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Power Hour

Power Hour is a free after school literacy program offered to elementary children at 11 Norwalk schools. It is based on the AfterSchool KidzLit® program, a reading enrichment program designed specifically for use in out-of-school settings.

Power Hour increases young people's motivation to read and builds their literacy skills. At the same time, it develops core values of helpfulness, fairness, personal responsibility, and respect for others.

Last year, the NEF delivered 1200 hours of Power Hour to 256 students by 47 Norwalk teachers and teacher's aides who were managed by 11 Power Hour school liaisons.

\$37,500 Awarded for After The Bell

The Perrin Family Foundation and The Fairfield County Community Foundation have awarded grants of \$12,500 and \$25,000 respectively, to the NEF for After The Bell, a new before and after school program of The Norwalk Public Schools.

After The Bell is a pilot program at two Norwalk elementary schools: Kendall and Rowayton.

The program goals are to support academic achievement, to provide a wide variety of high quality activities and enrichment programs, and to provide a safe, nurturing environment.

\$9,000 awarded to Norwalk Teachers by DonorsChoose

Norwalk teachers are seeing results from their online grant requests. To date, \$9,000 in classroom supplies have been awarded to Norwalk teachers



Power Hour at Jefferson (l) and Cranbury (r) Schools.

Middle Schoolers at Norwalk Community College for Fall Taste for Education

through DonorsChoose.

What a way to make a Norwalk teacher's day!

[Norwalk Teacher's Challenge Page](#)

Our Mission

The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to quality public education for all of Norwalk's children. We effect positive change by providing programs and funds for innovative classroom instruction, teacher and technology training, and a variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day.



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Consumer Science students and teachers from all four Norwalk middle schools attended Norwalk Community College Culinary Arts Department four Fridays in October to prepare desserts for Fall Taste for Education which raised \$15,000 for NEF.

The field trips were an extension of Middle School University, a collaboration between NEF and NCC that helps students make the connection between success in school today and their future success as adults.

Thank you to all who helped on this event. [Click here to see photos.](#)



[Nathan Hale Middle School](#) at Norwalk Community College

Celebrating Children from Norwalk and Nagarote, Nicaragua

The Hallaballoos!

The Hall Family Sings for the Whole Family, a family concert benefiting **The Norwalk Education Foundation** and **The Norwalk/Nagarote Sister City Project**

Sunday, November 9 @ 2:30pm

Norwalk Concert Hall at City Hall, 125 East Ave., Norwalk

Tickets: Adult-\$15; Child-\$10

On Sale Now at:

Sally's Place, 190 Main St., Westport

Norwalk Music Center, 120 New Canaan Ave., Norwalk

HSBC Bank, 541 Westport Avenue, Norwalk

Fairfield County Bank, 67 Wall Street, Norwalk

and online at www.musicforchildren.net or phone 203-854-9797

PALERMO, FALCONE elected to NEF Board

Paula Palermo and Gloria Tenofsky Falcone have been elected to the board of directors of the NEF.

Palermo, the mother of 2 high school students, is director of managed services of TPC Healthcare. She spent 8 years as a consultant to the NEF for the development and management of TechSmart Teachers and holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Falcone has 3 children in Norwalk Schools and PTO affiliations at the elementary, middle, and high school level. She is a marketing and writing consultant and received an MBA from Columbia University.



Gloria Falcone and Paula Palermo

THANK YOU for your support.

Sincerely,

The Norwalk Education Foundation (NEF)