

2022 Impact Report



20 Fun Facts

2002 : 2022 OVERVIEW

NUMBER OF MEMBERS FIRST YEAR	1,915	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS FIRST YEAR	94
CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERS		NUMBER OF PROGRAMS IN 2022	
TOTAL MEMBERS OVER 20 YEARS		LARGEST CLASS TO DATE	
NUMBER OF MEMBER VISITS IN 2022		NUMBER OF STAFF FIRST YEAR	4
NUMBER OF MEMBER VISITS OVER 20 YEAR	.s	TOTAL STAFF OVER 20 YEARS	
GENDERS	34% Male / 66% Female	NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN 2022	
AGE RANGE		TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS OVER 20 YEARS	1,657
NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS FIRST YEAR	41	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS OVER 20 YEARS	60,225
NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS IN 2022		AVERAGE COST PER CLASS	\$30
TOTAL INSTRUCTORS OVER 20 YEARS		COST TO JOIN	\$0

Founders Hall is dedicated to providing a diverse program of social, educational and physical fitness programs for today's active seniors in a warm, fun and stimulating atmosphere.



All My Best

Grace F. Weber Executive Director

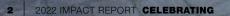
Flashing back to March 2003: Will anyone sign up for the classes? The snow did not bode well that first registration day but now with a bustling building, I feel comfortable saying the courses and events are successful. What a wonderful 20 years it has been.

It is hard to imagine a time before Founders Hall. A time when we couldn't imagine still learning, a time when we couldn't imagine making new friends, a time when someone new to town wasn't sure how to get connected.

The vision of John and Elaine Couri and Liz and Steve Goldstone gave us a beautiful building. Their foresight gave us Academic classes to engage our minds, Art classes to nurture our souls, Hobby and Craft and Sports to broaden our interests, Fitness classes to keep us moving, and Events and Friendships to warm our hearts.

Thank you, our wonderful donors, for making this vision take wing and thrive. Thank you for giving us this wonderful community where each of us is valued.

You make this possible. We can't wait to see what you make possible for the next 20 years.



20 Years Developing Healthy Habits

Thanks to you, Flamenco, Pickleball, Zumba, and Aquacize are only a few of the wellness classes that have been available to our members over our twenty-year history. We celebrate our abilities to move in whatever way we can, whether that's participating in Stretch & Flex class, leading the basketball team, or simply enjoying the lovely walking track around our campus.

Members still enjoy having the option to participate virtually, taking advantage of hybrid or remote classes. Because of you, our classes stretched beyond the conventional, empowering members to try new things like Tai Chi, Ballroom Dancing and Yoga.

WELLNESS

3255 Members Participated in 37 Wellness Programs:



"I love Zoom fitness classes because I can do it at home. Every instructor I've had so far has just been fantastic."



20 Years Sparking Creativity

Thanks to you, our creativity programs are flourishing. From Oil Painting to Life Drawing, Watercolor to Weaving, the artists among us are truly dedicated to their mediums. Throughout our twenty-year history, students have explored the best methods of achieving the brightest and most vibrant colors, choosing what to create, and composing scenes with strong contrast. Members celebrated the opportunity to come together to work with like-minded artists, or independently as they were handed the freedom to grow at their own pace. Drop-in programs such as gardening, quilting and weaving offered flexibility and a way to meet new people while creating in an informal setting.

CREATIVITY

338 Members Participated in 63 Creativity Programs:

DECORATIVE ARTS 2	PLUS DROP-IN GROUPS:
FIBER ARTS11	GARDENING
LANGUAGE ARTS	QUILTING
PERFORMING ARTS 11	WEAVING
V <mark>ISUAL ARTS</mark>	

"I love every class that I've taken at Founders Hall. Every time you enroll, you make new friends and they stay friends. I've been taking Tina Phillips' art classes for years and we've learned so many new techniques that Tina has shared with us. She's expanded way beyond the basics of painting, which is so fun." Connie

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20 Years Inspiring Lifelong Learning

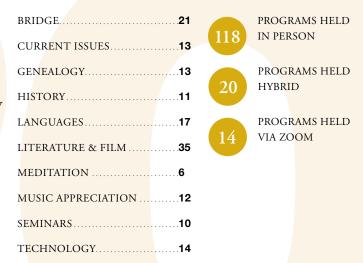
Thanks to you, our members' educational opportunities are constantly expanding. Over 3,300 members were able to take advantage of all we have to offer here to further their quest for knowledge. In 2022, we held 152 educational programs both in person and via Zoom including Genealogy, Meditation and The Language of Music.

Members with a love of language have had ample opportunity throughout our twenty-year history to learn basic grammar, reading and writing or improve their speaking fluency and expand vocabulary in a foreign language. Many have told us these classes in Italian, Spanish and French helped you prepare for trips abroad, which we applaud!

What's truly notable is the wide variety of offerings. From Iconic Buildings to We the People, our students in the Academic Program celebrated our country's history and culture. From Star-Crossed Lovers to Adventures in Poetry, the literature lovers among us are always learning.

