



# The Madison Foundation, Inc.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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## Investing In Teachers

Fran and John Sadek believe that more needs to be done to encourage young people to go into teaching as a profession. That is why in 2006 they established a fund at The Madison Foundation to grant annual scholarships to Hand students pursuing degrees in education. Each year, the school Guidance Dept. solicits essays from students who apply for the scholarships. "They are often quite moving," said Fran, "they have come from a family of teachers and see the impact that the profession has on so many people, or they write to us about having been inspired by a teacher, someone who has had a profound effect on them."



*Their dream became a reality to fund future teachers.*

A graduating senior is then selected who receives a \$1,000 scholarship, and is eligible to renew that scholarship annually provided they maintain a B average or better, and continue pursuing a degree towards becoming a teacher.

Fran and John Sadek are both retired schoolteachers, and Fran continues to volunteer at Daniel Hand High School's Student Assistance Center tutoring students with ADHD. They have lived in Madison for forty years, and moved here from Northford when they adopted two boys: John, now 43 and Jim, now 41.

"I was a teacher, my father was a teacher and I married a teacher. I have a great love for education, and for how much you can help others through education," Fran remarked. "There are not a lot of quality people who want to stay in

teaching these days when there are so many other ways they can earn more money. We want to encourage young people to pursue this important life path and are delighted that the Madison Foundation exists to make sure that in perpetuity, a scholarship will exist in our name to do just that."

*For more information about setting up a named scholarship fund, please call the Foundation at 203.245.2796 and leave a message.*

## Madison Foundation Provides Grant to Women & Family Life Center

The Madison Foundation recently awarded the Women & Family Life Center (WFLC) with a generous grant to purchase a portable LCD projector and digital camera.

The need for new equipment is a response to an expansion in services provided by WFLC to the shoreline community. WFLC has provided over a dozen presentations to various organizations in the past 12 months, the most important of which were to parents and community members around internet safety. WFLC does not own a working LCD projector, and has had to rely on other organizations for equipment. In addition, WFLC does not own a digital camera, and looks

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## FALL EVENT

A fall fund raiser is being planned that will take place on **Sunday, September 14 at the Wharf Restaurant**. The event will feature a silent auction that promises to offer many exciting items. Invitations will be mailed to our many donor families. The funds raised will be used to support many community projects and to seed new ones. The Madison Foundation relies on the Madison community to support their efforts, so the Foundation can honor the many grant requests they receive.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT *Richard C. Benson*

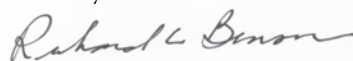
The Madison Foundation, an all-volunteer organization, is your community Foundation. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that functions not only to financially support grant request, but to also work with you and your family to establish your own family fund. Fran and John Sadek, featured in this newsletter, made their decision to establish a fund that will give a scholarship to a Daniel Hand High School student in each of the four years they are in college. The scholarship will go to a student who will major in education and go on to be a school teacher just like the Sadeks were. The Sadek scholarship will be given in their name each year, every year, forever. There is no need for families to set-up their own 501 (c) (3) family Foundation. That is another wonderful reason why community foundations exist. It is our fiduciary responsibility to you and your family to see that your funds receive the most benefit possible and that your hard earned philanthropic dollars are used to the fullest extent possible.

Each week when we read our local newspapers, it is always heart warming to see photos and articles of various town organizations or high school students having a fundraiser to benefit a Madison family, an individual or a non-profit organization. Madison, like so many other communities in this great nation of ours, steps up to the philanthropy plate, because we care about each other. Your Madison Community Foundation is able to give back because the good folks in Madison have been so supportive over the last twelve years. Your support over all those years has allowed the Foundation to return over \$550,000 to the community in grant money and scholarships.

Last year, approximately 700 community Foundations around the country, gave back to their communities and to global projects, approximately \$3.3 billion dollars to fund a wide variety of causes. The Madison Foundation is a member of the Council on Foundations and is registered with the Connecticut Council on Philanthropy. A copy of our IRS form 990 is on file in our Foundation office for your review. We want to continue our valuable presence in Madison, but we can only accomplish that if we have your much needed support. Please continue to make The Madison Foundation your choice for charitable giving.

Together we can make good things happen in our community.

Sincerely,



RICHARD C. BENSON

*President, The Madison Foundation, Inc.*

## THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS, *the following Grants* *were distributed in the Madison community* *in 2007:*

- **The Cove Center for Grieving Children** – Funds will be used to expand existing services
- **Friends of Hammonasset** – For the annual Hammonasset Festival
- **Madison Hose Company** – Support for the publication of a book on the history of the volunteer Madison Hose Company #1
- **Madison Cares - Habitat for Humanity** – Supporting their efforts as part of the New Haven building project
- **Operation Music Aid** – This Madison based organization provides instruments to wounded soldiers to aid in their recovery period
- **Sarah Foundation** – Support for continuing services for Madison residents
- **Shoreline Arts Alliance** – Annual festival with performing groups from Madison
- **Women and Family Life Center** – New play and educational equipment for children served by this group
- **Children's Fair for Juvenile Diabetes** – Annual fundraiser for the Madison chapter of this organization
- **Penguin Plunge – Special Olympics** – The annual Madison event at the Surf Club
- **Vista Vocational and Life Center** – Support for the purchase of presentation equipment for this Madison organization
- **Young Audiences of CT** – For performances during the Fair Earth Bazaar at the Mercy Center
- **Odyssey of the Mind** – Brown School – To attend the world finals
- **Madison Ambulance Association** – Partial cost of new defibrillators
- **Bikes for Kids** – Support for a bicycle safety education program in Madison Schools
- **Camp Hazen** – Scholarships for Madison youths to attend Camp Hazen
- **Student Scholarships** – Funds for college scholarships for worthy DHHS students

