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# 2019-2020 Annual Report

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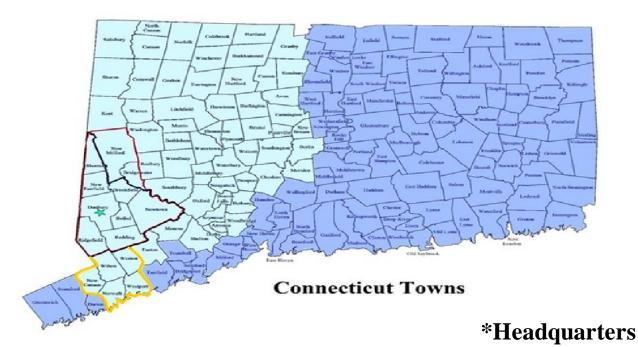




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### Mission Statement

Connecticut, with Headquarters in Danbury, CT. CIFC is dedicated to advancing our communities, and fostering greater opportunities for the individual residents of our service areas, through a combination of health and education programs and housing and economic development projects.



Our General Service Area: The State of Connecticut

Our Primary Service Area: Along & North of the Merritt, West of I-91

#### CIFC's Greater Danbury Community Health Center Service Area

- \* Bethel \* Danbury
- \* Redding

**Danbury, Connecticut** 

- \* Bridgewater\* New Fairfield
- \* Ridgefield
- \* Brookfield \* New Milford \* Newtown
- \* Sherman

#### Head Start & Early Head Start of Northern Fairfield County Service Area:

\* Bethel

- \* Newtown
- \* Brookfield

\* Redding

\* Danbury

- \* Ridgefield
- \* New Fairfield
- \* Sherman

#### Greater Norwalk Head Start Service Area:

- \* Norwalk
- \* Wilton
- \* Weston
- \* Westport

and

\*New Canaan

Our Annual Report for 2020 is dedicated to:
Our Frontline Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

CIFC dedicates this annual report to our COVID-19 frontline workers. From delivering family health care to administering COVID-19 testing services and, ultimately, the vaccines that arrived in December of 2020, CIFC's Greater Danbury Community Health Center employees provided exemplary service to our communities in addressing the local impact of COVID-19, confronting an unprecedented illness.

Early Learning Program staff scrambled to provide the best tools they could for families, to conduct remote learning, and to provide the school-day meals, through "pick-up" service, on which many program children depend, even when children were not able to attend a program in person. ELP staff successfully adapted the program throughout the 2020 year filled with unknowns.

Our Facilities Team worked tirelessly to equip other frontline workers during long, hot days, as well as through snow or rain, to ensure the best possible working conditions for our staff throughout the year as we conducted many COVID-19 response programs rain (or snow) or shine.

Through much of the year, the characteristics of COV ID-19 were incompletely understood. The impact of the events in 2020 will likely be studied for some time. What we honor most among the sacrifices made by our employees during this hectic period is their bravery throughout the uncertainty they faced in a historic year.

Day after day, workers donned PPE, masks, and even weather-protective gear at outdoor testing sites, to ensure that our communities would be able to receive the highest quality care, no matter their income, insurance status, or family situation. They did this to ensure equitable care for everyone in the most difficult public health environment in living memory.

Thank you, CIFC front-line workers, for all you've done!



# Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc.

"The ultimate goal is the Beloved Community", Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The CIFC Idea is that communities are strengthened by developing the capacity of the individual members of the community, and, correspondingly, individual members of the community are strengthened by developing the capacity of the community as a whole.

CIFC works to advance the overall community by creating and deploying services and facilities that are needed by the communities we serve, especially in the fields of health, education, housing, and economic development. Some examples include the creation of a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in Danbury, and the re-establishment of a quality Early Childhood Development / Head Start program in Norwalk.

People in our communities are advanced through the services they receive through CIFC. More comprehensively, all of our CIFC staff, volunteers, and Board Members are incentivized and supported in developing their individual, increased human capital and capacities. We also seek to extend that approach to everyone with whom our CIFC personnel come in contact.

Our Motto: "**Pro Civitas**" (For the Community)

Our Catchphrase: "Strengthening Families; Building Communities"



#### "CIFC: Strengthening Families, Building Communities."



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120 Main St., 4th Floor
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☐ Beaver Street 1B Meehan Place

Apartments Co-op. 

Health Center – Central Site 120 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 Danbury, CT 06810 🗖 Health Center – South

☐ WIC Nutrition Program (Women, Infants, & Children) 80 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 70 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 🗖 School-Based Health Centers

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120 Main Street, 4th floor

Greater Danbury Community Health Center

## Background

The Federal Government has long recognized the valuable contributions made by community development corporations. For example, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget identified, as a consequence of its Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), the growing capacity of community development corporations in relation to the need for "effective organizations that foster community development." OMB, PART, 2003.

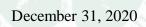
"At its best, community development is a nonlinear enterprise: tackling two or three different but related problems can produce dramatically more results than a single-minded assault on just one target. That's why the usual itemized inventory of community development corporation activities ... often gives a poor picture of the organizations' real mission and potential. These aren't discrete, or even simply cumulative, activities. They are something like a chemical formula, intended to produce a transforming reaction." Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), "The Whole Agenda: The Present and Future of Community Development," 2002, page 8.



# Leadership's Annual Report



Dr. Francis J. Muska, Ph.D.





Hon. James H. Maloney, JD

#### Dear Friends:

2020 has been a year of unprecedented challenges, and yet, also substantial progress in the service of our mission at the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc (CIFC). The credit, as always, goes to the hard work, wisdom, and leadership of our dedicated Board of Directors, and to our committed, creative staff. As for the COVID-19 pandemic and the hardship it has created this year, we are gratified to say that we have risen to its many challenges. At the same time we honor those lost during this excruciating time, we acknowledge the lessons learned that helped us, as a community and an institution, persevere and overcome.

In 2020 we were required to temporarily close multiple programs, or at a minimum move them to so-called "remote" or "virtual" activities, including the Danbury Community Center, our Danbury and Norwalk Head Start and Early Learning Programs, our Harambee Teen Center, our School Based Health Centers (SBHC), and our regional WIC program. In a few cases this, very unfortunately, even required some staff layoffs or work hour reductions. Nonetheless, CIFC's dedicated employees were able to achieve great success despite unpredictable setbacks. Here are some of CIFC's major accomplishments this past year:

- We start with the many positive developments by CIFC's Health Center Division, including the extraordinary work that has been done in connection with the COVID-19 emergency:
  - CIFC's Greater Danbury Community Health Center (GDCHC) was at the forefront of COVID-19 testing in Danbury. CIFC GDCHC provided over 23,000 free COVID-19 tests in 2020 through 2021. In doing so, CIFC GDCHC:
  - ♦ Partnered with the Danbury Health Department and Nuvance Health (Danbury Hospital) to offer "Healthy Danbury" events, where the City Health Department offered flu shots and CIFC GDCHC, in collaboration with Nuvance Health, offered COVID-19 testing;
    - ♦ GDCHC provided nearly 400 tests per day to area residents at COVID's peak;
    - ♦ GDCHC provided monthly testing at the Super 8 motel and several congregate housing sites in the region.
  - ♦ CIFC undertook numerous physical improvements around the Institute to help protect our staff, patients and clients from COVID-19. That included the installation of numerous plexi-glass "sneeze shields," and, at key points, the replacement of carpeted space with easier to keep clean floor tiles. Throughout our facilities we implemented major upgrades to our regular maintenance activities.
  - At the turn of the 2020-20201 year, CIFC GDCHC started providing COVID vaccines to eligible residents. Through the publication of this report (as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021), CIFC GDCHC has provided over 12,000 COVID-19 vaccines. In doing so, CIFC GDCHC has:
    - ♦ Operated two (2) mass vaccination sites, including our new 132 Main St site in the heart of downtown Danbury;
      - ♦ Provided multiple mobile vaccine clinics for our most vulnerable residents;

