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## Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc. Announces Recent Grant Recipients

**NEWTOWN, Conn.** (June 20, 2017) —The Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) recently awarded \$103,500 in grants during its spring grant cycle as part of its continued commitment to supporting the recovery and resilience of the Newtown-Sandy Hook community. In addition to funding programs that directly support those impacted by the events of 12/14, the Foundation also invests in initiatives that help build the capacity of the local organizations engaged in recovery work. “Our grants program is an important component of our strategic plan and we are pleased to be able to support the good work being done throughout the community. In addition to continuing to provide direct support for treatment related costs for victims’ families, surviving students, staff, and emergency responders, putting resources into the organizational structures that will support these populations in the long-term is critically important,” said Executive Director, Jennifer Barahona.

\$52,000 was awarded to the Newtown Public Schools for Project Adventure (\$27,000) and to support a recovery grant writer position (\$25,000) to bring additional funding into the district for 12/14 related recovery needs.

“Through the generous funding of the Newtown-Sandy Community Foundation the school board will be positively impacting K-12 students with enhanced programming and opportunity,” stated Newtown Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Erardi, Jr. “Project Adventure Challenge will launch at the start of the new school year at Newtown High and this program will be the base of our social and emotional curricula. The Foundation was a major contributor to the outdoor build of the implements to Adventure Challenge. In addition, funding for our grant writer has been played forward and, through the vision of the NSHCF, the work of this staff member has been an extraordinary contributor to the much needed funding for continued recovery. I highly value and applaud the partnership that the school board has with the Foundation and thank their committee and board for making a difference in the lives of children.”

\$26,700 was awarded to Newtown Youth & Family Services as a matching grant for the Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) award that provides clinical staffing support in the schools and during the summer for the Town camps. The grant also supports the on-going grief groups for parents, siblings, and grandparents of Sandy Hook victims at Healing Hearts through Regional Hospice & Palliative Care.

\$20,000 was awarded to the Town of Newtown as a step-down grant to support a portion of care navigation services for community members impacted by 12/14 through the Center for Support & Wellness.

\$4,800 was awarded for a collaborative program between the Resiliency Center of Newtown and Embrace Hope. The program will provide a combination of art and equine assisted therapy to groups of surviving students who experience anxiety and difficulty with transitions.

The Foundation accepts grant applications twice a year with deadlines of March 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. The competitive application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations that are working to support recovery efforts with groups and individuals impacted by the tragedy at Sandy Hook School. Organizations interested in receiving an application should contact Executive Director, Jennifer Barahona, at [jbarahona@nshcf.org](mailto:jbarahona@nshcf.org).

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***ABOUT THE NEWTOWN-SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.***

The mission of the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc. is to devote itself to furthering and supporting operations and activities which address the short-term and long-term unmet needs of individuals and the Newtown community arising from the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. For more information, visit [www.nshcf.org](http://www.nshcf.org).