ACADEMICS

3155 Members Participated in 152 Academic Programs:



"I recently took a course on the constitution with Tom McIntyre and I learned more than all the classes I had taken in high school and college. Courses at Founders Hall are a great way to keep your mind active." Jim

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20 Years Fostering Friendships

Thanks to you, over 981 members were able to participate in 42 different social programs in 2022 alone. Throughout the twenty-year history of Founders Hall, fostering friendships has become one of the most celebrated benefits of membership. Some of our most popular events were our holiday parties {complete with cameos from Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch!}, our Independence Day picnic and ice cream social. We love to hear members praising and appreciating each other's efforts at the anniversary showcases where they display what they've been learning. More casual events like cooking classes and teas have built-in mingling time where members can catch up with friends. Trips to museums and musicals offer ample opportunities to meet other members and make new friends.

CAMARADERIE

981 Members Participated in 42 Camaraderie Programs:

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TRIPS 2			

"The trip to the NYC Broadway musical was wonderful. You made the trip so easy, enjoyable and stress-free. The classes you offer are superb. I can't believe my good fortune to have moved here from a lifetime in Wisconsin. Really, Founders Hall is an unbelievable place. I paint in a fabulous studio, sew with sweet ladies in a room set up to make life easy. I've met great people and made new best friends. I can't thank you enough." Karen

Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary



At our Garden Party on June 23rd we honored John and Elaine Couri and Liz and Steven Goldstone whose vision gave us this beautiful building, wonderful programs and a special community. It was a lovely opportunity to gather together and celebrate our 20th anniversary. Dan Levine, Katie Diamond and Bryan Perri from ACT of Connecticut provided spectacular music for the celebration which was sponsored by Ridgefield Station and Chipman Mazzucco Emerson LLC.

Our Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 1st raised over \$54,000 for Founders Hall. Guests enjoyed authentic German cuisine from Gallo and beer pairings from Nod Hill Brewery. We are grateful to all the Founders Hall members and community supporters who helped to make this fun, firsttime event possible, from our setup crew from Boys & Girls Club and Lions Heart, to auctioneer Daniel Levine of ACT of Connecticut! Many thanks to our sponsors: John and Lori Berisford, Care Patrol, The Chefs' Warehouse, Liz and Steven Goldstone, Mulvaney Plumbing, Ridgefield Station, Spring Village at Danbury, Visiting Angels and Young's of Ridgefield.





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INTERNATIONAL REALTY

3rd Annual Founders Hall-iday Light Fight

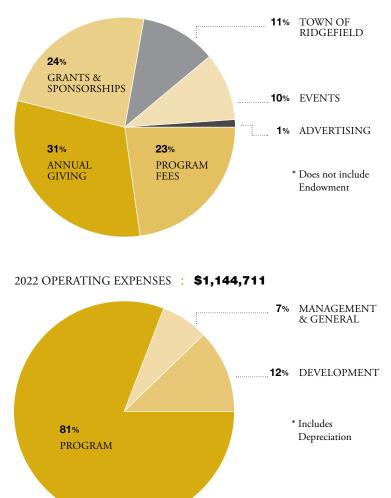
The third annual Founders Hall-iday Light Fight raised over \$42,000 to support Founders Hall's academic, fitness, and social programs. Thanks to our entire community rallying behind us, we found a way to celebrate the season, spread goodwill, and raise donations for our mission.

The Light Fight was graced with generous sponsors, of which over half were local Ridgefield patrons and businesses. The result was a winding road map of festive cheer, culminating in a contest to vote for the favorite.

Congratulations to Lounsbury House, the winner of our 2022 Light Fight among business participants; and Jenn & Ron Kubick, the winner among residential participants, who are also repeat winners.

Every once and a while we get a chance to bask in the beauty and feel grateful to call Ridgefield home.

2022 OPERATING INCOME : **\$1,018,084**



Statement of Financial Position

Founders Hall Foundation, Inc. December 31, 2022

Current Assets

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 442,474
Investments - restricted	54,660
Accounts and pledges receivable	1,945
Prepaid expenses	5,030
Security deposits	200
Total Current Assets	504,309
Noncurrent Assets	
Property and Equipment, net	1,623,557
Investments - Endowment Fund	 4,575,028
Total noncurrent assets	6,198,585

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 19,735
Deferred revenue	43,775
Total Current Liabilities	63,510
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Deferred Compensation	54,832
Total Liabilities	118,342
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	138,527
Board-designated - Endowment Fund	2,380,597
Board-designated - Reserve	140,542
Invested in property and equipment	1,623,557
Total net assets without donor restrictions	4,283,223
With donor restrictions	2,301,329
Total Net Assets	6,584,552
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 6,702,894

Full audited financial statements are available upon request.

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Celebrating Generosity and Gratitude

2022 DONORS

Donations Received January 1 - December 31

FOUNDERS CIRCLE
 MONTHLY DONOR

Generous gifts come in all shapes and sizes at Founders Hall. From our dedicated volunteers who give countless hours to our monthly donors whose reliable giving makes it possible to plan for the future with confidence, we celebrate the generosity that is propelling us forward into our third exciting decade.

Some have chosen to leave their legacy to Founders Hall by joining Founders Circle and leaving a bequest. Others choose a small, one-time donation, and we can feel their love as they hand over something small that means so much. Businesses, groups, and individuals generously sponsor events, programs, and seminars that would maybe not be possible otherwise.

No matter how you have chosen to support Founders Hall, we are so grateful for the outpouring of love that allows us to look forward with hope and solid footing toward the next twenty years. Champions | \$10,000 and Up

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