- ♦ Equitably distributed COVID-19 vaccines by targeting underserved and minority groups in the community for education and outreach. Approximately 65% of CIFC's vaccines have been given to those living in "priority zip codes" determined by the state of Connecticut.
- ♦ Partnered with the Newtown School District to vaccinate over 400 education staff;
- ♦ Partnered with the City of Danbury in its Equity Grant to ensure that we continue to work throughout the summer and the fall to vaccinate as many residents as possible in Danbury and the region.
- Throughout the pandemic, CIFC GDCHC continued to provide vital primary care services in adult medicine, pediatrics, women's health, family dentistry, and behavioral health. When most of CT shut down in March of 2020, our staff stepped up by pivoting to offer telehealth, and continuing to see patients in person as needed. Our Internal (Adult) Medicine resident doctors also provided vital in-patient services at our partner hospitals. Our women's health staff continued to see pregnant patients in person, daily, while our school-based health center staff adapted to in-person closures by switching to telehealth within 2 weeks of the onset of the pandemic, and staff jumped in to assist with COVID-19 testing and vaccines. These are just a few examples of the adaptability, flexibility, and commitment our wonderful staff showed during the last year. As in prior years, in 2020 GDCHC still served approximately 15,000 patients with 65,000 patient visits!
- o In late 2020, we welcomed as our new Chief of Women's Health, Dr. Heidi Rowen, MD, a distinguished, board-certified OB/GYN physician, with an extensive background. Dr. Rowen's appointment as Chief represents the start of a major
  - expansion of our Women's Health services which will include the deployment of a team of licensed Mid-Wives who will work with our OB-GYN physicians and nurses. She received her M.D. at Dartmouth Medical School and has been practicing obstetrics and gynecology since 2000. She served five years as Medical Director of the Women's Health Center, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital. She returned to Connecticut after 24 years in Manhattan, having grown up north of Hartford. Like many moves in 2020, the timing fell in place around the pandemic. She explained that she was eager to lead the program at GDCHC: "I worked for 11 years with an underserved community at Bronx-Lebanon, and I really missed that. I missed the teaching, the



Dr. Heidi Rowen, MD, Chief of Women's Health

residents, and especially the community...bringing these really necessary, really needed services." The reduction in commute has allowed her to do just that right here in Danbury.

In November of 2020, CIFC GDCHC participated in a "virtual" Operational Site Visit (OSV) with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that oversees federally qualified health centers such as CIFC GDCHC. As with our other OSVs in 2018 and 2015, CIFC GDCHC successfully demonstrated its quality care and compliance with a multitude

of complex regulatory requirements, with a 100% score on the final compliance report.

- While all this was being accomplished by our Health Division, our Education Division was also making significant progress:
  - We completed the improvements at our Norwalk Head Start program's Ely Center and began the redesign of the Franklin Center.
  - O Throughout the pandemic CIFC's Early Education Program continued to operate through remote learning curricula and "pick-up" daily school meals
  - O Just prior to the onset of COVID-19 we had fully opened our Danbury Community Center, including the opening of the Center's swimming pool and aquatics program (we hope to get the Center fully re-opened in the fall of 2021, together with reopening our Harambee Teen Program).
- Similarly, our Housing and Economic Development Division also made significant progress:
  - The Beaver Street Apartments Cooperative Inc. has continued to operate at full occupancy
  - 120 Main Street South Addition: During 2020, we completed our planning of an 8,500 +/- square foot addition to our central Health Center and Headquarters building at 120 Main Street in downtown Danbury. The new addition to be constructed in 2021 will double the size of our Dental Department, add substantial exam rooms at our Pediatrics Department, and office space for our Central Business Office. The new addition will also house major new facilities for our Internal Medicine Residency Program, including a library, seminar room, and study hall space. Most innovatively, it will contain a "Simulation Laboratory" where Residents, Nurses and Medical Assistants can practice medical procedures on computerized mannequins, and study their work on recorded video-tapes.



Architectural rendering of 120 Main Street Extension along Boughton Street, Danbury.

o We have also completed a comprehensive redesign of the proposed Elderly Housing building at our 11 Boughton Street site. The original plan called for one deck of vehicle parking (40 +/- spaces) with four floors (80 +/- units) of elderly/veterans' housing above (53 +/- 1 bedroom units and 26 +/- 2 bedroom units, plus a Community Room). Instead, the new plan keeps the same number of residential units, but now locates those units in 3 floors (each with a somewhat larger footprint) built on top of a two-level garage (for a total of 80 +/- vehicle spaces). The first floor of the garage

will still primarily serve our abutting Health Center at 120 Main St., and the second level of 40 +/- will be available for the elderly apartments above. We have scheduled applying for the required City site plan approval for these changes for after the building permit is issued for the 120 Main St. South Addition - see above - which is scheduled for July 2021.

- CIFC is proud of our major achievements of 2020, and we also note with pride that <u>every one</u> of CIFC's programs made progress and improvements this past year, which is fundamental to the organizational culture and the internal "DNA" of the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. As of this report, our programs and services encompass the following:
  - o Beaver Street Apartments Cooperative, Inc.
  - o Danbury Armory Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Project
  - o Danbury Main Street Health Center and CIFC Headquarters Building
  - o Danbury Main Street Health Center South Addition
- Greater Danbury Early Learning Programs:
  - o CIFC Park Avenue Early Childhood Education Center, with 7 early childhood classrooms and related facilities
  - o Head Start of Northern Fairfield County Program
  - o Early Head Start of Northern Fairfield County Program, with 9 classrooms
  - o Danbury CIFC School Readiness Program
  - o City of Danbury Head Start Center (37 Foster Street), with 16 classrooms
- Greater Danbury Community Health Center (GDCHC):
  - o Primary Care: Infant, Pediatric, Adolescent, Adult and Geriatric Medicine
  - o Women's Health Center (OB/GYN services)
  - o Behavioral Health (Pediatrics, Adolescent, and Adult)
  - Family Dental Services
  - o GDCHC Teaching (Post-MD) Health Center (ACGME Accredited)
  - o GDCHC School Based Health Centers (SBHC):
    - Danbury High School (including a Dental Suite)
    - Henry Abbott Technical High School (State of CT)
    - Rogers Park Middle School (Danbury) (including a Dental Suite)
    - Broadview Middle School (Danbury)
    - Newtown Middle School
    - Dental suite at Danbury's Ellsworth Avenue Elementary School
  - o GDCHC Mobile Health / Dental Van
  - o Danbury Regional Women, Infants & Children's Health & Nutrition Program (WIC)
  - Danbury Community Facilities Collaboration:
    - O Danbury Community Center (to include a planned Boys and Girls Club of Danbury) fully opened at the change of years 2019/2020, including a refurbished gymnasium and the only public access swimming pool in the City of Danbury, completely refurbished support facilities, see above; the Boys and Girls Club organizing work is underway.
    - Elderly Housing Building (completed planning for 80 +/- one and two bedroom units for Seniors and Veterans in Danbury - see above for details).

Pool at the Danbury Community Center, the only publicly available pool in the City of Danbury. Closed during the pandemic, we anticipate reopening in late Fall, 2021



- Greater Norwalk Early Learning Programs:
  - o Greater Norwalk Head Start
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  - o Ely Center (completed) and Franklin Center (underway) Head Start facility enhancement projects
- Harambee Youth Center, including planning for a comprehensive adaptive re-use project for the historic Danbury Armory, the location of the Harambee program.

So, once again, this has indeed been a dynamic year, one of outstanding perseverance, progress and productive good work! We come to the end of 2020 in sound shape – with our books in the black, our staff at the highest level ever – with nearly 400 fellow staff members – and everything poised to make the year ahead – 2021 – another year of great progress and service to our community and the families and individuals we serve.

We continue to be ever grateful to our talented and hardworking staff, our dedicated and active Board of Directors, and to our many friends in both the public and private sectors, all of whom have made our progress possible, and who will continue to be critical to our future success.

#### Yours truly,

Dr. Francis J. Muska, Ph.D. Chair, Board of Directors

Hon. James H. Maloney, J.D. President & Chief Executive Officer

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### Special Mid-Year Supplement: Important COVID-19 developments, and major leadership updates, August 2021.

Each summer we work to issue our Annual Report for the prior year, in this case for the year ending December 31, 2020, by the end of June of the subsequent year. This normal schedule is dictated by the preparation of the annual audit for the report year, which is usually completed in mid-June following the 12/31 year end date. That results in our Annual Report publication date of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

These past 12 months, as everyone knows, has been anything but normal, very extensively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. That of course is true for CIFC, where almost all of the impacts were "swords with two sides." For example, CIFC received a significant number of additional public and private grants to help finance our COVID-19 responses, which were very helpful and we are very grateful for that support. On the other hand, the additional grant processes, particularly in regard to the federal "Paycheck Protection Program" which helped assure our staff's continued employment, made it impossible to execute our annual audit process on the usual schedule.

