



## Frequently Asked Questions for Donors

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **What is Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills?**

***Making giving history in Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills!*** On April 24-25, [Connecticut Community Foundation](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) is hosting the Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills for the sixth consecutive year. This 36-hour online give-a-thon has become an annual giving tradition in the region, infusing the region's nonprofit community with more than \$4.5 million since 2013. With the generous support of Presenting Sponsor [Ion Bank Foundation](#), other sponsors, and thousands of individual donors, we hope to make history again in 2018.

#### **How does Give Local work?**

For 36 hours on April 24-25, donors may visit [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) to make secure donations to their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. The first \$50,000 raised by each participating nonprofit will be boosted with bonus funds provided by Connecticut Community Foundation and Give Local sponsors— making donor dollars stretch farther! Nonprofits will also be eligible for cash prizes.

#### **When will Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills take place?**

Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills will take place from 7 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. All event-related donations must be made through [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) during that 36-hour period.

## DONOR FAQ

### Why give through Give Local?

Nonprofits play critical roles in supporting and strengthening our region – in health, arts, environment, education, social services and many other areas. In today’s economic environment, these organizations are pressed to accomplish much more with much less. Unrestricted donations like those raised during Give Local are very important for nonprofits working throughout our region.

While we encourage you to support your local nonprofits with year-round giving, Give Local aims to inspire community-wide giving during one targeted 36-hour period. It’s an extraordinary occasion to celebrate the spirit of generosity and support the work of nonprofits in Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills.

Plus, the first \$50,000 raised by each participating nonprofit will be enhanced with bonus funds provided by Connecticut Community Foundation and Give Local sponsors. And your gift could also help your favorite nonprofit win special cash prizes!

### Who can give?

Anyone with a credit or debit card can give to participating nonprofits during Give Local at [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org). Donors do not have to live in one of the [21 towns served by Connecticut Community Foundation](#). Since 2013, thousands of donors from our region and across the country have chosen to give where their heart is and support Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills nonprofits.

### How do I give through Give Local?

Go to [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) anytime between 7 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. Use your credit or debit card (Mastercard, Discover, Visa or American Express) to make a gift of \$10 or more to one or more participating nonprofits. You may give multiple times during Give Local—the sky’s the limit!

**Please note** that Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills is a program of Connecticut Community Foundation, which collects and distributes the donations. Therefore, your credit or debit card statement will reflect a charge to Connecticut Community Foundation. The Foundation will send your gifts along with bonus funds attributable to those gifts to the nonprofits you have chosen. The Foundation does not retain any of the donations given through the event.

### Which nonprofit organizations are participating in Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills? How do I know they are legitimate?

Hundreds of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serve our 21 town service area and are eligible to participate in Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills. To find out which are participating in 2018, search for individual nonprofits or browse the profiles at [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org). Profiles of participating nonprofits will be searchable by name,

special population served (such as seniors or youth), program area (such as arts or environment), and town. During the live event on April 24-25, the website will feature a leaderboard tallying gifts in real time so donors and nonprofits alike can see who has received the most gifts and which groups have raised the most money to support the important work they do.

Connecticut Community Foundation assures donors that participating organizations are valid 501(c)(3) public charities with an IRS letter of determination and are in compliance with IRS 990 requirements and State of Connecticut charitable solicitation registration. Organizations and programs operated with religious intent, mission and purpose are eligible to participate in Give Local only if:

1. 100% of the funds generated through Give Local are used for non-religious programs, services and activities (for example, a food pantry). Programs to be funded with Give Local donations must be specified in the mission question of the Nonprofit Registration form.
2. The organization allows individuals to benefit from the specified program, service or activity without discrimination on the basis of religion, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.

### **Can I give to more than one organization?**

Yes—and we hope you will! You may make multiple donations through individual transactions or through a multiple donation form. The multiple donation form—which is easy to access on the home page at [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) during Give Local—allows you to make donations to more than one nonprofit in a single transaction.

### **Beyond a donation, what else can I do to support my favorite nonprofit during the event?**

Please spread the word among your friends, family and network about Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills and the good work nonprofits do in our area. One of the best ways to help will be to use email and social media such as Facebook and Twitter let people know you are giving and encourage others to do the same. Your favorite nonprofits may also conduct online media campaigns or carry out creative ideas and events to promote the day and compete to win cash prizes. We hope you will support them however you can!

### **How will I be recognized as a donor?**

You will receive an immediate thank you and tax receipt via email from Connecticut Community Foundation. The nonprofits you support through Give Local are encouraged to also thank you and let you know how your donations are making a difference through their work.

You may choose to donate anonymously. Anonymous donors will receive a thank you and tax receipt from the Foundation, but to maintain anonymity your identity will not be revealed to the nonprofit organizations you support through Give Local.

## **Is my donation tax deductible?**

Donations are tax deductible. Once you make a donation, you will immediately receive an email from the Connecticut Community Foundation confirming your tax-deductible gift. Please save the email for your records for tax purposes. If you need a duplicate of this receipt, you may request one at [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org).

## **How much of my donation goes to the nonprofits I select? Will I pay any fees?**

The nonprofits you contribute to will receive 94.5% of the amount you give. We must pay a 3% credit card processing fee (a typical fee charged on all online transactions and not unique to Give Local), as well as a 2.5% fee as to the provider of Give Local's online giving platform. Donors are given the option to cover these fees during the donation process.

Please note that Connecticut Community Foundation does not charge any fee for providing Give Local to the community and will not keep any portion of donors' Give Local gifts.

## **Can I make a donation using my tablet or smart phone?**

Yes. It will be easy to make a gift on [www.GiveLocalCCF.org](http://www.GiveLocalCCF.org) using your tablet or smart phone, as well as a computer.

## **Is my donation safe and secure?**

Yes. The Give Local website is powered by Kimbia and is a secure PCI-Level 1 compliant site for donating to your favorite charities. You can be sure that your personal information is protected when you donate through our Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills website. Please click [here](#) to read Kimbia's Privacy Policy.

## **Who will receive my personal information?**

The nonprofits you support through Give Local as well as Connecticut Community Foundation will receive your name, contact information (address, telephone, email), and the amount of your gift. They will not receive your credit card information.

## **Who may I contact if I have other questions?**

Please contact Tricia Poirier at (203) 753-1315 x130 or [tpoirier@conncf.org](mailto:tpoirier@conncf.org).