
**Developing Potential.
Nurturing Aspiration.**



CJR at a Glance

The mission of the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) is to provide care, treatment, education and family support for at-risk, special needs and troubled young people so they can become productive and fulfilled members of their communities.

Values and Beliefs

CJR believes that if given opportunities, guidance, and support, every young person has the potential to develop the skills, self-discipline and social responsibility necessary for a rewarding and productive life. CJR values every individual child and family member as a critical partner, embracing their multiple strengths and their culture throughout the treatment process. CJR believes that it is best practice to serve young people and their families at home and within their own communities. When out-of-home services are required, the family must be part of the process, the length of stay as short as possible, and the service plan individualized with a focus on stabilization, reunification and aftercare. CJR also prioritizes the use of research and evidence-based programming in its service delivery system.

Organization

CJR consists of four not-for-profit corporations: Mary Buel Memorial, Inc., is the holding company that controls the activities of the three related entities. Connecticut Junior Republic Association, Inc., is the main operating entity, providing all programs and services. CJR Fund, Inc., manages the Connecticut Junior Republic's Sustaining Fund for the exclusive benefit of the CJR Association. Buel Real Estate, Inc. holds title to and manages the real estate holdings for the exclusive benefit of the CJR Association.

CJR is governed by a board of directors and supported by fees earned for services and by the generous contributions of individuals, foundations, businesses and organizations.

Founded

1904, Litchfield, Connecticut

Total Staff

249

Website

www.ctjuniorrepublic.org

Partners in Providing Services

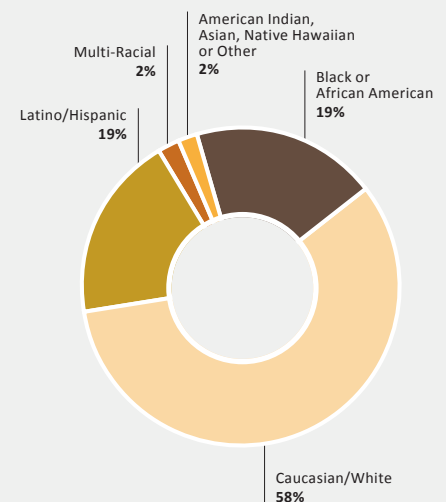
Collaborative relationships with a number of agencies are critical to CJR's ability to help young people through a broad spectrum of care that meets the individual needs of each youngster and those of his or her family. During 2020–21, partners in providing services included:

- Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (JBCSSD)
- Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE)
- Local Boards of Education, representing towns and school districts throughout Connecticut

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RACIAL BREAKDOWN OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED



Cover: Tom, age 20, benefitted from CJR's education programs.

Message to Friends and Supporters



Dan Rezende and Rick Judd

Despite the continuing challenges of the COVID pandemic, the past year was one of accomplishment, celebration, and growth for the Connecticut Junior Republic. The hard work of the CJR staff in 2020 ensured that we were prepared to deploy distance learning, telehealth, and protocols for keeping young people and families safe throughout the year in 2021.

In response to national events, CJR established a Cultural Responsiveness Committee to foster diversity, equity and inclusion and to ensure that the organization is culturally responsive to those it serves and employs. The Committee's work resulted in the approval of CJR's first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy by the Board of Directors.

As a result of the pandemic, demand for the behavioral and mental health services provided by CJR's Wellness Center surged to unprecedented levels in 2021 and continues to grow. Grants and private contributions, as well as monies from CJR's Sustaining Fund, enabled us to expand services significantly over the past year, but levels of need still exceed available resources. This will be a continuing challenge, but we are honored to be able to help a growing number of Connecticut's children, youth and families at a time when their needs are so significant.

At its annual meeting in October, the CJR Board recognized the contributions of outgoing Chair, Matthew Karpas. Matt served as Board Chair from 2018 to 2021, and we would like to share just a few of his accomplishments:

- CJR's Sustaining Fund grew from approximately \$19 million to \$26 million. This Fund is critical to CJR's annual operations and to developing new programs and services to meet community needs.
- CJR successfully navigated through multiple challenges associated with providing continuous and uninterrupted services during a global pandemic. Matt's leadership helped obtain the resources needed to deploy telehealth and distance learning, safeguard the youth and staff in our programs, and to support CJR's mission of care at a time when our services were most-needed.

- CJR raised impressive levels of support for urgent needs, including the purchase of Chromebooks so CJR students could participate in distance and hybrid learning; emergency replacement of a major generator that failed during tropical storm Isaias; as well as funds to expand services to meet the unprecedented mental health needs of young people and families.

Matt was also the catalyst for a branding, marketing and communications initiative that will create heightened public awareness, as well as appreciation and support for the organization's mission and services.

