

The **Connecticut Education Foundation** is the nonprofit charitable arm of the Connecticut Education Association, helping children and teachers with extraordinary personal hardships, supporting students as they prepare for teaching careers, brightening the holidays for families in need, and nurturing students' love of reading.

CEF is funded through generous donations from local businesses, teachers, and community members.

How You Can Help

- ★ Donate
- ★ Sponsor
- ★ Participate

You can support CEF by making a donation, sponsoring a program, or participating in one of our events or fundraisers.

Donate. Sponsor. Participate.

For more information, email CEF President Joslyn DeLancey at joslynd@cea.org or Shannon Waxenberg at shannonw@cea.org or call 860-525-5641.

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Your support is needed to help Connecticut students and teachers.

The Connecticut Education Foundation, the charitable arm of the Connecticut Education Association, changes lives for the better.



Donate ★

You may donate directly to CEF at any time at cea.org/cef. Donations can be made to CEF's general fund or earmarked for a specific program. Your generous donation helps CEF fulfill its mission of helping students and educators in need.

CEF's Children's Fund

Teachers request funds to provide basic necessities to students in need, including jackets, boots, eyeglasses, school supplies, and other items their own families can't afford.

CEF Scholarships

CEF scholarships provide financial support for students to pursue their dreams of becoming teachers.

Edward J. Boland Financial Assistance Fund

This program provides financial assistance to teachers experiencing financial hardships due to catastrophic illness, disaster, or other unforeseen crises.

Sponsor ★

CEF holds events throughout the year that are made possible thanks to the support of generous sponsors. Consider one or more of these sponsorship opportunities.

Hands Across the Green Golf Tournament

CEF's main fundraiser provides numerous sponsorship opportunities, including event sponsors and hole sponsors. You may also get involved by organizing a foursome, attending the dinner, donating raffle prizes, purchasing raffle tickets, or making a monetary contribution.



Celebrates Gala Fundraiser

CEF's annual gala celebrates education champions while raising funds to support the ongoing work of the foundation. This is a fun night of dinner, dancing, awards, a silent auction, and more. In addition to purchasing single tickets and tables of 10, there are various sponsorship levels and opportunities to place ads in the program book.



Holiday Bear Project

CEF's annual holiday gift-giving program is one of the foundation's most popular and highly visible programs, helping brighten the holidays for children in need. Sponsors receive a list of items a child needs or would enjoy, along with a Holiday Bear duffel bag to package their gifts. Wish lists are compiled by the child's teacher and might include clothing, books, toys, and games. Sponsors may also purchase gift cards or make a donation to cover the cost of gifts for children.

Additional sponsorship opportunities exist for those who wish to cover the cost of the Holiday Bear duffel bags and have their name or business logo printed on the bags.



Read Across Connecticut

CEF's Read Across Connecticut program helps students discover the joys of reading by visiting schools across the state with read-alouds, special guests, and free books for children to take home. Online resources support teachers and parents in their efforts to create positive experiences centered on literacy and learning.

Sponsors' donations cover the cost of books, a book bag, and school supplies. Donors have their name printed on bookplates and on the bags given to students.

Participate ★

Participating in CEF events is a great way to support the mission of the foundation.

- ★ Play in the Hands Across the Green golf tournament
- ★ Attend the CEA Celebrates gala fundraiser
- ★ Sponsor one or more children for the Holiday Bear Project
- ★ Volunteer to read to children during Read Across Connecticut events

Support the Connecticut Education Foundation Today

