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Darien Foundation Gives \$65K to Person-to-Person for Technology Improvements

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The Darien Foundation has awarded Person-to-Person a \$65,000 grant for a technology initiative to improve P2P's client services and to manage its many volunteers, including some 700 from Darien.

— an announcement from Person-to-Person

The aim of this project is to optimize data and relationship management, ensuring increased efficiencies in the ways Person-to-Person delivers on its mission.

This project will build P2P's capacity to meet the increased demand for assistance and support the overall growth in P2P's services. The new infrastructure will enhance the ways in which P2P collects and reviews data and will help the organization use its volunteers more efficiently..

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P2P is a community-supported agency that provides food, clothing and financial assistance through three sites in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford. Along with helping its clients with some of their basic needs, P2P's programs create pathways to stronger futures for thousands of low-income individuals and families in lower Fairfield County.

"Person-to-Person serves a critical role for so many of our neighbors in Fairfield County," said Sarah Woodberry, executive director of the Darien Foundation. "It is also a wonderful community venture that brings Darien residents of all ages together to assist others."

Person-to-Person takes a three-fold approach to fighting poverty and providing educational support to improve opportunities and outcomes for youth and families through their emergency assistance, scholarship and campership programs. The agency served close to 25,000 people in 2019.

A long-time supporter of P2P, The Darien Foundation is committed to funding technology and community capital projects that will benefit the citizens of Darien.

Previous support from the Darien Foundation included the purchase of a new delivery van and support for the Helping Hands campaign for capital improvements to increase accessibility of P2P's Darien location.

Nancy Coughlin, CEO of P2P, expressed appreciation for the ongoing commitment and support of the Darien Foundation.

"This grant will greatly increase our ability to serve the Darien community and beyond," Coughlin said. "We are grateful to the Darien Foundation for supporting the innovative work being done by nonprofits in our town."