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**WESTPORT WESTON FAMILY YMCA TO HOST 7TH ANNUAL
BEDFORD FAMILY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND 2021 AWARDS CEREMONY SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES**

Join us in honoring our 28 BFSRF grant recipients.

Westport, CT - The [Bedford Family Social Responsibility Fund](#) (BFSRF) is pleased to honor their [2021 grant recipients](#), on December 17, 2021 at 1:30 PM, at the Westport Weston Family YMCA.

This year, the BFSRF will be **dispensing \$290,000 in grants to 28 organizations in the Greater Fairfield County area** whose programs focus on supporting equitable educational programs for students in our community.

Created in 2015 due to a generous endowment from YMCA trustee emeritus Ruth T. Bedford, the BFSRF awards one-year grants to one or more local programs that are selected through an annual grant process. Ruth Bedford believed in education for all and supporting those less fortunate. We are proud to carry on her legacy.

BFSRF committee Co-Chair Libby McKinney Tritschler says, "Being on the Committee has been eye opening. We have so many people in CT that are in need. Helping those who are helping the ones in need has been so special." Like Ms. Tritschler, the other committee members have enjoyed meeting the amazing and caring individuals and organizations in the area. Witnessing the grants being put into action, particularly during the time of COVID, has been rewarding.

"These organizations are run by remarkable people who have chosen to follow a passion that has led them to do what they can to better the lives of disadvantaged children," says committee member Rosemary Halstead. "While the Y is fortunate to have the ability to support many of these organizations, it is impossible to come away from these grant meetings without realizing that the need is great and wishing we could do more."

ABOUT WWFY

The Westport Weston Family YMCA is a non-profit organization that enriches the community by developing and nurturing youth, promoting healthy living for all and fostering social responsibility. Our core values drive everything we do. By holding ourselves accountable to build character around our core values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility, we build wholeness and wellness in spirit, mind and body for all.