We thank Matt for his outstanding leadership, and are delighted that he will continue to serve on the CJR Board of Directors.

Over the past year, CJR's in-school mental health service sites doubled, with the Wellness Center responding to a record number of requests from towns and school districts for school-based clinicians to provide behavioral health services. CJR was also awarded three additional contracts by the Department of Social Services for the Teen Outreach Program (TOP), a school-based, positive youth development model that helps teens avoid risky behavior while fostering community service and responsible decision-making skills. The new TOP sites include a third high school in Waterbury and middle schools in Danbury and Torrington.

During 2021, CJR was able to resume all of its fundraising events, with strong support from our friends and donors. The outpouring of generosity over the past year has been truly heartening.

We hope you will be inspired by the stories of the young men and women highlighted in this annual report. All of the featured young people have benefited from CJR scholarships, resources, and the extra nurturing made possible by your support.

Thank you for helping these and other CJR young people develop their unique strengths, talents, aspirations, and potential for success.

Daniel W. Rezende
President & CEO

Frederick F. Judd III
Chairman

Regional Services Overview

- 1 Administration – Litchfield
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- 3 Residential
- 4 Behavioral and Mental Health Services

Additional Education Programs

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- 3 Waterbury

Additional Residential Programs

- 4 REGIONS Residential Program Waterbury
- 5 Therapeutic Group Home Winchester

Community Programs

- 6 Danbury
- 7 Middletown/Meriden
- 8 Torrington
- 9 Waterbury
- 10 Waterford/New London

Additional Wellness Center Programs

Behavioral and Mental Health Services

- 11 Danbury
- 12 New Britain
- 13 Torrington
- 14 Waterbury

School-Based Programs

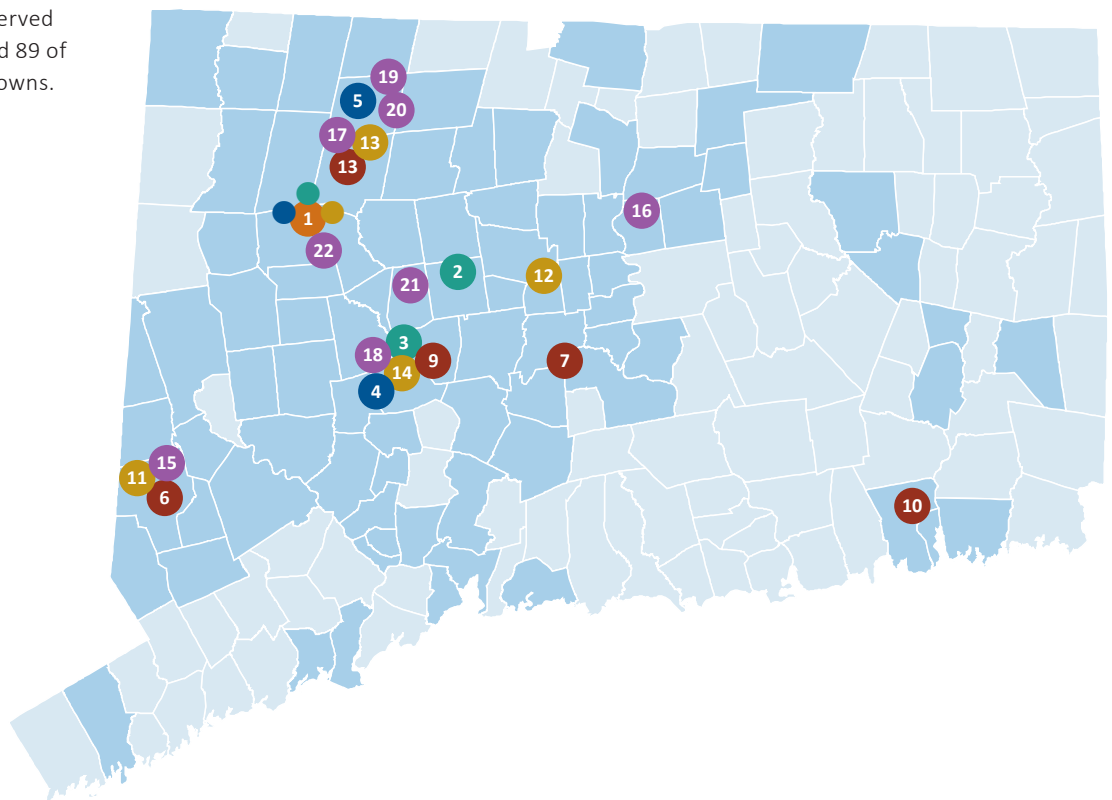
Prevention

- 15 Danbury (opened February 2022)
- 16 East Hartford
- 17 Torrington (opened January 2022)
- 18 Waterbury

Behavioral and Mental Health Services*

- 19 The Gilbert School, Winsted
- 20 Northwestern Regional High School (Winsted), serving Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Norfolk
- 21 Plymouth Schools (as of autumn 2021)
- 22 WAMOGO Regional High School (Litchfield), serving Warren, Morris and Goshen

Children, youth and families served by CJR in 2020–21 represented 89 of Connecticut's 169 cities and towns.