*And many more worthy Madison and Shoreline Organizations ...*

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# Focus on The Madison Foundation



Camp Hazen YMCA is an independent YMCA, located on the shores of Cedar Lake in Chester, Connecticut. Celebrating our 87th year, Camp Hazen YMCA has remained committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

Each year over 1,500 youth attend Camp Hazen's Summer Resident Camp, Day Camp and Teen Leadership Programs, with another 7,000 youth taking part in our year round group camping activities. The Madison community is a strong supporter of Hazen with 200 campers from 137 families attending 2007 summer programs. Madison schools and local organization also participate in team building, leadership and environmental programs.

Since 2003 The Madison Foundation has partnered with Camp Hazen to provide need based financial assistance for Madison youth to have the Hazen experience. The Madison Foundation's support is part of Hazen's expanding "Open Doors" program which in 2007 provided over \$120,000 for camperships.

Madison Cares connects the shoreline community with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. Madison Cares sponsors the building of Habitat homes in New Haven by funding the buildings and providing all the volunteer labor for construction. Madison



Cares is currently working on its fourth home in the Elm City. Grants received from the Madison Foundation help Madison Cares to continue to work towards building our own community while providing simple, decent housing for folks partnering with Habitat for Humanity. For more information, see [Madisoncares.org](http://Madisoncares.org).

When Special Olympics, Inc. was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shiver, she envisioned an organization that would create a movement for tolerance and acceptance, achieved through sports participation and competition. Special Olympics Connecticut, Inc. (SOCT) was founded to promote this same movement and offers special programs to eligible children and adults within the state. Currently, SOCT provides opportunities to over 4,800 athletes and 1,675 Unified® partners: non-disabled individuals who



train and compete alongside their intellectually disabled peers.

In order for SOCT to achieve its goals and objectives, we rely heavily on the support we receive from our local community. The annual Madison Penguin Plunge is a community event with a dual purpose: (1) to raise

funds for the SOCT, both statewide and locally, and (2) to increase awareness in the Shoreline community for the programs and opportunities made available to people with intellectual disabilities.

The Madison Foundation has been a passionate supporter of the Penguin Plunge as a Contributing Sponsor and has relieved such costs as facility rental and ambulance/EMT personnel. With their support, SOCT has been able to spread the message that communities have the opportunity to change attitudes...and the lives of our athletes.



KIDSTEPS, a division of SARAH, Inc., provides support and services to families with children with developmental

delays and disabilities. The KIDSTEPS Lending Library is an important component of this program allowing parents and caregivers to "check out" adaptive toys, parenting and learning materials. This extensive lending library includes books, periodicals, and audio/visual training materials pertinent to the field of early intervention and early childhood education. The KIDSTEPS Lending Library located in Madison has grown to over 350 items through generous donors such as the Madison Foundation.

(WFLC: continued from cover) forward to being able to capture and share appropriate moments at WFLC through digital photos.



While the initial investment in new equipment is significant, the technological improvements will increase WFLC's overall effectiveness in providing services to women and families on the shoreline. WFLC is enormously grateful for the Madison Foundation's ongoing and generous assistance.



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## S.I.L.L.

### *Shoreline Institute of Lifelong Learning*

**G**uilford Senior Services and Madison Senior Services with the support of The Guilford Foundation and The Madison Foundation are launching an exciting, innovative program affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network. The new Shoreline Institute of Lifelong Learning will offer meaningful intellectual programs during daytime hours primarily to retired and semi-retired citizens of Guilford and Madison, who share a love of learning. Membership is open to all adults who would enjoy a few hours of intellectual stimulation and socializing.

## GIVING *Flexibility*

**Cash:** An outright gift to The Madison Foundation qualifies for Federal Income Tax deductions in the year of the gift.

**Securities:** Stocks and bonds that have increased in value may be given to The Madison Foundation. The donor receives a tax deduction for the value of the gift at market value, and avoids capital gains taxes.

**Life Insurance/Charitable Gift Annuities:** Donors may name The Madison Foundation as a beneficiary of life insurance policies. In the case of annuities, donor may choose to retain income during his or her lifetime.

**Charitable Remainder Trust:** A donor may designate The Madison Foundation as the beneficiary of this type of trust and still receive income during his or her lifetime. Donor receives tax deduction in the year the trust is established, and reduces estate taxes.

**Bequests:** Bequests of cash, securities or property may be made to The Madison Foundation either as a specific sum or as a percentage of the donor's estate.

**Memorial Gifts:** A gift to The Madison Foundation is a meaningful way to honor a special person or create a memorial to a loved one.

## DID you KNOW? *The Madison Foundation...*

- Is Madison's *only community* foundation.
- Has an *all volunteer* Board of Directors.
- Has *950 donors*.
- Is *supported in full* by contributions by residents of Madison.
- Grew by *20%* last year.
- Made grants totaling nearly *\$45,000* in 2007.
- Has awarded over *250* grants.
- Is a proud member *in good standing* of the Council on Foundations.