Why Planned Giving?
BY CATHERINE ONEGLIA

When Nanette Falkenberg first visited Litchfield County with friends in 2000, she had no intention of buying a house or falling for the lure of the Litchfield Hills. Both happened in short order, however, and the subsequent sale of her business in New York City allowed her to move to Roxbury full time to renovate her home, tend her large gardens, and continue to work with nonprofits and foundations on program planning, strategy and evaluation.

As a member of the Roxbury Board of Finance and Chair of the Roxbury Zoning Board of Appeals, Nanette is an active citizen in the town she loves. A Pennsylvania native, she graduated from Bucknell University and then went on to earn a Masters in Health Policy at Columbia School of Public Health.

During her years as a partner in a public policy consulting firm, Nanette worked with a national domestic violence organization, developing programs to involve health care practitioners in screening for domestic violence and sexual assault, an experience that prepared her for her work on the SBAP Board. Currently President of the Board, she enjoys being part of the SBAP community of friends and

Time to Get Involved!
April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month

• Sexual Violence Awareness Month Vigil
Join us in support of victims of sexual violence on Thursday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Coe Park, Torrington. We will begin our event with a march around Coe Park in support of victims of sexual violence followed by our vigil at the pavilion. In case of inclement weather, the vigil will be held inside the pavilion.

• Clothesline Project — A compilation of t-shirts designed by survivors will be on display at our office and online at www.sbaproject.org. They can also be viewed at the Goshen Public Library throughout the month of April.

• Faces of Survival was started in 2004 and is displayed throughout the state. The exhibit uses personal stories and pictures of sexual assault survivors to educate the public about the impact of sexual violence and to acknowledge that survivors are often denied a voice and face in our society. The Faces of Survival exhibit confronts viewers with the reality of sexual violence and aims to eliminate the stigma surrounding the issue. The exhibition is on display at the Northwestern CT Community College’s library from April 24 through April 28.

• The Where Do You Stand? campaign positively portrays young men as vital allies and invites all men to consider their own stance on preventing sexism and sexual violence. Sign our pledge online at www.sbaproject.org.

To find out more about Sexual Violence Awareness Month, the Where Do You Stand? Campaign or other outreach activities, contact SBAP’s community educators or go to www.sbaproject.org
Our Mission
Susan B. Anthony Project promotes safety, healing and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of women and the end of interpersonal violence.
Making a Difference!

Another successful year of raising life-changing dollars for our community by the Stronger Women Stronger World 5k Obstacle Race organizers. Thank you! The race raised approximately $6,000 this year, awarding each of its 4 recipients just over $1,500. Susan B. Anthony Project was proud to be one the recipients on behalf of our clients.


Honoring Community Supporters at Candlelight Vigil

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each year, SBAP celebrates survivors of domestic violence and honors community members who collaborate and support our work at our annual candlelight vigil.

2016 Honorees

**Camp Cochhipianee Counselors in Training**, the CITs actively participate in our Community Education programs as well as help guide campers through the activities and tasks in order for everyone to be successful with the program.

**Attorney Kirstin Etela**, along with CCADV and other local attorneys, has organized a group of pro bono attorneys to support the civil restraining order hearing process on behalf of our clients.

**Michael Giordano** is a member of the Torrington Police Department. He has been very effective in assisting our clients and takes the maximum precautions to ensure their safety.

**Harwinton Playground Camp Counselors in Training**, the CITs work to help engage campers so that they will benefit from the Community Education programs, as well as assist the campers in completing the many hands-on activities.

**Shirley Metcalf** is a member of the Haystack Quilters group. For several years, the Haystack Quilters have donated beautiful handmade quilts to our clients under Shirley’s guidance.

**Mark Shea**, Deputy Chief Clerk of the Litchfield Judicial District, has gone out of his way to ensure clients get the best service possible while addressing civil legal services at court.

**Gaitan Rodriguez** is a social worker at Forbes School in Torrington. He ensures that as many students as possible receive our violence prevention programs.