*By special arrangement with a growing number of schools.

1,319

Young People and Families Received Services Through CJR Programs in 2020–2021

Some youths enrolled in more than one program or attended programs more than once. The number served does not include individual family members who were not enrolled in services but also benefited from CJR programs.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Litchfield Residential Programs



Regions Residential Program – Waterbury



Group Home – Winchester



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Danbury



East Hartford



Middletown/Meriden



New Britain



Torrington



Waterbury



Waterford/New London



WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAMS AND SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center – Litchfield – Boys



Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center – Bristol – Girls



Regions Education – Waterbury – Boys



Cable Academic and Vocational Educational Center

Litchfield

Looking back, Tom didn't particularly enjoy his first month as a day student at CJR's Cable Academic and Vocational Educational Center (CAVEC) in Litchfield.

It was February 2017 and Tom, then 16, was assigned to agricultural science on the CJR farm. That meant early mornings, cold weather, and the smell of animals. But he quickly impressed farm manager Eric Elwell, who saw a responsible boy with a good heart who needed a little self-confidence and some guidance.

"You come in and you get your feet wet, and you find out that CJR provides a fresh start," Elwell says. "We become family and try to foster an environment where young people can thrive."

CAVEC helps students, ages 9 to 21, to develop academic, vocational and independent-living skills so they can return to public schools and their home communities. Referrals come from public schools throughout Connecticut as well as from CJR's Litchfield residential programs.

Many students arrive with a history of behavioral and academic challenges. CAVEC helps them develop critical-thinking and job skills while learning at their own pace. The program offers traditional academic classes as well as vocational instruction in agricultural sciences, automotive technology, CNC (Computer Numerical Controlled) manufacturing, construction technology, culinary arts, restaurant management, welding and wood technology.

Tom soon came to see CAVEC as "a paradise you could make mistakes in – everyone was always positive." And his sense of responsibility proved a good fit for the farm: "Every day's a new day. You've got to wake up, you've got to feed the cows, you've got to take care of yourself and keep pushing – no matter what."

"What I remember most about Tom is that he gave as good as he got," Elwell says. "Older kids help newer kids who are coming in, giving them a little guidance."

Tom was a student at CAVEC through June 2019. Now 20, he's nearly completed the Independent Electrical Contractors of New England's apprenticeship program, which mixes classroom instruction and on-the-job training.

"Electrical work was something I wanted to do because it's hands-on and it's not the same thing every day," he says. "There are so many avenues to the trade."

He's followed the lessons he learned on the CJR Farm in caring for Rusty, his English bulldog. Tom picked Rusty out of a litter of puppies bred by his brother. Or perhaps Rusty picked him: "He was the one who'd always mosey on over by himself and hang out with me all day," Tom recalls, adding "he's the best – I love him."

Asked what advice he'd have for a new student arriving at CAVEC, Tom responds, "Be optimistic. Be very observant of life – and be open to anything. Life is full of mysteries and you learn something new every day. You're wasting your time if you don't go out there and see what you could excel at."





Tom

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A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a white chef's coat, is focused on chopping green onions on a green cutting board. She is using a large knife. The background shows a professional kitchen with stainless steel surfaces, a range hood, and various kitchen equipment. A warm light fixture is visible in the upper left corner.

Brea

“It was really nice to have someone like Chef Mike in my life who understood my love for working with food and encouraged it at such a young age.”

SAFE (Success Always Follows Education)

Torrington

At 22, Brea is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and a veteran of some of Connecticut's best kitchens – an impressive resume that began with a CJR summer experience ten years ago.

Brea started in CJR's SAFE (Success Always Follows Education) Program for Torrington teens when she was 11. This after-school program enrolled 50 teens and guided them toward responsible decision-making skills and career-focused education. Tutoring, mentoring, and structured group activities provided students with alternatives to teen pregnancy and parenthood, substance abuse, and other risky behaviors.

"Life is hard when you're that age, and it was a safe place where I felt really comfortable talking to the adults around me," she says.

In 2012, thanks to grants from the Union Savings Bank Foundation and The Litchfield Aid of CJR, the Connecticut Junior Republic was able to provide work-based learning summer and after-school experiences on its Litchfield Campus for its Torrington SAFE students. Brea participated in the culinary component of both programs, preparing lunches and dinners for students in CJR's education and residential programs.

