We are pleased to announce two new field of interest funds at Fairfield County’s Community Foundation with an explicit focus on our region’s growing, diverse, and important immigrant communities.

Both funds are open to donations — large and small — from individual, family, and corporate donors who care about our region’s immigrants and understand the power of collective giving.

**IMMIGRANT JUSTICE FUND AT FCCF**

The Immigrant Justice Fund at FCCF is a new field of interest fund, which will support a panel of carefully screened "low bono" immigration attorneys to represent income-qualified immigrants living in Connecticut and facing deportation. Although deportation rips families and communities apart and can subject immigrants to domestic violence, gang torture, and even death, immigrants do not have the right to court-appointed counsel.

The Immigrant Justice Fund's "low-bono" attorneys will handle complex legal matters for immigrant clients at significantly reduced legal fees. The legal fees, ranging from $2,000-$5,500, will be paid from the Immigrant Justice Fund at FCCF and qualify as charitable expenditures. There is no other such fund operating in Connecticut at this time, though similar funds exist in other states.

Examples of the type of deportation cases our panel of "low-bono" attorneys handle include:

- Supporting the legal rights of immigrants fighting detention and deportation;
- Assisting immigrant families who have been separated due to recent federal policies; and
- Advocating efforts to obtain universal representation for Connecticut’s immigrant community.

Individual, family, business, and civic group donors from throughout Connecticut who wish to support the legal rights of immigrants are encouraged to donate to the Immigrant Justice Fund.

All donations to the Immigrant Justice Fund are completely tax-deductible. Client impact reports will be disseminated to all Immigrant Justice Fund donors.

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