
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 GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD-BANK
 GRAY HOUSE INC
 GREATER BANGOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 GREATER SPRINGFIELD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 GREEN MOUNTAIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 GROW FOOD NORTHAMPTON INC
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WINDHAM AREA
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YORK COUNTY
 HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE INC
 HANDS ON HARTFORD INC
 HIGHER EDGE INC
 HOMES WITH HOPE INC
 HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND INC
 JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HARTFORD
 JUST A START INC

KENNEDY CENTER INC
 KIDS IN CRISIS INC
 LIFE BRIDGE INC
 LINK TO LIBRARIES INC
 LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA DANBURY INC
 MAINSTREAM FINANCE
 MANCHESTER AREA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES INC
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 NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC
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 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CHARITIES INC
 NEW HAVEN ECOLOGY PROJECT INC
 NEW HAVEN HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER INC
 NEW NEIGHBORHOODS INC
 NORTHEAST HEARING & SPEECH CENTER INC
 NORTHSIDE INSTITUTIONS NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
 NUTMEG BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS INC
 OAK HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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 WESTCHESTER EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN INC
 YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL
 YEAR UP INC
 ZACK S PLACE ENRICHMENT CENTER INC

Funding Allocation for 3rd Grant Cycle of 2014



Grant Distribution by Focus Area

Affordable Housing	\$172,500
Community Development	\$254,000
Youth Development	\$314,500

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People's United Community Foundation shares its activities and the great work of our grantees through People's United Bank's social media pages. We hope you will follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#), and share the good news about how our collaborative efforts are having a positive impact in your community!

Did you know we moved?

It has actually been three years since we moved from Fairfield back to Bridgeport, Connecticut, but we are still receiving mail at our old address. Check your mailing list to see if you have our correct address at **850 Main Street, 7th floor, Bridgeport, CT 06604**.

Important Reminder—Mark Your Calendar!

Please remember to mark our application deadline on your calendar!

Funding requests will only be considered during three grant cycles per year. Returning grantees should apply during the same grant cycle as the previous year, or later. Only one grant application will be accepted per year.

Application Deadline

February 1
June 1
October 1

Funding Decision

May
September
January



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Interested in submitting an application for a People's United Community Foundation grant? Our giving guidelines along with our electronic grant application can be found on our website at www.pucf.org > [apply for a grant](#).

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Our next **grant application deadline is February 1, 2015**. Funding decisions will be made in May 2015. If your organization applied for our October 1 deadline, you will be notified regarding our decision in late January. For more information on PUCF's grant cycles, please refer to the foundation website at www.pucf.org.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

People's United Community Foundation distributes grants throughout the communities in which People's United Bank does business. Our footprint includes **Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.**

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