Accordingly, CIFC decided, given the delayed publication of the audit we would also provide a <a href="Special "Mid-Year" report that bridges our 2020 year with the 2021 year, which will be fully reported on next June (2022).</a>

This Mid-Year supplement has two major components. First, a review of the major developments around the Institute, particularly in the Greater Danbury Community Health Center (GDCHC), related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Second, we review major leadership changes that occurred over the summer of 2021, notably the "stepping down" of CIFC's Founder and long-time President and Chief Executive Officer, James H. Maloney, JD, and his succession by CIFC's former Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, Katherine Curran, Esq., as CIFC's new President and Chief Executive Officer as of August 1, 2021.

#### CIFC'S RESPONSES TO COVID-19

CIFC, primarily through our Greater Danbury Community Health Center (GDCHC), took a major leadership role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Western Connecticut. By July 31, 2021, GDCHC had administered more than 23,000 COVID-19 diagnostic tests to area residents, and had administered more than 12,000 vaccine doses, over 65% of them to underserved and minority populations in our service area. This was accomplished through our creation and deployment of a dedicated COVID-19 staff test and vaccination team, and the conversion of our Danbury Community Center (currently closed due to COVID-19) into a comprehensive COVID-19 testing center. Most recently, as the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, we have also equipped our existing Adult Medicine and Pediatric offices to conduct necessary COVID-19 testing.

Regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, CIFC's Greater Danbury Community Health Center (GDCHC) opened an entirely new facility at 132 Main St., in part thanks to a grant from "Direct Relief' that helped address the COVID-19 emergency. The new location, next door to our 120 Main St. headquarters building, was previously the home of a private medical office. CIFC refurbished it to provide more capacity as state vaccine eligibility broadened and vaccine availability increased. The new site is now equipped with over 25 exam rooms, where staff administer the vaccine while easily allowing recipients to maintain social distancing for patient safety. With this new vaccine site, CIFC looks forward to returning the Danbury Community Center at 12 Boughton St. to its primary use as a Community Center, reopening the pool and gym for public use later this year.

Any discussion of CIFC's COVID-19 work would be remiss if it did not call out high praise for the dedication and courage of our Health Center staff who engage directly with the public on testing and vaccine matters. Our frontline team also includes our Early Childhood staff who all during the COVID-19 pandemic classroom shut-downs continued to supply many thousands of critical children's meals on a "Grab-and- Go" basis to our Early Childhood program families.

#### LEADERSHIP CHANGES

On July 31, 2021 James H. Maloney, JD, CIFC's Founder, President & CEO for 18 years, stepped down. "That's down, not away," he said with a smile, going on to address a large gathering for CIFC's Annual Gala event held at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury, where he was joined by the undersigned, CIFC's Board Chair, Dr. Francis J. Muska, Ph.D., in naming CIFC's new President & CEO: Katherine Curran, Esq., Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, who transitioned into her new role as of August 1, 2021.

In preparation for this change, the CIFC Board of Directors engaged in a lengthy and extensive national search for the 2nd CEO in the Institute's history. Ms. Curran joined CIFC in the fall of 2011 as CIFC's first Staff Attorney & Compliance Officer, and built CIFC's compliance function from scratch, becoming an expert in regulatory compliance and operations in CIFC's dynamic and diverse service fields. She oversaw GDCHC's move to 120 Main, and then led CIFC's COVID-19 response on multiple fronts.

Ms. Curran holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government studies from Hamilton College, graduating cum laude in 2003. She has a Juris Doctor, also cum laude, from Quinnipiac University School of Law, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Quinnipiac Health Law Journal from 2008-2009. She was certified in Health Care Compliance by the Health Care Compliance Association, and this past year completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Education Program for Non-Profit Financial Stewardship.

Most recently, Ms. Curran was the leader in CIFC's successful efforts to implement the Institute's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and helped employees as they worked through snow, rain, and the dangers of frontline work to deliver over 23,000 COVID-19 tests and over 12,000 vaccines to our communities. Throughout CIFC's implementation of its pandemic response efforts, with guidelines frequently evolving throughout the emergency, Ms. Curran could be found everywhere: from the vaccine registration center where frequent changes to the federal registration system were resolved, to state-wide meetings where the next COVID-19 initiatives were hammered out.

Her work on the pandemic included overseeing collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to source and distribute vaccines for the Danbury area, and expand CIFC's vaccine delivery capacity; the CT Governor's Office to orchestrate a variety of program details and coordinate with local officials; the CT and Danbury Departments of Public Health, and the Danbury Police Department, to manage the logistics of CIFC's COVID-19 testing program and vaccinations; and the CT Department of Agriculture and the Salvation Army for food assistance for those suffering food scarcity while quarantining and awaiting COVID-19 test results.

Under Ms. Curran's leadership, CIFC worked to ensure no one was left behind in the race to address COVID-19. She organized staff calls for volunteer signups to run weekend clinics and oversaw marketing and distribution efforts that delivered an outstanding 65% of CIFC's vaccine supply to underserved and minority populations, identified by the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Maloney, in addition to the mark he leaves on an organization he founded 18 years ago, will remain a friendly face at the CIFC offices. He is transitioning to a part-time consulting role, particularly concerning CIFC's ambitious, upcoming capital projects. Mr. Maloney also looks forward to spending more time with his wife and family, including his three young grandchildren. On the projects front, 120 Main St. is expanding with a major addition, for which CIFC has already begun construction. The 8,500 sq. ft. "South Wing" will make the Greater Danbury Community Health Center the first Federally Qualified Teaching Health Center with a **Primary Care Simulation Laboratory** for residents, nurses, and medical assistants. In continuing collaboration with Yale Medical School and Danbury and Griffin Hospitals, GDCHC's new "Sim Lab" will mirror medical practice experiences using computerized mannequins, allowing care providers to practice their skills under the guidance of clinical instructors. In addition, CIFC's existing dental suite will double, new clinical and office spaces will be added on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> floors, and a new study lounge, library, and seminar room will open for our Post-MD medical residents.

With new initiatives forthcoming from the federal administration, and based on CIFC's own expertise and experience, further projects at the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. are already in the planning process. For example, the following are on the drawing board in addition to the "South Wing":

- A two-story parking garage behind our primary Health Center building;
- An 80-unit Elderly & Veterans Housing Development (a three-story structure to be built above the parking garage);
- An update to several of our Head Start facilities both in Danbury and in Norwalk, plus an increase in Head Start enrollment anticipated for the 2022-23 school year; and
- A comprehensive, adaptive re-use of the Danbury Armory Building, the home of our Harambee
   Youth Center, which will engage Historic Preservation tax credits to create state-of-the-art youth-center spaces and services for Danbury teens.

The Annual Gala transition announcements were closed by highlighting that the CIFC Board of Directors had saluted Mr. Maloney by naming him CIFC "President Emeritus," an honorary designation in appreciation of his great work on behalf of the Institute. It was noted that under Mr. Maloney's leadership, CIFC has grown from one part-time employee and an annual budget of \$6,500, to a comprehensive community development organization with a staff of over 400, a budget exceeding \$33MM, and a net worth of over \$11MM.

"I am enthusiastic about continuing to engage with CIFC to make notable progress for our communities," Mr. Maloney said, "and I especially look forward to working with Katie Curran in her new role. She is a very talented and dedicated leader, who will do a great job as CIFC's President and CEO!"

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In addition to the CEO transition, CIFC made a further, important leadership announcement. Ms. Marlene Moranino, MPA, RN joined CIFC in the spring of 2021 in a new role as our first Chief Program Officer. Marlene comes to CIFC with 12 years of medical experience and many years as a public health administrator, including Senior Director of Clinical Programs at the Community Health Center Association

of CT (CHCACT) and Home Hemodialysis Director at Davita Health Care. In her new role at CIFC, she will supervise all of CIFC's direct care health programs, health-education and training, and will report to CIFC's new CEO, Katie Curran, Esq. Thanks in part to her efforts, CIFC staff has already received additional sensitivity training to provide better care for patients who have experienced trauma. Ms. Moranino additionally helped start a program educating healthcare professionals on alternatives to opioids, and advocated for telehealth for dentists, enabling them to evaluate and schedule in-person emergency care during the pandemic, winning recognition as Connecticut's 2020 Oral Health Champion.

Ms. Moranino is a most welcome addition to the CIFC team!

In conclusion, it can be reported that the first half of 2021 strongly continues the CIFC tradition of high-quality community services, progressive institutional leadership, dynamic growth, and creative adaptability in meeting the needs of the Western Connecticut community. The balance of our work in 2021 will be detailed in our next Annual Report to be issued in the summer of 2022. In the interim we recall the profound words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The ultimate goal is the Beloved Community." Pro Civitas!