While Brea's father had raised her to cook on her own, the scale of CJR's kitchens was new – as was the chance to learn from CJR chef Mike Cantu. "He was so kind and patient, considering that we were all so young," she says, adding that her experience in the kitchen "inspired me so much, and I got so much joy out of it."

Cantu, meanwhile, saw a student with "a natural ability you don't see that often" who put her responsibilities above socializing with her fellow students: "She was always my 'go-to' if I needed something done."

Brea continued in the SAFE Program and studied culinary arts at Torrington's Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, "working exceptionally hard" to get into the Culinary Institute of America in 2017. She received several scholarships to assist with her education, including one from CJR.

"Despite how hard it was, it was worth every second of time, every penny of tuition," she says of the CIA. "I use my degree every day."

While in school, she did a summer "externship" at the famed Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.; after graduating, she worked at West Hartford's Restaurant Bricco and Carbone Prime in Rocky Hill before landing her current job at Millwright's in Simsbury.

And Brea isn't done – not by a long shot. "I can always be better," she says. "I learn so much every day from amazing people."

Cantu offers his former student a fellow chef's compliment: "I couldn't be more proud or impressed, but I didn't expect anything less."

Brea is grateful to CJR and "Chef Mike" for getting her started. "It gets harder as you become an adult to find kindness and patience in the kitchen," she says. "I've taken all that I've learned as a kid, and I still look for that to this day."

Of Cantu, she says, "It's easy to deter people from this industry because it's so crazy, but he was so supportive and helped my passion blossom. It was really nice to have someone like that in my life who understood my love for working with food and encouraged it at such a young age."



Teen Responsibility

Waterbury

Joanne Medina's first encounter with the Connecticut Junior Republic might not have seemed promising, but walking through CJR's front door changed her life.

It was 1999, and 12-year-old Joanne had been sent to CJR's Waterbury campus by Connecticut's courts, which mandated she attend the Teen Responsibility Program. CJR's Teen Responsibility Program offered tutoring, mentoring, and group activities to help students find alternatives to risky behavior.

"It was something that I didn't want to be a part of," Joanne says. And, as a strong-willed young girl, she made her feelings very clear.

But the CJR staff members always had a smile for her, and were happy to offer her guidance. Many afternoons, Joanne recalls, she arrived feeling like "my heart just needed to stop pumping so quickly. When I walked in, it was like, 'OK, now I'm here, I can calm down.'"

The girl who hadn't wanted to participate started visiting CJR even when she didn't have to be there. "It became a daily home for me, and I'd find a way to be there after school."

Joanne got pregnant at 15, which meant the end of her enrollment in the Teen Responsibility Program. Rather than turn their backs on her, however, the CJR employees she'd come to see as mentors kept assisting her, directing her to resources for teen mothers. "They didn't let go," she recalls. "They were willing to help."

One of those mentors, Gigi Valentin – who's now an MST therapist for CJR – helped Joanne get a first job and enroll in adult education. Joanne got her GED. Then, with the help of two CJR scholarships, and while caring for her baby daughter, she graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a double major in human services and psychology – and a certificate in criminal justice.

CJR's continuing support gave Joanne a new goal: "I wanted to be there for young adults who have difficulties in their homes and don't have somewhere to go or someone to bond with."

And Joanne Medina has done exactly that. Now 36, she's been a CJR Teen Outreach Program (TOP) Coordinator for four years. Funded by Connecticut's Department of Social Services, TOP is an in-school service, aimed at pregnancy prevention and risk reduction. TOP participants benefit from supervised community service, group discussions and activities. Joanne coordinates CJR's TOP at ACES at Chase, a premier inter-district magnet middle school in Waterbury that prepares students for success through an innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum.

At TOP, Joanne builds on the lessons she learned from Valentin and other mentors, using props to help make difficult conversations easier and even fun. There's the big inflatable microphone nicknamed One Mic after a popular rap song, and conversation balls with questions written on them for the kids to throw to each other.

"They love throwing the ball – CJR's TOP is a safe place for them to express themselves and show who they really are," Joanne says.

So what would Joanne tell that headstrong 12-year-old who now works for the place she thought she wanted no part of? "Be willing to make a change in your life," she says. "That's one of the hardest things for a young adult to do."

Joanne is certainly a role model for growth through change. She is currently in the process of applying to Boston University and plans to begin working on her masters of social work degree this autumn. And, this year – bursting with pride – she looks forward to watching her "baby daughter" graduate from Southern Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in bilingual elementary education/TESOL with a minor in literature.

