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Grace Farms Foundation Awards Grants of Program Space



Grace Farms Foundation is awarding space grants to 42 not-for-profit organizations, including 10 national and 32 state and local organizations. Grants of space are offered within the River building volumes, West Barn and 80-acre grounds. © Dean Kaufman

NEW CANAAN, CT, February 26, 2016 — Offering a gift of space and resources, Grace Farms announces its first round of space grants awarded to 42 not-for-profit organizations including 10 national and 32 state and local organizations. Part of Grace Farms Foundation’s mission is to support local, national and global nonprofits whose work aligns with any combination of the Foundation’s five initiatives: nature, arts, community, justice and faith.

“Since we opened to the public in October of last year, Grace Farms has already welcomed more than 50,000 visitors and partnered with 25 not-for-profit organizations,” said Sharon Prince, President of Grace Farms Foundation. “Now, as we continue to broaden our reach and make new connections across all five initiatives of Grace Farms—nature, arts, justice, community and faith—we are delighted to partner with these additional organizations. This two-way relationship will help advance the missions of the grantees and provide greater opportunity for Grace Farms visitors to get involved and give back to the community.”

Grantees and programs include **Voices of September 11th** (a 15th anniversary gathering focused on resiliency presented in partnership with Grace Farms Foundation on September 12, 2016); **Arts for Healing** (bi-weekly, special needs music and art therapy); **Future Five** (a pilot math intervention program for low-income high school students); **STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way** (a weekly book club for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families); **Discovery Center of Ridgefield** and other local nature centers (an ongoing educational nature program that will kick off at Grace Farms’ Winter Outing); and **Full Court Peace** (a three-month weekly basketball program to unite, educate and strengthen youth from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds). Organizations such as the **NOMI Network**, **International Organization for Adolescents**, **Keep America Beautiful**, **IICONN** (International

Institute of Connecticut), **Connecticut Department of Children and Families**, **Silvermine Arts Center** and **New Canaan Land Trust**, will hold board meetings, galas, leadership meetings and retreats that will lay the foundation for potential programming at Grace Farms. For full list of space grant recipients, visit gracefarms.org/partners.

“We are grateful for the many thoughtful ideas and opportunities that came our way with this round of applications, and look forward to developing relationships that will bear fruit in unexpected ways as we all collaborate for good,” said Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, Director of Community Initiatives at Grace Farms Foundation.

The application for space grants is available at gracefarms.org/for-good. Deadlines are once a year for larger events and twice a year for smaller grants. The next deadline is May 15.

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About Grace Farms Foundation

Grace Farms Foundation is a private operating foundation with 501c3 status, established in New Canaan, Connecticut in 2009 to support initiatives in the areas of the arts, justice, community and faith. Supported by individual gifts and program revenues, the Foundation carries out its work principally through the facilities and programs of Grace Farms, an 80-acre property that the Foundation owns, has developed and is managing for the benefit of New Canaan, the local nondenominational Grace Community Church and the greater community.

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