Rest

regards,

Dr. Francis J. Muska, Ph.D CIFC Board Chair

# CIFC Timeline: 17 Years of Pro Civitas 2003-2020

Founding of Connecticut Institute For Communitie s, Inc. (CIFC) CIFC rescues Beaver St. Apt. Co-op, prevents foreclosure for 300 residents CIFC launches School Readiness Pre-School Program CIFC opens School Based Health Center at Henry Abbot Tech, and awarded contract to run Greater Danbury Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

Danbury Head
Start Center
opens at Foster
St, and CIFC
begins
sponsorship of
all of
Danbury's
School Based
Health Centers

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CIFC becomes new sponsor of the Danbury Head Start CIFC assumes administrative, program, and fiscal roles for the Harambee Youth Center (1) Greater
Danbury
Community
Health Center
(GDCHC) &
(2) Early
Head Start,
both open

GDCHC certified as a Level 3 (the highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home & Teaching Health Center

# CIFC Timeline: 17 Years of Pro Civitas 2003-2020

WIC integrated into GDCHC, and Beaver St. renovations bring 97 out of 100 percent HUD review

New GDCHC facility opens at 120 Main St, Danbury, with Pediatric, Dental, Adult Medicine, phlebotomy services & business offices SBHC's
add
Pediatric
Dental
services,
and CIFC's
Behavioral
Health
Center
opens

2017

CIFC award sponsorship of Norwalk Head Start; Danbury Community Center dedicated

COVID-19:
A year of remarkable challenges begins. CIFC staff bravely rise to the occasion

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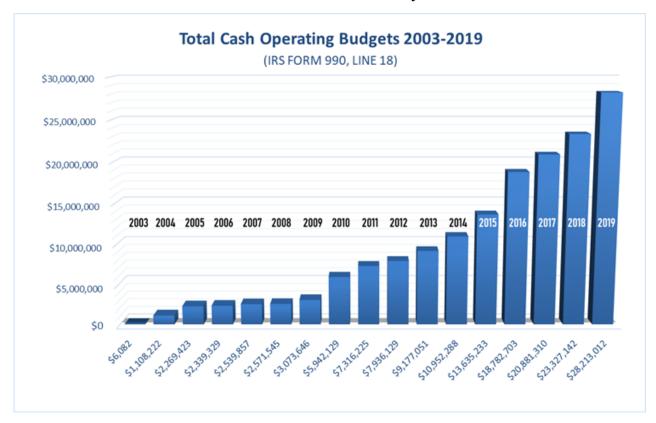
2020

CIFC opens
5th SBHC at
Newtown
Middle School,
and acquires
Armory
building, the
home of the
Harambee
Teen Center

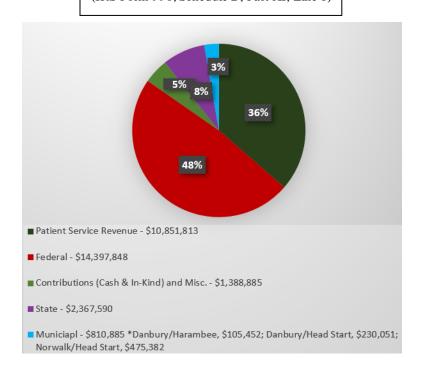
CIFC operations moved to 120 Main, and 70 Main dedicated to Women's Health and Adult Medicine

GDCHC receives perfect score on triannual federal site visit New Dental suite opens; CIFC's Danbury Community Center opens with the only public access swing pool in Danbury

#### **CIFC Financial Summary**



Sources of Support 2019 - \$29,817021 Cash and In-Kind Services (IRS Form 990, Schedule D, Part XI, Line 1)



Financial Summary State & Federal Funds (See also Audit Report)	2017 (Audited)	2018 (Audited)	2019 (Audited)	2020 (As Proposed) Danbury (HSNFC)*	2020 (As Proposed) Norwalk (GNHS)
Head Start Federal Grant	1,979,662	3,012,062	3,707,707	3,962,674	1,675,187
Head Start COLA & Misc. Grants	Included above	Included above	Included above	Included above	Included above
Head Start State Grants	223,525	294,393	496,492	225,005	249,424
Early Head Start Federal Grant	945,317	1,131,503	1,907,992	1,736,614	447,602
USDA/CT-SDE Child and Adult Food Program	279,815	332,038	467,262	389,500	170,500
State School Readiness Program Grant	363,359	393,909	392,656	392,656	N/A
State Child Day Care Grant	-	-	129,353	N/A	120,328

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Danbury Early Head Start Expansion Grant





USDA:

#### **Head Start & Early Head Start Detailed Finances**

#### 2018 Danbury (Actual)

		Head Start		Early Head Start				
		State/Local		State/Local				
Item	Federal	Share	Total	Federal	Share	Total		
Personnel	\$ 1,600,984	\$ 142,094	\$ 1,743,078	\$ 702,086	\$ 0	\$ 702,086		
Fringe								
Benefits	\$ 213.670	\$ 25,685	\$ 239,355	\$ 82,176	\$ 0	\$ 82,176		
Equipment	\$ 146,662	\$ 0	\$ 146,662	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Supplies	\$ 48,322	\$ 3,507	\$ 51,829	\$ 59,023	\$ 0	\$ 59,023		
Contractual	\$ 29,480	\$ 33,727	\$ 63,207	\$ 69,092	\$ 0	\$ 69,092		
Other	\$ 180,586	\$ 640,709	\$ 821,295	\$ 21,576	\$ 86,864	\$ 108,440		
T&TA	\$ 35,651	\$ 5,434	\$ 41,085	\$ 35,366	0	\$ 35,366		
TOTAL	\$ 2,255,355	\$ 851,156	\$ 3,106,511	\$ 969,319	\$ 86,864	\$ 1,056,183		

Base Federal: \$ 3,000,784

Federal Supp. Grants

(COLA & Misc.) \$ 223,890 Federal Total: \$ 3,224,674

Total State/Local

Share: \$ 938,020 \$ 4 162 604

77.5%

22.5%

Federal

Non-Federal

#### 2019 Danbury (Actual)

		Head Start						Early Head Start					
			Sta	te/Local			State/Local						
Item	Federal Share Total		al	Fede	eral	Share		Total					
Personnel	\$	1,571,075	\$ 1	149,890	\$1,	,720,965	\$	704,983	\$	0	\$	704,983	
Fringe													
Benefits	\$	246,861	\$	39,209	\$	286,070	\$	98,390	\$	0	\$	98,390	
Equipment	\$	48,109	\$	0	\$	48,109	\$	35,337	\$	0	\$	35,337	
Supplies	\$	45,468	\$	7,301	\$	52,769	\$	22,328	\$	0	\$	22,328	
Contractual	\$	64,885	\$ 5	510,995	\$	575,880	\$	20,512	\$	0	\$	20,512	
Other	\$	192,654	\$	77,518	\$	270,172	\$	63,655	\$	87,578	\$	151,233	
T&TA	\$	34,224	\$	2,073	\$	36,297	\$	22,158	\$	0	\$	22,158	
TOTAL	\$	2,203,942	\$ 7	786,986	\$ 2	,990,928	\$	967,363	\$	87,578	\$	1,054,941	

Total Federal \$ 3,171,305 78.4 % Federal <u>USDA:</u>
Total State/Local

Share \$ 874,564 <u>21.6%</u> Non-Federal

Combined Total: \$\\$4,045,869 \quad \quad 100\% \quad \quad 287,742

#### 2020 Danbury (Proposed)

			Start		Early Head Start							
			Sta	te/Local			State/Local					
Item	Fee	leral	Sha	ıre	To	tal	Fed	leral	Sh	are	To	tal
Personnel	\$	1,407,637	\$ 3	360,694	\$1	,768,331	\$	712,360	\$	0	\$	712,360
Fringe												
Benefits	\$	296,190	\$	64,842	\$	361,032	\$	72,974	\$	0	\$	72,974
Equipment	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Supplies	\$	121,690	\$	12,678	\$	134,368	\$	89,279	\$	0	\$	89,279
Contractual	\$	29,478	\$	0	\$	29,478	\$	13,277	\$	0	\$	13,277
Other	\$	295,002	\$ 4	116,793	\$	711,795	\$	76,036	\$	104,001	\$	180,037
T&TA	\$	29,764	\$	0	\$	29,764	\$	22,158	\$	0	\$	22,158
TOTAL	\$	2,179,761	\$ 8	355,007	\$	3,034,768	\$	986,084	\$	104,001	\$	1,090,085