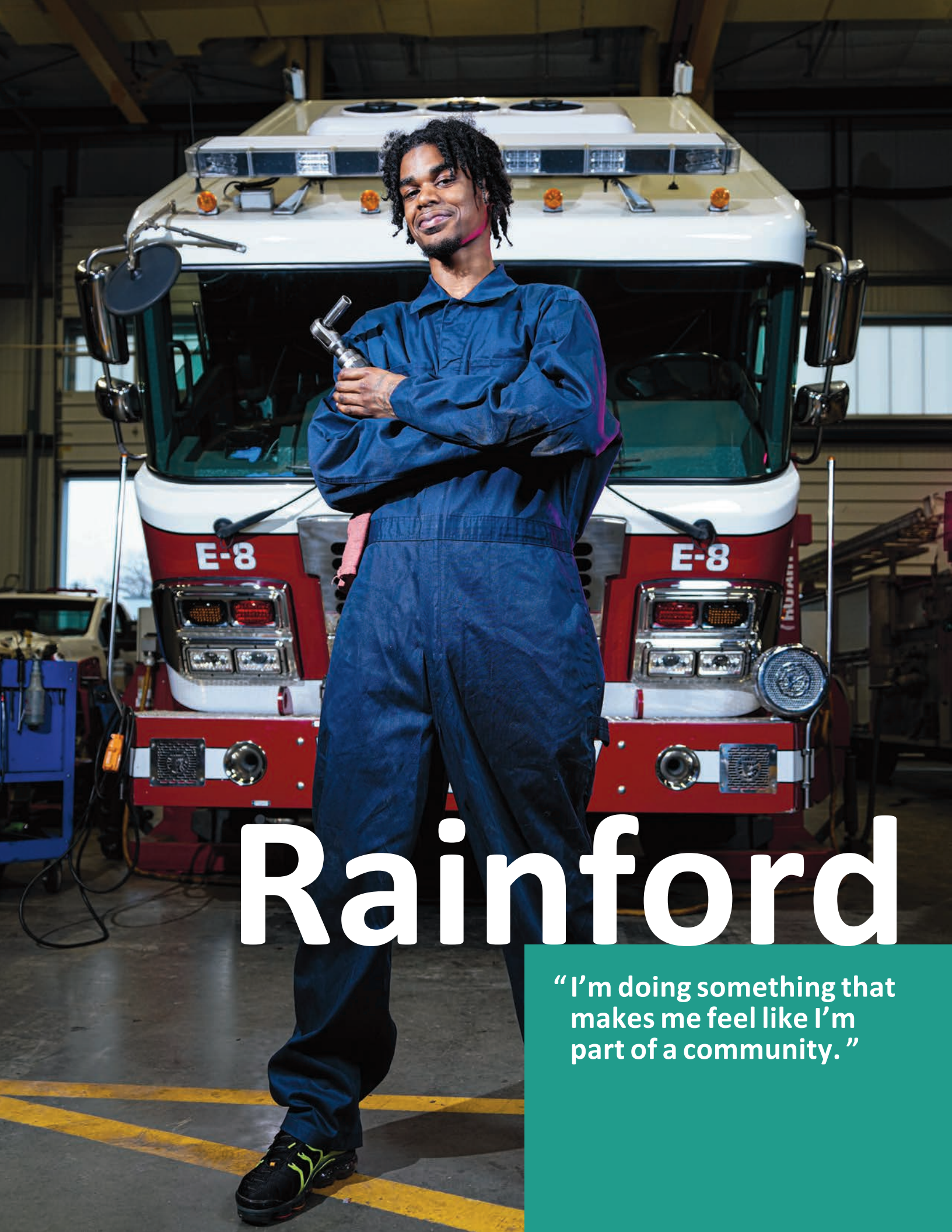
Now and again, a conversation with one of her students will remind Joanne of her younger self. Her reaction? "I do worry. But my concern helps me work a little harder building that particular relationship."





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Rainford

“I’m doing something that makes me feel like I’m part of a community.”

Multisystemic Therapy-Family Integrated Therapy

Waterbury

When 17-year-old Rainford entered CJR's Multisystemic Therapy-Family Integrated Therapy (MST-FIT) Program in May 2020, he was therapist Hallie MacDonald's first client – and, as she recalls, “he wouldn't give me the time of day.”

MacDonald understood that Rainford wasn't used to people sticking around. He had spent his adolescence in foster care and residential programs, cycling through 20-odd placements. “I just felt that nobody cared about me,” he says. “Nobody took the time out to help me.”

MacDonald kept taking the time – and offering pizza, which she'd learned was one of Rainford's favorite foods. MST-FIT is designed to reduce recidivism and antisocial behaviors and to empower families through therapy sessions and parenting-skills training. Whether or not their parents are actively involved, students such as Rainford benefit from Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), an evidence-based therapy used by CJR clinicians to help young people learn to handle their emotions and develop better relationships.

