



# NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
January 10, 2020

## **Connecticut Education Foundation Receives Grant to Help Students in Need** Dalio Philanthropies donates \$40,000

Hundreds of schoolchildren across the state facing extraordinary hardships will receive a helping hand—as will minority students planning on entering the teaching profession—thanks in large part to a generous donation from the Dalio Philanthropies.

The organization donated \$40,000 to the Connecticut Education Foundation's (CEF) Children's Fund, which provides disadvantaged public school students across the state with many of the necessities that their own families cannot afford, including clothing, eyeglasses, and medicine. CEF also awards scholarships to minority students pursuing teaching careers.

“We are grateful for the generous donation from Dalio Philanthropies,” said CEF President Tom Nicholas. “The funds will build on the success of the Connecticut Education Foundation's commitment to changing lives for the better by allowing us to further our reach and provide assistance to more students in need across the state. We know that students cannot learn if their basic needs are not met. That is why teachers turn to the Children's Fund for help, and that is why the Dalio Philanthropies' support of CEF is so deeply appreciated.”

Additionally, the grant will boost CEF's ongoing efforts to address the woefully underrepresented number of teachers of color in classrooms across Connecticut.

“Children of color rarely have teachers who are reflections of themselves culturally and ethnically, and that needs to change,” said Nicholas. “The funding we received from Dalio Philanthropies will allow us to bring more students of color into the teaching profession by offering college scholarships to ease the financial burden for minority students planning to pursue teaching careers,” added Nicholas. “Thanks to this donation, more minority students will fulfill their dreams of becoming professional educators, creating a more diverse teaching force in Connecticut.”

“We are thrilled to award such a deserving organization with much-needed funding to support the invaluable work they do to improve the lives of students across our state,” said Barbara Dalio, co-founder and director of Dalio Philanthropies.

Over the past 25 years, CEF—which is the charitable arm of the Connecticut Education Association—has distributed more than \$1 million to students in need and those planning to pursue teaching careers, thanks to generous donations from Connecticut teachers, as well as funds raised at an annual golf tournament. For more information, visit: [www.cea.org/cef/](http://www.cea.org/cef/).

Based in Connecticut, Dalio Philanthropies was created by Barbara and Ray Dalio more than a decade ago. Earlier this year, Dalio Philanthropies pledged \$100 million to match the State of Connecticut's contribution to create the Partnership for Connecticut, which aims to help Connecticut's disengaged and disconnected youth and young adults (ages 14 to 24) access the educational and career opportunities they need to succeed in life. In addition, since 2015, Dalio Philanthropies has invested more than \$60 million in public education in Connecticut, directly benefitting thousands of educators across the state. To learn more, visit: [daliophilanthropies.org](http://daliophilanthropies.org).

###

For further information, contact Nancy Andrews at 860-725-6317, [nancya@cea.org](mailto:nancya@cea.org).