Total Federal \$ 3,165,845 76.8 % Federal <u>USDA:</u>
Total State/Local

Share \$ 959,008 <u>23.2%</u> Non-Federal

#### **2019 Danbury Early Head Start Expansion (Actual)**

Item	Federal	State/Local Share	Total		
Personnel	\$ 206,165	\$ 0	\$ 206,165		
Fringe					
Benefits	\$ 30,419	\$ 0	\$ 30,419		
Equipment	\$ 13,282	\$ 54,605	\$ 13,282		
Supplies	\$ 59,450	\$ 0	\$ 59,450		
Contractual	\$ 8,445	\$ 0	\$ 8,445		
Other	\$ 246,824	\$ 89,600	\$ 231,707		
T&TA	\$ 12,234	\$ 0	\$ 12,234		
TOTAL	\$ 576,819	\$ 144,205	\$ 721,024		

 Total Federal
 \$ 576,819
 80.0 %
 Federal
 USDA:

 Total State/Local Share
 \$ 144,205
 20.0%
 Non-Federal
 \$7,600

Combined Total: \$ 721,024 100%

#### 2020 Danbury Early Head Start Expansion (Proposed)

Item	•	Federal	State/Lo	cal Share	Total		
Personnel	\$	512,514	\$	0	\$	512,514	
Fringe							
Benefits	\$	102,503	\$	0	\$	102,503	
Equipment	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
Supplies	\$	43,883	\$	0	\$	43,883	
Contractual	\$	7,690	\$	0	\$	7,690	
Other	\$	53,410	\$ 18	4,500	\$	237,910	
T&TA	\$	18,000	\$	0	\$	18,000	
TOTAL	\$	738,000	\$ 184	4,500	\$	922,500	

Total Federal \$ 738,000 80.0 % Federal USDA: Total State/Local Share \$7,500 \$ 184,500 20.0% Non-Federal

Combined Total: \$ 922,500 100%

#### 2018 Norwalk (Actual)

	Head Start						Early Head Start					
			Sta	ate/Local			State/Local					
Item	Fee	deral	Sh	are	To	otal	Fe	ederal	Sł	nare	To	otal
Personnel	\$	332,461	\$	75,092	\$	407,553	\$	78,814	\$	0	\$	78,814
Fringe												
Benefits	\$	37,405	\$	0	\$	37,405	\$	7,927	\$	0	\$	7,927
Equipment	\$	41,582	\$	0	\$	41,582	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Supplies	\$	62,626	\$	0	\$	62,626	\$	35,847	\$	0	\$	35,847
Contractual	\$	28,966	\$	0	\$	28,966	\$	2,917	\$	0	\$	2,917
Other	\$	174,866	\$	134,943	\$	309,809	\$	29,452	\$	19,688	\$	49,140
T&TA	\$	78,801	\$	0	\$	78,801	\$	7,227		0	\$	7,227
TOTAL	\$	756,707	\$	210,035	\$	966,742	\$	162,184	\$	19,688	\$	181,872

Base Federal: 823,263 Federal Supp. Grants

(COLA & Misc.)

95,628 Federal Total: 918,891

Total State/Local

Share: 229,723 20.0% Non-Federal \$ 47,263

80.0%

Federal

USDA:

Combined Total: \$ 1,148,614 100%

#### 2019 Norwalk (Actual)

**USDA**:

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#### **Head Start Early Head Start** State/Local State/Local Item Federal Share Total Federal Share Total \$ 254,265 \$ 1,002,662 \$ 336,214 \$1,338,875 254,265 \$ \$ 0 Personnel Fringe 202.688 35,706 Benefits 166,980 35,708 \$ 35,706 0 99,131 \$ 28,953 28,953 \$ \$ 99,131 Equipment \$ \$ 40,384 \$ 56,672 \$ 6,726 \$ 6,726 Supplies 16,288 0 16,042 \$ 56,139 \$ 16,477 40,097 \$ 16,477 0 Contractual \$ \$ \$ 74,293 210,734 \$ 538,121 748,855 34,917 39,376 Other \$ 94,004 26,291 \$ 120,295 \$ 15,719 \$ 15,719 T&TA 0 \$ 1,530,765 \$1,021,712 \$ 2,552,477 363,810 \$ 138,507 \$ 502,317 **TOTAL**

Total Federal \$ 1,894,575 62.0% Federal
Total State/Local
Share \$ 1,160,219 38.0% Non-Federal

Combined Total: \$ 3,054,795 | 100% | \$ 171,920

#### 2020 Norwalk (Proposed)

	H	lead Start	_	Early Head Start				
		State/Local		State/Local				
Item	Federal	Share	Total	Federal	Share	Total		
Personnel	\$ 961,165	\$ 463,081	\$1,424,246	\$ 225,019	\$ 112,671	\$ 337,690		
Fringe								
Benefits	\$ 206,650	\$ 99,563	\$ 306,213	\$ 48,379	\$ 24,224	\$ 72,603		
Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Supplies	\$ 39,148	\$ 42,384	\$ 81,532	\$ 13,925	\$ 0	\$ 13,925		
Contractual	\$ 14,641	\$ 10,000	\$ 24,641	\$ 4,011	\$ 0	\$ 4,011		
Other	\$ 103,857	\$ 239,852	\$ 343,709	\$ 31,001	\$ 48,151	\$ 79,152		
T&TA	\$ 19,750	\$ 43,000	\$ 62,750	\$ 7,641	\$ 0	\$ 7,641		
TOTAL	\$ 1,345,211	\$ 897,880	\$ 2,243,091	\$ 329,976	\$185,046	\$ 515,022		

Total Federal \$ 1,675,187 60.7% Federal Total State/Local

Share \$ 1,082,926 <u>39.3%</u> Non-Federal

Combined Total: \$2,758,113 100% \$170,500

Head Start of Northern Fairfield County Program Summary (Danbury region)

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2019/2	2020	2018/	2019	2017/	2018
Head Start	Early Head	Head Start	Early Head	Head Start	Early Head
	Start		Start		Start

Funded Enrollment		307	72	307	40	307	40			
Total Number Served (a	ctual)	345	87	342	52	345	47			
Families Served		321	48	324	48	331	42			
Average Monthly Enroll	lment	253	67	236	40	307	40			
Percent of Income Eligible Children	60%	60%	73%	62%	62%	62%	79%			
Served, re: Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	32%	32%	18%	29%	25%	31%	15%			
10 (010) 20 (01 (112)	7%	7%	7%	9%	13%	7%	6%			
Percentage of Children with Medical Homes		331/345 = 96%	2/87 = 2%	336/342 = 98%	52/52 = 100%	345/345 = 100%	47/47 = 99%			
Percentage of Children (age) with Dental Homes	(over 1 year of	328/345 = 95%	21/87 = 24%	320/342 = 93%	49/52 = 94%	344/345 = 99%	47/47 = 100%			
Percentage of Children 1 Medical & Dental Exam	receiving as	M = 142/345 = 41% D = 318/345 = 92%	M = 65/87 = 75% D = 22/87 = 25%%	M = 313/342 = 92% D = 325/342 = 95%	M = 51/52 =98% D = 46/52 = 88%	M = 345/345 = 100% D = 344/345 = 100%	M = 47/47 = 100% D = 47/47 = 100%			
Percentage of Service A Served		3.79	%	3.79	%	3.79	%			
Most recent Federal HS	EHS review			See Appendix A – 1	00% Compliance					
Most recent Federal Au	dit	See Appendix B								
Services to Families/Pa	rent Involvemer	nt Activities:								
Emergency/cri	sis Intervention	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\sqrt{}$			
Housing Assis	stance	$\sqrt{}$	<b>√</b>	V	V	V	N/R			
Mental Health	Services	V	√	V	√		√			
• English as a S (ESL Training	econd Language	V	V	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	V			
Adult Education     (GED/College)	on	V	V	V	$\sqrt{}$		V			
Job training	sciection)		<b>√</b>	V	<b>√</b>	V	<b>√</b>			
	use prevention or	V	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R			
Child abuse ar services	nd neglect	V	V	V	V	N/R	V			
Domestic Violence	lence Services	V	<b>√</b>	V	√	V	N/R			
Child Support		, V	, ,	N/R	N/R	V	N/R			
Health Educate			V	√ V		V	√ V			
Assistance to Incarcerated In	Families of	√ √	V	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R			
Parenting Edu		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	V	V	V	<b>√</b>			
Marriage Educ		, ,	,	N/R	N/R	V	N/R			
Center Meetin		· √	· √	√ V		V	\ \ \ \ \ \ \			
Policy Counci		√	V	V	V	V	V			
HS/EHS Hom		√	√	√ ·		√ √	√ V			
Family Nights		√ ·	√ V	, √	<del></del>	V	, v			
Transition to I		√	V	√	√	√ √	N/R			
Transition to Kindergart	•	165	N/A	182 (100% of children of kindergarten age)	N/A	192 (100% of children of kindergarten age)	N/A			

