

## \$80,000 given to local charities this year!

The overcast weather necessitated moving our annual luncheon from the Grape Arbor into the Assembly Room for our annual luncheon held on Monday, June 10. However, it did not dampen the camaraderie as we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and fellowship while honoring 19 Westchester organizations which serve women, children, and other under-served populations. The grants are made possible through the success of the Thrift Shop. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors for a record year! The luncheon was a great time to see first-hand all the good work that our Thrift Shop does for our community. We appreciate the continued support of donations, volunteers, and shopping!

## To learn more about the organizations we support, click below for their websites:

<u>Bread of Life Food Pantry</u>: The grant from RPC will help towards gas and maintenance of the organization's truck so they can continue to serve our community.

<u>The Bridge Fund of Westchester</u>: The grant from RPC will allow the Bridge Fund to prevent homelessness for multiple local families.

<u>Carver Center, Inc.</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to support their core programs and services including the Carver Market, Camp Carver, Carver Scholars, the Teen Center and the after school and Saturday programs.

<u>Children's Center for Learning</u>: A grant from RPC will fund an eight-session music program for children served by the Head Start program, as well as continued summer services for the program's most at risk children.

<u>Community Resource Center</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to provide childcare for women and families participating in education programs at the center. The funds will be used to pay an experienced and trusted care provider onsite, making programs more accessible to the community.

<u>Five Steps to Five</u>: A grant from RPC will help cover the increasing costs of this program as it formalizes its curriculum and looks to expand into new markets.

<u>Friends of Karen</u>: A grant from RPC will help provide super market gift cards and emergency funds to Westchester County families in dire need of food assistance.

<u>Friends of Rye Nature Center</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to support scholarship opportunities for their Forest Preschool and summer camp, impacting families who need financial assistance.

<u>Furniture Sharehouse</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to provide bedroom, living room and dining room furniture for multiple families in our community.

<u>Kids S.P.A.C.E. of Rye</u>: A grant from RPC will help fund scholarships for local working families in need of financial assistance.

Lifting Up Westchester: A grant from RPC will support the Brighter Futures Summer Camp, a 4-week, full day summer camp for homeless and low income children.

<u>My Sisters' Place</u>: A grant from RPC will help provide necessary supportive and legal aid to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in Westchester County.

<u>Rye Presbyterian Church Youth Group Mission Trips</u>: A grant from the Women's Association used to offset the various expenses of these RPC trips to New Orleans to repair homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

<u>Rye Presbyterian Nursery School</u>: A grant from the Women's Association will go directly towards scholarships awarded for the next school year.

<u>Rye Recreation Department</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to fund need-based camp scholarships for Rye Children who otherwise cannot afford to attend camp. In addition, this grant will help fund senior programs.

<u>Rise Against Hunger</u>: A grant from RPC will fund a church-wide mission project to help compile food packages for people in need around the world.

<u>The Sharing Shelf</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to support this important program as they look to double their space this fall to meet increased demand.

<u>Soul Ryeders & Friends</u>: A grant from RPC will help fund their soul-lifting kits, which are given to people in our community who have been diagnosed with cancer and are moving forward with treatment.

<u>Youth Shelter Program of Westchester</u>: A grant from RPC will be used to support a vocational after care program.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the following organizations who were honored by our Kellogg Award recipients:

Bread of Life, Bridge Fund, Sharing Shelf and Youth Shelter Program

