



Children's Community School

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To our amazing supporters.

As we move into 2026, we cannot close out 2025 without recognizing our supporters who are the heartbeat of Children's Community School. The year, 2025 brought many new adventures, exciting learning experiences and lifelong memories.

The generosity of the Barnes Foundation allowed for the CCS students to take a deep dive into the world of science. During the annual CCS Back to School event, the cafegymatorium was filled with various science activities including live animals from the Maritime Aquarium and scientific centers from the Connecticut Science Center.

A partnership with cARTie, an art museum on wheels, was developed through the Watertown Foundation. CCS students from preschool through second grade were provided opportunities to enjoy and create art through age-based lessons focusing on the unique abilities of each student.

In regard to wellness and mental health, the kindness of The Congregation de Notre Dame, provided funding for enrichment services, in house social workers, and social emotional tools. As The Waterbury Exchange Club funded the Second Step curriculum which provides educators and students the practical tools they need to support learning and emotional well-being.

As we faced food insecurities this past year, our partners at Stop and Shop and Hometown Heroes assisted in providing over 70 CCS families receiving a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings.

Children's Community School returned with its Summer Bridges program as we rocked through the decades, learning about different eras and their impact on today. Campers learned about technology advancements, musical and fashion trends, and historical events during each decade.

And as always, we were gifted with the kindness of our volunteers such as Drew Marine, MacDermid, Webster Bank, Thomaston Savings Bank, POST University the United Way and many more, who provide hundreds of hours of their time keeping CCS beautiful both inside and out. Through cleaning, painting, organizing, shredding, and reading to our students, we are fortunate enough to see our old friends return and make new ones.

We thank you, we appreciate you, and we couldn't do it without you. Your commitment to CCS is unwavering, and your impact is unmeasurable. We hope you continue to be a part of the CCS family and please, always know our doors are open to stop by and say "hi", and take a tour.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with warmth and love!

Warmly,

Kelly Anelli, MS



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