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## **The Volunteer Hub Is Launched to Help Darien Volunteers Find a Good Match With Local Organizations**

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The Community Fund of Darien is launching The Volunteer Hub, a complimentary service to Darien residents interested in finding just the right local volunteer opportunity.

— *an announcement from* [The Community Fund of Darien](#)

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"We've heard from Darien residents that they wanted to be more involved in our community and didn't know how to get started," explained Janet King, Executive Director of The Community Fund of Darien.

<https://darienite.com> investments in many local nonprofit organizations, The Community Fund has strong ties to those who need volunteer help — a list that's growing.

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"Since TCF has such extensive knowledge of local nonprofits, we want to use this expertise to create a personalized matchmaking service for Darien residents to find their dream volunteer position and support these organizations with their skills," King said.

## **How It Works**

Individuals contact TCF's Volunteer Hub Hosts, and those "volunteers for volunteering" will personally guide participants to the organizations which best match their skill set and areas of interest.

Due to the most agencies' strict age requirements for volunteers, the service is geared to individuals preferably ages 14 and up.

Potential volunteers will call The Volunteer Hub at The Community Fund of Darien at 203-202-2098 or complete a confidential Volunteer Interest form online at [www.communityfunddarien.org/volunteer-interest-form](http://www.communityfunddarien.org/volunteer-interest-form).

One of TCF's Volunteer Hub hosts, Jessica Brokaw Cahill or Celeste Marsh, will respond within 24 hours for a personal one-on-one conversation to better understand the individual's interests, which may take place in person or via telephone.

From there, the host will make an introduction to the volunteer manager at the organization which suits the applicant best.

Volunteer Hub Hosts will follow up within one week and again in one month to make sure that volunteer and

agency relationships work for all parties.

**Two Nonprofit Officials Appreciate the New Project**

“The Darien Community Association (DCA) relies on volunteers to fulfill our nearly 100-year-old mission,” said Amy M. Bell, executive director of the Darien Community Association.

"We are excited to participate in The Community Fund of Darien’s new Volunteer Hub," Bell said. "We think it’s a win-win for both nonprofit organizations seeking volunteers, and people in the community who are looking for a way to give back.”

Betty Cordellos, director of development and communications for Norwalk Community Health Center, gave her enthusiastic endorsement:

“Volunteer Hub is the missing link! Norwalk Community Health Center is a high impact local nonprofit with a new, under-the-radar, volunteer program. Our volunteers are key to wellness initiatives that complement our core services.

“Without a dedicated volunteer coordinator, there isn’t always time to make those connections. We’re excited to have Volunteer Hub in our corner, bringing the right people together with the right causes.”

**About TCF**

The Community Fund of Darien’s mission is to inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our

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community. Its vision is for all community members to have the opportunity to reach their full potential as healthy, educated, and self-sufficient individuals.

TCF initiates solutions, builds collaborations, and implements and supports programs to strengthen youth, adults and families, for lasting and positive impact in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford.

Since 1951, TCF has distributed over \$20 million to local nonprofits and community initiatives, impacting thousands of lives in our community.

For more information about The Community Fund of Darien or the Thriving Youth Task Force, please [visit the organization's website](#).