DBT was important when Rainford's mother agreed to have custody returned to her and he went back home. Therapy helped Rainford “stop, take a step back and think,” as he describes it. But the real breakthrough was his relationship with MacDonald. When MacDonald learned there'd been a domestic incident and Rainford was being taken to the hospital, she hurried to New Haven to help.

Rainford was surprised – and impressed: “I thought, ‘She might want to help me.’ ”

But Rainford helped himself, too – as MacDonald recalls, something “clicked” for him as he neared his 18th birthday. With adult responsibilities looming, he began to see MST-FIT and MacDonald's help as opportunities to be seized. “That was my biggest fear: ‘When I turn 18, what am I going to do?’ ” he says. “I knew since a young age that when I turned 18, I'd be by myself.”

As life kept throwing obstacles in Rainford's path, MacDonald kept guiding him. She helped him obtain his high-school diploma before his discharge from MST-FIT at the end of 2020; to secure a driver's license and a Social Security card; to get an apartment after he was left homeless; and coached him on practicing for job interviews. She went above and beyond to help Rainford in her role as his CJR therapist, and he has kept in touch with her and still checks in periodically.

“If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have come this far,” he says.

“Rainford has amazing resilience,” MacDonald says.

“I would have folded a million times under the pressure he's experienced. He's had a lot of barriers in life, but he keeps overcoming them.”

There have been hiccups as Rainford learns to navigate the adult world – something family members never taught him. After a stint at Amazon, he's now working at a company that repairs fire trucks and ambulance equipment. There, his colleagues have come to feel like family. Rainford dreams about having his own business one day, and sees himself as part of something bigger.

“Fixing trucks saves people's lives,” he says. “That's why I love the job. Even if nobody will ever know Rainford, even if I'm not a police officer or a fireman, I'm doing something that makes me feel like I'm part of a community.”



Financial Highlights

CJR's combined activities for the Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2021 reflected an increase in net assets of \$6,586,495. This was due in large part to significant unrealized market gains in CJR's Sustaining Fund, totaling \$6,165,883. In addition, CJR qualified for several state and federal programs available through the federal CARES Act, which helped offset reduced tuition revenues resulting from fewer student enrollments.

Despite the continuing financial challenges and uncertainty created by the ongoing pandemic, CJR was able to further expand telehealth and school partnership services through its Wellness Center. As a result, the Wellness Center saw an increase in referrals and engagement, as well as third party billing. Year over year, billing revenues increased by \$233,103, or 21%.

Charitable contributions, including gifts from special fundraising initiatives, equaled 4% of the total revenue.

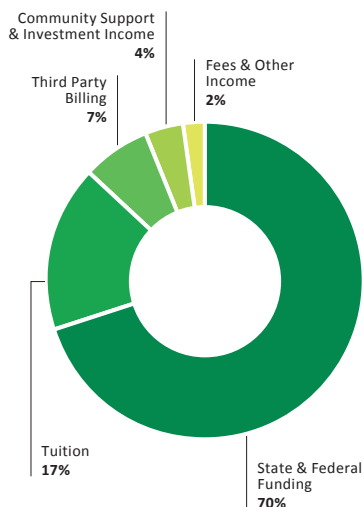
Expenses for FYE 6/30/2021 totaled \$18,781,965. Expenses related to CJR's programs and services accounted for 84% of the total expenditures.

MARY BUEL MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2021 WITH SUMMARIZED TOTALS FOR JUNE 30, 2020

	Combined Totals	
	2021	2020
ASSETS:		
Current Assets	4,954,197	4,668,973
Investments, at fair value	25,711,666	19,549,715
Fixed Assets (net)	8,114,717	8,319,520
Total Assets	\$38,780,580	\$32,538,208
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities	3,233,583	2,687,208
Notes payable	2,347,134	3,237,63 \$
Total Liabilities	5,580,717	5,924,840
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions	32,438,576	25,905,070
With donor restrictions	761,287	708,298
Total Net Assets	33,199,863	26,613,368
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$38,780,580	\$32,538,208

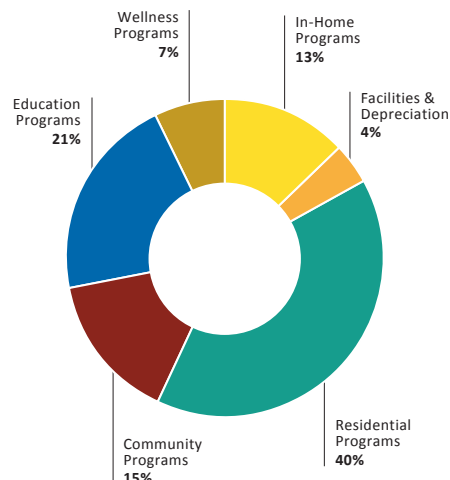
CJR's 2020–21 audited financial statement is available for review upon request by contacting CFO Trish Shishkov: tshishkov@cjrjyouth.org

