

CHALLENGE	DONATION	IMPACT
HEALTHIER LIVES		
<i>I need support for a healthy pregnancy and baby. Care from a doula significantly improves outcomes for moms and babies, especially those of color.</i>	\$115/week (\$5,980)	11 moms receive doula care during and/or after pregnancy
<i>My family needs fresh, healthy food. Fruits and vegetables are essential to health, but high prices are a barrier for many families.</i>	\$75/week (\$3,900)	8 families receive stipends for fresh produce every week for a year
<i>I'm learning to parent my young child, and I need tools to help me. 80% of a child's brain growth happens by age 3; foundations for future learning, behavior and growth are laid early.</i>	\$10/week (\$520)	5 families receive tools to promote and monitor healthy development of infants and toddlers
<i>It's hard to keep my growing kids fed on the weekends. Many children rely on school-served meals for nutrition.</i>	\$5/week (\$260)	6 students received weekend backpacks of food for one month
SCHOOL AND CAREER SUCCESS		
<i>To be able to work, I need quality childcare that I can afford. Licensed, in-home care provides a quality, affordable option.</i>	\$40/week (\$2,080)	2 new child care providers are licensed, creating 12-16 family child care spaces
<i>My child is falling behind in reading. Reading on-level in third grade is linked to high school graduation.</i>	\$30/week (\$1,560)	98 struggling readers in K-2 receive reading skills support
<i>We don't have a lot of books. Books help foster school success, but 2/3 of low-income children have no age-appropriate books at home.</i>	\$15/week (\$780)	3 moms receive reading coaching & books to read with their babies, or 30 students have their own book to read at home
<i>My child needs out-of-school learning opportunities to realize his potential. Enrichment activities improve health, school achievement, and life skills. Families with modest incomes can rarely afford to participate.</i>	\$15/week (\$780)	3 students enroll in an enrichment activity like sports, music, art, or robotics
STRONGER FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS		
<i>The cost of housing keeps going up, so it's harder to balance my budget. Rents have grown by 30%. More than 1 in 5 spends half their income on housing, which leads to instability.</i>	\$50/week (\$2,600)	2 neighbors move from shelters into a safe, stable home, or 43 families receive financial education and counseling
<i>I work hard, but can't make ends meet. 30% of people in Southwest CT struggle to pay bills.</i>	\$20/week (\$1,040)	7 individuals prevent utility shut-offs or get help with overdue bills
<i>I need tax help to access the refund I've earned. Too many can't afford tax prep services (\$300/each) and miss valuable tax refunds and credits.</i>	\$5/week (\$260)	400 families access hard-earned refunds to invest in their future, or to provide a cushion vs. unexpected costs