

# Community Foundation *for* Nantucket

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So far, 2012 has been a fantastic year at Nantucket's Community Foundation! We have had the honor and privilege of working with so many wonderful individuals and groups – here are just a few examples.

- The Friends of the Hummock Pond Road Bike Path created a charitable fund with us to maximize private support for this long overdue project. The Community Foundation for Nantucket (CFNan) is very proud to partner in this joint effort with the Town, private donors, and concerned businesses and residents to facilitate the completion of the Hummock Pond Road Bike Path.
- The Nantucket Book Festival was a huge success in 2012, and the Foundation was pleased to be able to provide the support to make it so. Donors who wanted to support the Festival did so through a Project Fund with the Foundation, and received a charitable deduction for their donation. The Foundation provided all gift acknowledgements, and paid all expenses for the Festival through the Fund. Plans for 2013 are already in place.
- “Would all students who rode their bikes to school today please join me outside next to the bike racks?” Nantucket Elementary School Principal Kim Kubisch made this announcement on September 7th to encourage NES students to participate in a ceremony celebrating the new bike racks recently installed outside the school. Several donors contributed to a fund held at CFNan, pooling their resources to purchase 20 new state of the art bike racks for our school system. Superintendent Michael Cozort coordinated this celebration along with Danielle Briard, director of the Mass in Motion grant received by the State. “Any effort made by community members to promote healthy lifestyles for our students is something I support,” says Cozort. “In particular, this initiative was a wonderful collaboration of many people with a common goal – encouraging our kids to ride their bikes to school.”
- The Gutsy Givers became our first Giving Circle. Over 25 members of the Gutsy Ladies, who travel with Nantucket travel agent Sheila O'Brien Egan, discovered the power of pooling when they formed this club. Giving Circles are formed when individuals come together to learn about their community and philanthropy, pool their dollars, and decide as a group where to donate those dollars. The Gutsy Givers decided on two grants last summer to be given to local charities.

Other new funds established this year cover a broad range of causes such as the Nantucket Project Fellows Academy Fund, the Roundabout/Rotary Beautification Fund, the Grey Seal Research Fund and the White Heron Theatre Fund. To continue to build on the successes of its first five years, the Foundation is working on establishing a solid foundation to support its endeavors. This year, in recognition of Peggy Gifford, retiring Chairman and Co-Founder, the Peggy Gifford Endowment Fund was created to benefit the Foundation. With donor support of this fund and others, CFNan is making direct investments to address critical issues so that our community is a better place to live, work and raise a family. We connect people who care with causes that matter – give us a call and get connected!