Greater Norwalk Head Start Program Summary

2019/2020
2018/2019
Head Start Early Head Start Head Start Early Head Start
Start

Funded Enrollment		140	16	140	16		
Total Number Served (actual)		153	19	195	20		
Families Served		128	16	188	19		
Average Monthly Enrollment		75%	94%	145	16		
Percent of Income	0-100%	18%	6%	-			
Eligible Children Served, re:	FPL	1070	070	71%	95%		
Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	100-130% FPL	18%	6%	20%	0%		
	130%+FPL	7%	0%	9%	5%		
Percentage of Children with Medical Homes		146/153 = 95%	1/19 = 5%	167/195 = 86%	20/20= 100%		
Percentage of Children (over 1	year of age)	136/153 = 89%	3/19 = 16%	151/105 020/	17/17 1000/		
with Dental Homes				171/195 = 93%	17/17 = 100%		
Percentage of Children receiving Dental Exams		M = 153/153 = 100% D = 147/153 = 96%	M = 2/19 = 11% D = 8/19 = 42%	M = 195/195 = 100% D = 139/195 = 71%	M = 20/20 = 100% D = 7/17= 41%		
Percentage of Service Area Ch	ildren Served	29	2%				
Most recent Federal HS/EHS r	eview	27	See Appendix A –	100% Compliance			
Most recent Federal Audit			See Appendix B				
Services to Families/Parent I	nvolvement A	ctivities:					
Emergency/crisis Interpretation		√	√	$\checkmark$	V		
Housing Assistance		V	N/R	V	V		
Mental Health Service	ces	V	V	V	V		
<ul> <li>English as a Second Language (ESL Training)</li> </ul>		V	<b>V</b>	$\sqrt{}$	V		
Adult Education (GE selection)	ED/College	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	V		
Job training		V	N/R	<b>√</b>			
Substance Abuse pre treatment	evention or	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R		
Child abuse and negl	ect services	V	V	N/R	V		
Domestic Violence S		$\sqrt{}$	V	N/R	N/R		
Child Support assista	ance	$\sqrt{}$	V	N/R	N/R		
Health Education		√	V	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		
Assistance to Familie		N/R	N/R	N/R	$\sqrt{}$		
Incarcerated Individu	ials				· ,		
Parenting Education     Marriage Education		√ N/D	√ √ N/D N/D		√ N/D		
Marriage Education     Genter Mastings		N/R √	N/R N/R √		N/R		
Center Meetings     Policy Council Meet	inas		V √	√ √	√ √		
<ul><li>Policy Council Meet</li><li>HS/EHS Home Visit</li></ul>		V √	V √	√ √	√ √		
	.5		N V	√ √	√ √		
<ul><li>Family Nights</li><li>Transition to Kinders</li></ul>	rorton Cohoo!		N/R	,	٧		
Readiness Workshop		٧	19/18	$\sqrt{}$	N/R		
Transition to Kindergarten		91	N/A	75 (100% of children of kindergarten age)	N/A		

 $(N/R = Available \ but \ Not \ Requested)$  (Source: Annual PIR Reports, Census data)

#### **School Readiness: Preparing Children for Kindergarten:**

Head Start provides a gold standard of school readiness programming that prepares the family, in addition to the enrolled child, for a life-long love of learning. Our program focuses on

children meeting and exceeding the widely held expectations which include social, emotional, and physical development, cognitive development, and language and literacy. To foster a strong home and school connection, teachers and parents conduct home visits, conferences, and summer activities. Kindergarten transition is provided as a partnership with the Danbury Board of Education, which conducts an orientation for parents and children every spring. In Norwalk, Kindergarten transition is coordinated by Norwalk Acts in collaboration with Norwalk Public Schools. Our program partners with both to register incoming Kindergarteners with the district's support. More than 95% of our Head Start transitioning children register as incoming Kindergarteners with the district's support. Despite the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the 2020-2021 school year, the program has continued to provide high-quality education and services to the children and families served.

#### **Parent Involvement Activities:**

Our Head Start and Early Head Start parents are deeply involved with our program, and all parents are members of their respective local Center Committee, which meets every other month. The Center Committee focuses on issues of local concern at the center, such as pedestrian safety, and elects representatives to the Program's Policy Council. On alternate months, parents and other family members meet for program-wide virtual Family Engagement Network (FEN) events, which concentrate on a range of important life-skill practices. The program uses a research-based curriculum called Shine on Families which focuses on fostering stronger relationships between parents and children through a series of activities that align to their established family roadmaps.

Each child also has an assigned Family Advocate that formally meets with parents at least twice a year and has frequent informal (often daily) contact with parents. In addition, the classroom teachers meet with parents at least four times a year in full-year and part-year programs.

Our Fatherhood Coordinator makes a special, dedicated effort to involve male family members such as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc. in the program, and in the lives of their children – with virtual "Fatherhood" gatherings at least monthly.

The Policy Council meets each month (except July, August and December) to guide the overall conduct of the program and maintains cross-membership with the CIFC Board of Directors.

Life During the COVID-19 Pandemic



CIFC's Early Learning Program (ELP) teachers raced against the clock during the pandemic to minimize potential harm to both students and students' education. This prompted not only adjustments in curriculum, but also complex new questions of technology.

New programs were designed around parents and activities that could take place in the home, and counted on technology to facilitate rather than drive learning. The curriculum had to be adjusted to meet the needs of parents

individually, many of whom often have to hold down multiple jobs and cannot work from home. In addition, teachers spent scheduled 1-on-1 time with students, and developed customized lesson plans. They innovated content development, too: one teacher, for example, recorded group readings to play for a class while individual meeting sessions took place. Using both live and recorded media to an extent never before anticipated, teachers sought those "aha" moments with the same zeal they bring in person, but with a different kind of hands-on help from parents. The tools of learning may change, but the power of learning remains the same. CIFC's ELP educators worked hard to make the 2020-21 school year as successful as possible. They even made time to coach parents on installing "apps" and using technology in the new online learning program, thereby bringing not only the tools, but the human touch that makes it all work.



Early Learning Program staff in Norwalk preparing to distribute Grab & Go Meals to students during the pandemic, so that our kids could continue to depend on the lifeline that school meals provide to many families in the Head Start programs.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our Early Learning Program staff distributed over 11,000 meals and 5,500 snacks to children in our program during the pandemic, continuing to ensure nutritious meals for hundreds of area children.

#### CIFC Greater Danbury Community Health Center Key Data and COVID-19 Response

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Visits	25,004	43,967	54,795	63,314	64,649	64,069
Total Patients	7,150	13,364	14,972	14,618	14,579	13,528
Children (< 18 years old)	43%	38%	33%	35%	37%	34%
Adults (18-64)	46%	53%	57%	54%	53%	55%
Older Adults (age 65+)	12%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%
% Patients < 200% FPL	69%	94%	75%	83%	82%	85%
% income unknown	28%	28%	24%	24%	69%	56%
Medicaid	49%	52%	50%	52%	52%	54%
Uninsured	8%	20%	21%	21%	20%	18%
White	66%	64%	70%	69%	47%	70%
African American	8%	9%	8%	8%	5%	8%
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity	42%	53%	56%	57%	55%	59%
Asian	11%	8%	8%	8%	5%	7%
Homeless patients	5	17	20	75	77	114

<sup>\*</sup> GDCHC's visit growth is largely due to a gradual expansion of sites and services. When GDCHC started in 2010, it provided adult and pediatric medicine on site and other FQHC-required services by contract. Over time, GDCHC has expanded to directly provide school-based health services, dentistry, women's health services (OB/GYN), and adult and pediatric behavioral health.