Mark Famiglietti, vice president of SBAP Board of Directors and his wife, Nancy, read names of those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Center for Youth and Families (CHH/CYF) recently received a grant from the Petit Foundation for improvements to their Forensic Interviewing Technology. Shown are William Petit Sr., Torrington Police Department Detective Kevin Tieman, Bethany Ferreira CHH/CYF, Forensic Interviewer Dr. Danielll Williams, Dr. William Petit Jr., SBAP Sexual Assault Child Advocate Anne Malisk, and Barbara Petit.

Vigil readers at the 28th Annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil held on October 19, 2016 at Coe Park. Shoes on steps represent the 55 children who were housed in our shelter this past year.
Engaging CT Men to End Sexual Violence

The Where Do You Stand? Connecticut campaign positively portrays young men as vital allies and invites all men to consider their own stance on men preventing sexism and sexual assault. Bystander Intervention Training available: Call 860.489.3798 and ask for a Community Educator for more information.

Give Local 2017 is coming this April!

Give Local Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills is being offered by the Connecticut Community Foundation. We will be joining community foundations across the country in a 36-hour nationwide online giving challenge called Give Local America.

Every dollar raised for SBAP during the 36-hour campaign will be amplified by matching funds and prizes secured by Connecticut Community Foundation. Visit www.sbaproject.org for more details.
Making a Difference!

Director of Community Relations Michele Bonvicini presented Gina Devaux, SBAP Director of Development a Union Savings Bank Foundation grant to support our Community Education programs.

We want to thank Bank of America for their annual gift to support our shelter services. We could not do the work that we do without this support. Thank You! Pictured are Katarzyna Varela of Bank of America, SBAP Director of Development Gina Devaux, and Osvaldo Pagan of Bank of America.

Litchfield County Business Professionals present their annual gift. Shown are President of LCBP DJ Murphy, SBAP Director of Development Gina Devaux, and members of LCBP Melissa Root and Kelly Taylor.

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Thank you for helping to make this holiday season a brighter one for our clients. Our generous donors helped provide gifts for 83 women, 2 men and 157 children.

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Business Sponsorship Opportunities

We’re excited to announce the launch of our new Business Sponsorship Opportunities initiative! This unique program offers your business the opportunity to support all facets of SBAP as an Agency Sponsor or, if you prefer, to support specific programs or events that you feel are particularly vital in our shared efforts to prevent the spread of domestic and sexual violence in our community.

We invite you to take advantage of our new employee engagement opportunities that encourage mutual participation and collaboration when you join our diverse and transformational family of partnerships which promote a safer, more positive and cooperative community for all of us.

If you would like to receive a brochure or are interested in learning more about our business partnerships, please contact Gina Devaux at 860-489-3798 or gdevaux@sbaproject.org. The brochure is also available on our website at sbaproject.org/get-involved/event-sponsorships/

Together, we can do great things!

For 10 years, Union Savings Bank and its Foundation have been partnering with Susan B. Anthony Project to provide victims of domestic and sexual violence opportunities for safety, healing and growth as well as to promote awareness and further prevention education efforts in our communities.

The Union Savings Bank Foundation continues its commitment to violence prevention this year with a $10,000 grant to help fund SBAP’s Community Education Program. We are also honored to announce that Union Savings Bank has decided to further strengthen prevention education efforts with a $2,500 Gold Level Program Sponsorship through our new Business Sponsorship Opportunities; this in addition to a Bronze Level Sponsorship of our upcoming Authors’ Luncheon on April 22nd!

“Union Savings Bank is continually grateful for Susan B. Anthony’s commitment and dedication to victims by creating safer communities for all” says Michele Bonvicini, Director of Community Relations. “As sponsors we continue our focus on supporting educational programs and continued collaboration with local agencies that serve our communities.”

Both Union Savings Bank and Union Savings Bank Foundation continue to be true leaders in our community. We want to say thank you for the tremendous support and for the very special collaboration that has flourished through the years.

