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Great Gitts

e're turning the traditional gift guide on its ear this holiday season and rather than the usual mix of holiday treats, we humbly submit this selection of tremendous nonprofits in our town to add to your gift giving consideration. Why not a donation as one of the presents you give this year?! Great as hostess gifts too!



AT HOME IN DARIEN

Helps Darien seniors live independently, comfortably and with

dignity in their own homes and the community as long as possible. Supported almost exclusively by the generosity of Darien residents. All funds raised go directly to serving senior citizens. For this gift, visit **athomeindarien.org**.



BLUE WAVE BOOSTER CLUB

The Team behind our teams: All monies raised support Darien High School (DHS) sports and student activities by funding additional and customary needs that exceed budgets, and by fostering sportsmanship and school spirit among students, parents, teachers and staff. To give this gift, visit **bluewavebc.org**.



DARIEN ARTS CENTER (DAC)

Dedicated to educating, promoting and providing the means of artistic expression in dance, music, visual arts and theater to community members of all ages. \$25 helps buy arts supplies; \$75 helps provide visual arts, music or dance instructors; \$150 helps with costumes; \$200 helps provide scholarships. A gift in any amount is welcome and appreciated. For this gift, visit **darienarts.org**.

The Darien

Community Association

DARIEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DCA)

The DCA values opportunities to learn and extends scholarships to DHS ing about the world we will leave for our children students. It values sustainability, car-And our grandchildren. It values our green spaces and out Standorman. It values out Steen Spaces, lovingly cared for by so many. And the DCA values Community and its power to bring us together. Gifts Will support these Values and create an incredible

The Community Fund

THE COMMUNITY FUND OF DARIEN (TCF)

Through grants to carefully vetted local social service organizations, the TCF funds access to food, shelter, physical and mental healthcare, job training and youth success programs. \$25 buys weekend meals for two food-insecure students; \$50 helps subsidize afterschool STEM programming; \$100 provides 37 meals at a local soup kitchen; \$250 funds utilities for local seniors; \$500 supports parenting classes to decrease child abuse and neglect. For this gift, visit communityfunddarien.org.



THE DARIEN FOUNDATION

Provides grants for technology and capital initiatives which create opportunity for Darien youth, support our town's safety and security, and enhance the overall quality of life in Darien. Every dollar benefits Darien! All donations go to grant funding as the Foundation Board and Officers cover operating expenses. For this gift, visit darienfoundation.org.



darien center

nature Inspires passion and respect for the natural world through nature education, hands-on experiences with nature, and environmental action and stewardship. Home to more than 30 animals. \$25 buys one month of food for the insectivores; \$50 buys bark and wood shavings for bedding; \$100 buys fresh fruit and vegetables for the herbivores; \$250 helps defray the cost of specialty vet care. For this gift, visit **dariennaturecenter.org**.

DARIEN LAND TRUST

Permanently preserves and restores open space in Darien, providing the community with environmentally rich habitats, scenic vistas, opportunities for educational experiences and the quiet enjoyment of nature. \$100 installs nesting boxes for bluebirds, \$250 replaces trail signage, \$500 repairs damaged fencing. All gifts of any amount welcome. For this gift, visit **darienlandtrust.org**. Land doesn't protect itself. People do.

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