# **2019 Clinical Highlights**

	GDCHC 2020	FQHS State Average 2019
Childhood immunization status (% of 2-year-olds who received age appropriate vaccines by their 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday)	78%	63%
Newborns with low or very low birth weight	8%	9%
Controlled diabetics (H1AC <9)	74%	64%
Controlling high blood pressure (age 18-85)	58%	56%
Female patients who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer (ages 51-73)	55%	52%

CIFC staff at the Greater Danbury Community Health Center weathered a tumultuous year, operating through inclement weather and the uncertain, terrible risks of a once little-known virus, Sars-COV-2.



CIFC pulled out all the stops:
partnerships included the CT Dept. of
Health, Dept. of Agriculture, the federal
Health Resources & Services
Administration, the Danbury Police
Department, the Salvation Army, the
Newtown and Danbury Departments of
Health, the Air Force Reserve, and the
National Guard, shown here helping
prepare for a COVID-19 testing day.

Our frontline workers braved uncertain risk, difficult working conditions, and through it all they reassured our communities with their grit and enthusiasm. Our impact against the COVID-19 pandemic here in Danbury could not be what it was without the hard work and sacrifice of our Greater Danbury Community Health Center staff and COVID-19 team.



CIFC began testing services for over a hundred people a day in late spring. Efforts ramped up to over 500 tests a day in the fall, and local health partnerships helped provide food to patients so that they could quarantine while awaiting test results.

Once the vaccine arrived, CIFC participated in local community nights to talk about the vaccines, expanded its vaccine capacity not once but twice in downtown Danbury, and operated pop-up clinics to serve local businesses, as well as area educators during dedicated, weekend drives.

All told, CIFC staff provided over 12,000 COVID-19 tests in 2020, and they did it all while continuing to provide regular health care services for residents throughout the Greater Danbury area.

# Our Dedicated Board of Directors

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(Affiliations listed for identification only)

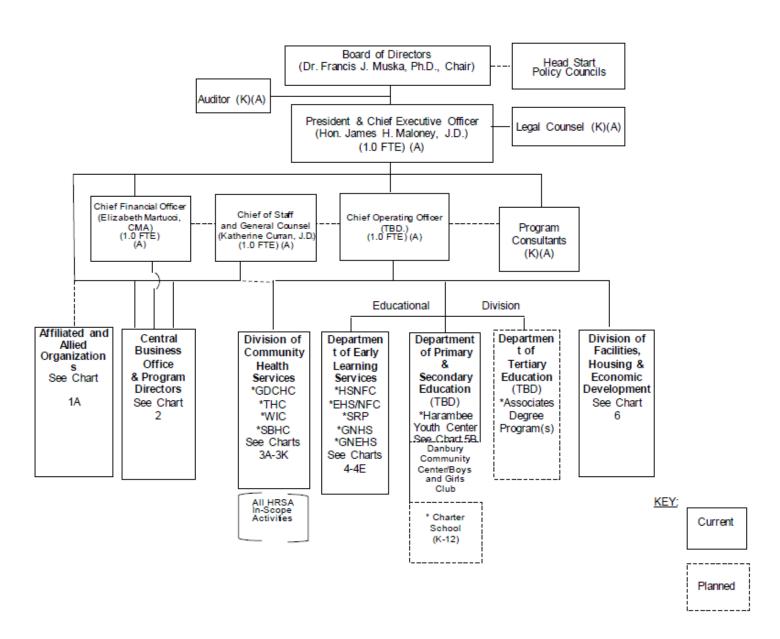
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CIFC Board of Directors: 1/15/2014
With intermediate updates approved through: 3/25/2020

#### Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. SUMMARY

Table of Organization - CURRENT / PLANNED - Chart #1

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2013- Dr. Uwe Koepke, MD, PHD GDCHC Medical Director 2009-2011 2013-Dr. Thomas F. Draper, MD, MPH GDCHC Medical Director 2011-2013 2014- Michael P. Ryer Board Member 2005-2013 Board Treasurer 2012-2013 (Memorial Citation)

2016- Atty. Steven F. Mount, JD Squire Patton Boggs, LLP

2017- Dr. Asha Marhatta, MD Teaching Health Center Director 2019- Katherine M. Curran, JD COO and General Counsel

	CIFC Colleague of The Year		<b>Community Leadership Awards</b>
2003 -	Monica Marketto Bevilacqua, Operations Manager	2004 -	Hon. Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of Danbury
2008 -	Stacey Russell, Staff Accountant	2005 -	State Senator David Cappiello (24 <sup>th</sup> District)
2008 -	Holly Danise, HR & Operations Manager	2006 -	State Representative Robert Godfrey (110 <sup>th</sup> District)
2010 -	Sabrina Ross, Administrative Coordinator	2007 -	State Representative Jason Bartlett (2 <sup>nd</sup> District)
2011 -	Deb McCuin-Channing, MA, Director of Planning & Communications	2008 -	Hon. Christopher Murphy Member of Congress (CT-5)
2012 -	Bruce Svendsen, CPA Finance Director	2009 -	Hon. Christopher Donovan Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives
2013 -	Katie Curran, J.D., Staff Attorney/Compliance Officer	2010 -	Hon. Norma Gyle, R.N., PhD Deputy Commissioner CT Department of Public Health
2014 -	Joe Walkovich, Director of Advancement	2011 -	State Representative Joseph Taborsak (109th District)
2015 -	Melanie Bonjour, SBHC Program Manager	2012 -	Hon. Dannel P. Malloy, Esq. Governor of the State of Connecticut
2016 -	Daniel Labrecque, JD, Staff Attorney, Compliance Officer	2012 -	Danbury Board of Education Member Mr. Richard Janelli
2017 -	Dr. Kristine Lisi, MD, GDCHC Clinical Director	2013 -	Dr. Sal Pascarella, EdD Superintendent,
2018 -	Liz Martucci, CIFC CFO		Danbury Public Schools
2019 -	Elizabeth Goehring, MA Director of Planning and	2014 -	Mr. Thomas Saadi, JD Democratic Council Leader Danbury City Council
	Communications	2015 -	Mr. Paul Rotello Danbury City Council Member
		2016 -	Thomas R. Einhorn, Principal Newtown Middle School
		2016 -	Hon. Patricia Llodra Newtown First Selectwoman

# <u>CIFC Awards – Roll of Honor</u> (cont.)

<u>Early</u>	Learning Colleague of the Year	Early (	Childhood Teacher of the Year	<u>Healt</u>	h Center Colleague of the Year
2004 -	Patricia Keith Johnson, Community Services Manager	2007-	Dee Strobel Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2010 -	Maria Chann Clinical Coordinator
2005 -	Nancy Crain, Family Advocate	2008 -	Olivia Dovale, Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2011 -	Johanna Avila Medical Assistant
2006 -	Claudia Schoen, L.P.N. Health Services Manager	2009 -	Melinda Perrerira Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2012 -	Eter Zapata Front Desk Specialist (Peds.)
2009 -	Kara Watson-Wanzer Education Manager	2010 -	Lynda Kafus Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2013 -	Ines Avila Front Desk Specialist (IM)
2010 -	Tara Willis Deputy Education Svcs. Mgr.	2011 -	Ananya Ghorai Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2014 -	Denise Kentala
2011 –	Jessica Watson EHS Program Manager	2012 -	Louise Lamana Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2015 -	Elizabeth Rodriguez Billing Specialist
2013 -	Sondra Cherney Education Services Asst. Mgr.	2012 -	T'Arica Perkins Teacher of the Year, EHS	2016 -	Yesmin Reynoso Medical Assistant
2014 -	Nancy Damici, RN Health & Nutrition Manager	2013 -	Lisa Dempsey Teacher of the Year, HSNFC	2018 -	Michelle DeFaria, Billing Team Lead (Health Center Administrative
2015 -	Richard Maimone Family Advocate	2014 –	Gylshen Capri Teacher of the Year, HSNFC		Colleague of the Year) Cynthia Felice, Billing Department Supervisor
2016 -	Sarah Geary, MSW Social Services Manager	2015 -	Valerie Kuzia Pre-School PD/PY Teacher		(Health Center Administrative Colleague of the Year) Aly Irizarry,
2017 -	Drew Matteo Facilities Specialist	2016 -	Kimberly Burnside Teacher, HSNFC		RN (Health Center Clinical Support Colleague of the Year)
2018 -	Robin Scott, MA Education and Mental Wellness	2017 -	Jayme Bonsignore Early Head Start Teacher	2019 -	Christy Georgoulis, RDH
2019 -	Maria Escobar Danbury Bilingual Family Assistant	2018 -	Jessica Savage Teacher, HSNFC		
2019 -	Lisa Gonzalez Norwalk Family Advocate	2019 -	Geneka Vickers Danbury Asst. Teacher & Payroll Coordinator		
		2019 -	Nora Roberts Norwalk Teacher		