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Michele Bonvicini,
Director of Community Relations,
Union Savings Bank

The 13th Annual Authors’ Luncheon Benefitting Susan B. Anthony Project

Saturday, April 22nd
12:00 noon
Fairview Farm Golf Course, Harwinton

Featured Authors:

Bob Paff,
author of Communicating to Win: In Life, Love & Business

Sarah Darer Littman,
author of In Case You Missed It, Backlash, Want to Go Private?
Wreath Fundraiser

A heartfelt thanks to our many wreath friends, who sold, counted, carried, delivered and bought 1,000 wreaths. The new products we introduced this year were a success as well. We raised $14,306 to support our client services!

Altek Electronics, Inc. — Sabrina Beck
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Marge Beary
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Church of Christ Congregational, Norfolk — Suzanne Hinman & Jude Mead
Manny Clark
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Mark Famiglietti
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First Congregational Church, Washington — Marilyn Roze
Fuel Cell Energy — Mary Stempien
Doreen Hampton
Harwinton Women's Club — Sally Johnson
Robert Kwalick
Jeanine Lovendale
Beth McCabe
Jacqueline Miller
Patty Minton
New Preston Congregational Church — Clarinda Deitz
Northwestern CT Community College — Sharon Gusky
Barbara & Ralph Paternostro
Joe Plourde
Turi Rostad
Diana Savory
Second Congregational Church Youth Group, Winsted — Pastor Dan Cote
Marlene & Chris Smith
St. Anthony's Church, Litchfield — Carol Iannuzzi
St. Bridget Church, Sharon — Mel Harmon, Marjorie Morris & Louise Riley
St. Paul's Parish, Bantam — Jean Grela
Thomaston High School — Carol Wright
Cara & Mark Torson
Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington — Faye Tway & Gary Grant

Our youngest wreath helpers, Aiden Doeher and Luca Devaux, did a great job helping to load wreaths for our customers.

Client Holiday Party

Kristopher Kelsey, proprietor of Hanq’s on Water Street in Torrington, along with his staff, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus hosted our clients and their children at SBAP’s annual Holiday Party this past December. Everyone had a tremendous time.

Making a Difference!

Thank you to Haystack Quilters for another gift of beautiful, handcrafted quilts to brighten our clients’ day. Pictured: Phyllis Diggle, SBAP Development Associate Denise Torson, Shirley Metcalf, and SBAP Administrative Assistant Siobhain Craemer.

Since 2011, the Harwinton Women’s Club has provided our children with backpacks and school supplies. We can’t thank them enough for these donations! Shown is President of Harwinton Women’s Club Tina Hasapis.

Another successful “Toys for Torrington” collection, organized by the staff of the East Main Street McDonald’s in Torrington, to benefit SBAP, FISH, Torrington Fire Department and Torrington Soup Kitchen.
I began volunteering at Susan B. Anthony Project about four and a half years ago after completing the required training course. During that time, I would accompany victims to Litchfield Superior Court to assist them during their meetings with Family Services or during their civil court hearings. I also helped the Family Violence Victim Advocate with criminal cases at the Bantam Court. I worked on the crisis line and co-facilitated a support group in the evening that focused on trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Three years ago, I began working at SBAP full-time as the Domestic Violence Child and Family Advocate. Children are my passion and I have been fortunate to acquire the training to advocate for children in our community at our office and counseling center, and at our domestic violence shelter.

The best part of my job is having the opportunity to work with so many caring children who have experienced domestic violence in their short lives. The children and their mothers work very hard to understand what they have experienced and to begin to heal from the trauma.

My dream for the future of SBAP is that we can continue to offer invaluable support to our families, to aide in the healing process of our children, and to help victims gain the self-esteem and confidence to lead healthy, and productive lives.

The support that we receive from our generous community means so much to the children and mothers that come for help. Whether giving a monetary gift, adopting one of our families at Christmas, filling backpacks with school supplies, or supplying gift cards to purchase food and clothing, our community continues to bring comfort to our families that oftentimes arrive at shelter with nothing but the clothes on their backs.