TOTAL 2021 OPERATING REVENUE \$19,208,882*

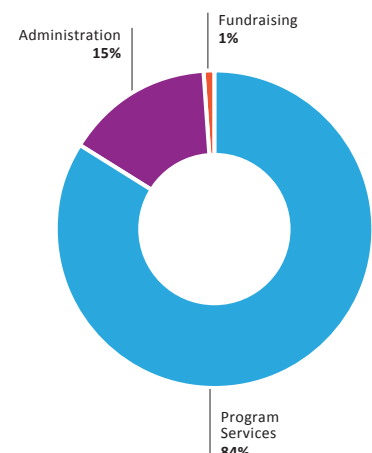


*Operating Revenue excludes Unrealized Investment Gains of \$6,159,578

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES \$15,753,970



TOTAL 2021 EXPENDITURES \$18,781,965



Support Highlights

Despite continuing challenges associated with raising funds during the COVID pandemic, CJR received nearly \$1 million in gifts, grants, legacies and other charitable contributions during fiscal year 2021 from more than 700 friends and supporters.

In spring of 2021, after a full year's hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, CJR resumed all of its events, starting with the 19th Annual *Scholarship Dinner*. This event was attended by more than 230 staff, sponsors, students and their families. More than \$43,000 was raised in net proceeds to support the educational endeavors of CJR students, many of whom were the first members of their families to attend a college or technical school. Major gifts of \$10,000 were received from the Patricia S. Heyman Foundation and from CJR Advisory Council member Stefan Bothe, who also contributed a \$5,000 challenge grant for new or increased support.

The 25th Annual **CJR Invitational** Golf Benefit was held on a June 21, 2021 at the Torrington Country Club. CJR friends, sponsors and volunteers enjoyed a picture-perfect day on the golf course and later celebrated news that the 25th anniversary golf outing had set a new record for funds raised – surpassing any prior event conducted to benefit CJR, with net proceeds exceeding \$201,000.

These results were sparked by an anonymous \$25,000 challenge gift made in early spring to honor the 25th anniversary of the **CJR Invitational** and Greg Oneglia's role in establishing and sustaining the event. A 25th *Anniversary Challenge Campaign* was led by CJR Development Committee Chair Martha Bernstein, Board Chair Matthew Karpas, and Sponsors' Chair, Jessica Travelstead. Together, they raised more than \$137,000 in additional gifts to augment event sponsorships.



Greg Oneglia and his son, Matt

Thanks to the ongoing leadership of Founding Chair Greg Oneglia and event Chair Bob Phelan, who has led the event for the past 15 years, the **CJR Invitational** has netted more than \$1.7 million over the past 25 years to benefit CJR programs and services. The sponsors and donors to the 25th Annual **CJR Invitational** and the 25th *Anniversary Challenge Campaign* are listed on pages 16 and 17.

Other notable campaigns and contributions during fiscal year 2021 included:

- The launch and successful completion of a \$100,000 campaign to replace a major generator on CJR's Litchfield campus. The campaign was initiated with a \$54,000 challenge gift from The Litchfield Aid of CJR, which was part of its 2020 annual gift of \$100,000. The Aid's challenge was met through an outpouring of support from generous friends in the community. Other funds contributed by The Litchfield Aid supported a summer program in Waterbury; scholarships for students associated with CJR's Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center; and the CJR Wellness Center.

- The award of a two-year, \$150,000 grant from the David, Helen and Marian Woodward Fund-Watertown (\$75,000 per year) to provide behavioral and mental health services for children and families without insurance or with high-deductible healthcare plans that would preclude their ability to obtain treatment; and crisis care and other critical services not covered by insurance.
- A \$32,000 grant from the Sue B. Hart Foundation in memory of Owen S. Hart supported CJR's agricultural science programs and an annual achievement award for students.
- Grants of \$24,000 and \$10,000, respectively, from the American Savings Foundation and the Frederick W. Marzahl Memorial Fund, Bank of America, NA, Trustee, along with \$10,000 from The Litchfield Aid of CJR, previously noted, helped fund CJR's 2021 Work-Based Learning Summer Program for boys and girls in Waterbury.
- A final disbursement of \$33,000 from the estate of longtime friend, Astrid T. Hanzalek, brought her total legacy to CJR to more than \$158,000.

Other philanthropic support received from friends and donors during the 2021 fiscal year helped ensure that CJR could provide the extra nurturing and assistance young people and families needed to thrive during exceptionally difficult circumstances and is recognized, with gratitude, in the following section.