#### **ELP Administrator of the Year**

2019 - Margaret "Peggy" Gillen, CPA Deputy Finance Director/ Comptroller

#### **Health Center Clinician of the Year**

- 2011 Dr. Nimi Magavi, MD Internal Medicine
- 2012 Susan Hartmann, APRN Family Medicine
- 2013 Emilie Mauks-Koepke, PA Family Medicine
- 2014 Dr. Christine Metz, MD Chief of Adult Medicine
- 2015 Dr. Amy Handler, MD Chief of Pediatrics

#### **Community Service Award**

2017 - Newtown – Sandy Hook
Community Foundation
Hon. Mitch Bolinsky,
State Rep 106<sup>th</sup>
Hon. Michael Ferguson,
State Rep. 138<sup>th</sup>
Hon. Stephen Harding,
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Hon. Richard Smith,
State Rep 108<sup>th</sup>

2018 - Monica Martins DELP Teacher

Director

Anna K. Maloney

# <u>CIFC Awards – Roll of Honor</u> (cont.)

SBHC Colleague of the Year	Behavioral Health Clinician of the Year	WIC Colleague of the Year
2014 - Jacqueline George NMS SBHC Program Assistant	2019 - Margaret Trussler APRN	2014 - Josephine Phillips, Program Assistant
2015 - Nancy Munn, APRN Rogers Park MS SBHC	Behavioral Health Colleague of the Year	2015 - Ruby Vasquez, Program Assistant
2016 - Clare Nespoli, APRN Newtown SBHC	2019 - Erika Garcia CHW/ Workflow Coordinator	2016 - Aminata Lashley, Program Assistant
2015	IM Colleague of the Year	
2017 - Carolyn Cunningham, Licensed Professional Counselor Nancy Kettner,	2019 - Darayne Sullins Lead Medical Assistant	2017 – Sara Arroyo, SNAP Outreach
Medical Assistant  2018 - Jolene Henion,	Peds Clinician of the Year	2018 – Anallely Blanco Program Assistant
APRN (SBHC Clinician of the Year)	2019 - Dorothy Tang APRN	
2019 - Karen London LeBlanc LCSW	Health Center Administrator of the Year	BSAC Colleague of the Year
(SBHC Clinician of the Year)	2019 - Natasha Smith, MBA Accounting Manager	2014 - Joselyn Cotillo Tenant Relations Specialist
2019 Special Recognition Awards		
Hon. Mark D. Boughton	CBO Colleague of the Year	2014 - Leonard Romaniello Resident Relations
Mayor of the City of Danbury	2017 - Jennifer Hammer,	Facilities Specialist
Hon. Harry W. Rilling Mayor of the City of Norwalk	Finance and Billing Assistant Melanie Mele, Accounts Payable	2015 - Anthony Vines Facilities Specialist
Robin Scott, MA DELP Senior Program Professional	2018 - Stacey Russell, Payroll	CIFC Operations Colleague of the Year
Kevin Holmes, MA NELP Senior Program Professional		2018 - Anthony Vines
Dr. Erin Panarelli, MD Women's Health Residency Program		2019 - Anthony Vines

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Hon. James H. Maloney, J.D. President & Chief Executive Officer For Immediate Release March 25, 2020

#### PRESS RELEASE

#### Head Start and Early Head Start Programs earn third consecutive dual 100% scores on Federal Multi-Year Reviews

Danbury, CT - Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. (CIFC), the local sponsor of regional Head Start Programs centered in both Danbury and Norwalk today announced the findings of their most recent multi-year Head Start Federal Review. Head Start program are reviewed on a regular multi-year schedule by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS).

From November 4, 2019 through November 8, 2019, the USDHHS's Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a monitoring review of the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc.'s Head Start and Early Head Start programs both in Danbury, CT [Head Start of Northern Fairfield County] and in Norwalk, CT [Greater Norwalk Head Start].

Dr. Deborah Bergeron, Director, USDHHS/ACF Office of Head Start, said in the official report dated 3/5/2020, "The Office of Head Start (OHS) would like to thank [the] governing body, Policy Council, parents and staff for their engagement in the review process. Based on the information gathered during this review, we have found your program meets the requirements of all applicable HSPPS, laws, regulations and policy requirements," (emphasis supplied).

CIFC's President and Chief Executive Officer, James H. Maloney, said: "This is like winning, four years apart, two Gold Medals at two different Olympiads consecutively! And then doing it again, for a third time, 4 years later! It is a very rare accomplishment, and an achievement that is a great credit to our Head Start parents and staff, and to the CIFC Board of Directors. It is also a credit to Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton, and Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, who have strongly supported, respectively, the Danbury Head Start and Norwalk Head Start programs. I and the members of the Board of Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. are deeply grateful for all their hard work and support. We are also very grateful to Congresswoman Hayes, and Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, for their vigorous support of the Head Start program at the national level".

For additional information, please contact Mr. Maloney at 203-743-9760 x202.

#### Attachments:

- Head Start Backgrounder
- Head Start Report Cover Letter dated 3/13/2020
- Program Performance Report dated 3/5/2020



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#### Head Start Backgrounder

Head Start is a federally, state and locally funded program which provides services for low-income families with children from birth (6 weeks) to age five. Each Head Start child receives a comprehensive array of child development services, including developmentally-appropriate education, health services, and social and physical development activities. In addition, Head Start families receive family development services, in accordance with the specific needs of each family, which typically include child development parenting education, and support in accessing other services (for example, Women Infants and Children nutrition services, the State child health care "Husky" program, and the like).

Sponsored by the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc. (CIFC), Head Start of Northern Fairfield County (HSNFC), serves more than 72 infants and toddlers, and over 325 pre-schoolers (ages 3-5) each year in the greater Danbury, CT area, including Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman. The program hosts classrooms at the Danbury Head Start Center on Foster Street in downtown Danbury (16 classrooms), the new state-of-the-art CIFC Early Childhood Education Center at 29 Park Avenue, Danbury (7 classrooms), as well as at Danbury's Laurel Gardens housing development (4 classrooms), and the WIC Center at 80 Main Street, Danbury (1 classroom). Approximately 98% of the HSNFC Program's families live in Danbury.

Also sponsored by the Connecticut Institute For Communities, Inc., the Greater Norwalk Head Start Program (GNHS) serves more than 16 infants and toddlers and more than 140 pre-schoolers. GNHS host classes at Norwalk's Ely Center (5 classrooms) and Franklin Center (4 classrooms). Approximately 99% of GNHS Program's families live in Norwalk.

CIFC's Early Childhood Education and Head Start programs are led by Mrs. Nicole Taxiltaridis, MPA, the CIFC Director of Head Start/Early Childhood Programs, and by Ms. Robin Scott, MA, CIFC Danbury Senior Program Professional, and Mr. Kevin Holmes, MA, CIFC Norwalk Senior Program Professional.

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March 13, 2020

Connecticut Institute for Communitles, Inc.

Re: Grant No. 01CH010313,01CH010527,01HP000156

#### **Dear Head Start Grantee:**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) recently conducted a monitoring review of your program. The attached report contains information about your agency's performance and compliance with the requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards, Public Law 110-134, Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, and other applicable regulations.

Please contact your Regional Office for guidance should you have any questions or concerns. Your Regional Office will follow up on the content of this report and can work with you to identify resources to support your program's continuous improvement.

If the report has findings the corrective action period will begin 72 hours from the time this email was sent.

Sincerely,

**OHS Monitoring Team** 



#### **Program Performance Summary Report**

To: Authorizing Official/Board Chairperson Dr. Froncis Muska Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. 120 Main St Fl 4 Danbury, CT 06810 - 7834 From: Responsible HHS Official

No. 16 (35) Date: 03/05/2020

Dr. Deborah Bergeron Director, Office of Head Start

From November 4, 2019 to November 8, 2019, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a Focus Area Two (FA2) monitoring review of the Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start programs. This report contains information about the grantee's performance and compliance with the requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) or Public Law 110-134, Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

The Office of Head Start (OHS) would like to thank your governing body, policy council, parents, and staff for their engagement in the review process. Based on the information gathered during this review, we have found your program meets the requirements of all applicable HSPPS, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.

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#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT

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