In Appreciation

The Buel Society

Named in honor of CJR's founding benefactress, Miss Mary T. Buel of Litchfield, The Buel Society recognizes those who have included the Connecticut Junior Republic in their estate plans.

At the turn of the 20th century, Miss Buel left her land, farmhouse and funds to provide care and education for wayward and at-risk children. Over the years, a growing number of individuals have included CJR in their wills, created charitable trusts, and made other planned gifts to benefit the Junior Republic and the boys, girls and families it serves. The vision and generosity of these special friends makes a critical difference to the scope and quality of CJR's services for young people.

The Connecticut Junior Republic salutes the members of The Buel Society for their exceptional commitment to CJR's mission of service.

Anonymous (7)
Dr.* and Mrs.* Harold D. Bornstein, Jr.
Mr.* and Mrs.* Peter R Cable
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Mr. David R. Thompson*
Mrs. Claudia H. Warner*
Mr. Harold F. Waterman*
Mr.* and Mrs. Fred G. Weighart
J. Peter Wight*
Ms. Mary E. Wright*

2021 Contributors

The following donors contributed \$50 or more to the annual fund and special projects and programs in the categories shown. Contributors to the 19th Annual *Scholarship Dinner* and the 25th Annual *CJR Invitational Golf Benefit* are listed separately. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 8th Annual *Cars for Kids* Automobile Show was postponed until October 2021.

All contributions listed here were received between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, unless otherwise noted. The Junior Republic regrets that cost restraints preclude listing many other friends who made gifts of less than \$50 during this period.

SUSTAINER'S CIRCLE

Gifts of \$10,000 and more

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Gifts of \$5,000 and more

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

Gifts of \$1,000 and more

FOUNDERS

Gifts of \$500 and more

PATRONS

Gifts of \$250 and more

SPONSORS

Gifts of \$100 and more

FRIENDS

Gifts of \$50 and more



SUSTAINER'S CIRCLE

Anonymous (1)
American Savings Foundation
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19th Annual Scholarship Dinner

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The 19th Annual *Scholarship Dinner* was held on June 10, 2021, at LaBella Vista in Waterbury. More than 230 sponsors, staff, CJR students and their families attended, with over \$43,000 raised in net proceeds.

Scholarships were awarded to 24 deserving students who represented many of CJR's community program locations. CJR scholarships assist students who have overcome significant challenges to achieve their educational goals and many recipients are the first members of their family to attend college or technical school.

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The Connecticut Junior Republic gratefully acknowledges the following for their support of the 25th Annual **CJR Invitational** on June 21, 2021. A special *Anniversary Challenge Campaign*, launched with an anonymous \$25,000 challenge gift, brought net proceeds to \$201,000, setting a new record for funds raised through an event to benefit CJR. Over 25 years, the CJR Invitational golf outing has netted more than \$1.7 million. Gifts are recognized in the following categories:

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CJR Invitational 25th Anniversary Challenge Campaign

An anonymous \$25,000 challenge gift, made in honor of the 25th anniversary of the **CJR Invitational** and Greg Oneglia's role in establishing and sustaining the event, kicked off a special *Anniversary Challenge Campaign*. The following donors contributed nearly \$137,000, in addition to funds raised through sponsorships, making the 25th Annual **CJR Invitational** the most successful fundraising event ever held to benefit CJR.

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The Litchfield Aid of CJR was established in 1911, just seven years after the Connecticut Junior Republic opened its doors to at-risk boys. A charitable, voluntary organization dedicated to supporting the Junior Republic’s work with young people, The Aid fulfills its mission by advancing public awareness and knowledge of the services provided by CJR, and by raising funds that contribute to the improvement of CJR’s facilities and programs, and ultimately, to the overall well-being of the children and families served.

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18%
increase in individual sessions

65%
increase in family sessions

28%
increase in psychiatric reviews

71%
increase in group sessions

What children and families like most about CJR/CJR’s services

“... you’re able to be open and receive good advice from your peers and teachers.”

“This program is really helping ... I could never say thank you enough.”

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Youth and families served by CJR expressed their satisfaction

99%

were satisfied with the amount of help they received.

98%

would recommend CJR to a friend needing similar help.

98%

described the quality of the services they received as Excellent or Good.

97%

indicated the services they received were effective in dealing with their problem.

What children and families like most about CJR/CJR's services

"They not only helped, but were also fun and interactive."

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89
of Connecticut's
169
cities and towns.

CJR's Litchfield
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programs had an
87%
successful
discharge rate
for the year.

CJR's schools and
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served
137
boys and girls
between the ages
10 and 19

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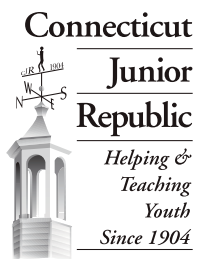
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