



*"Over the years, I have grown to know Litchfield Community Center as a place of warm welcoming, fun gatherings and a great location to meet new people in town. Whether it's special events, parties and even classes the LCC has given our town of Litchfield the opportunity to reconnect with our community and has continued to make Litchfield a better place. I came into the LCC in its first year of opening as a teenager for the Friday night Teen Program and after school activities. Today I am very blessed to be offering my own activities to the community with workshops and classes in the specialized art of SFX Makeup."*

Tyler Green



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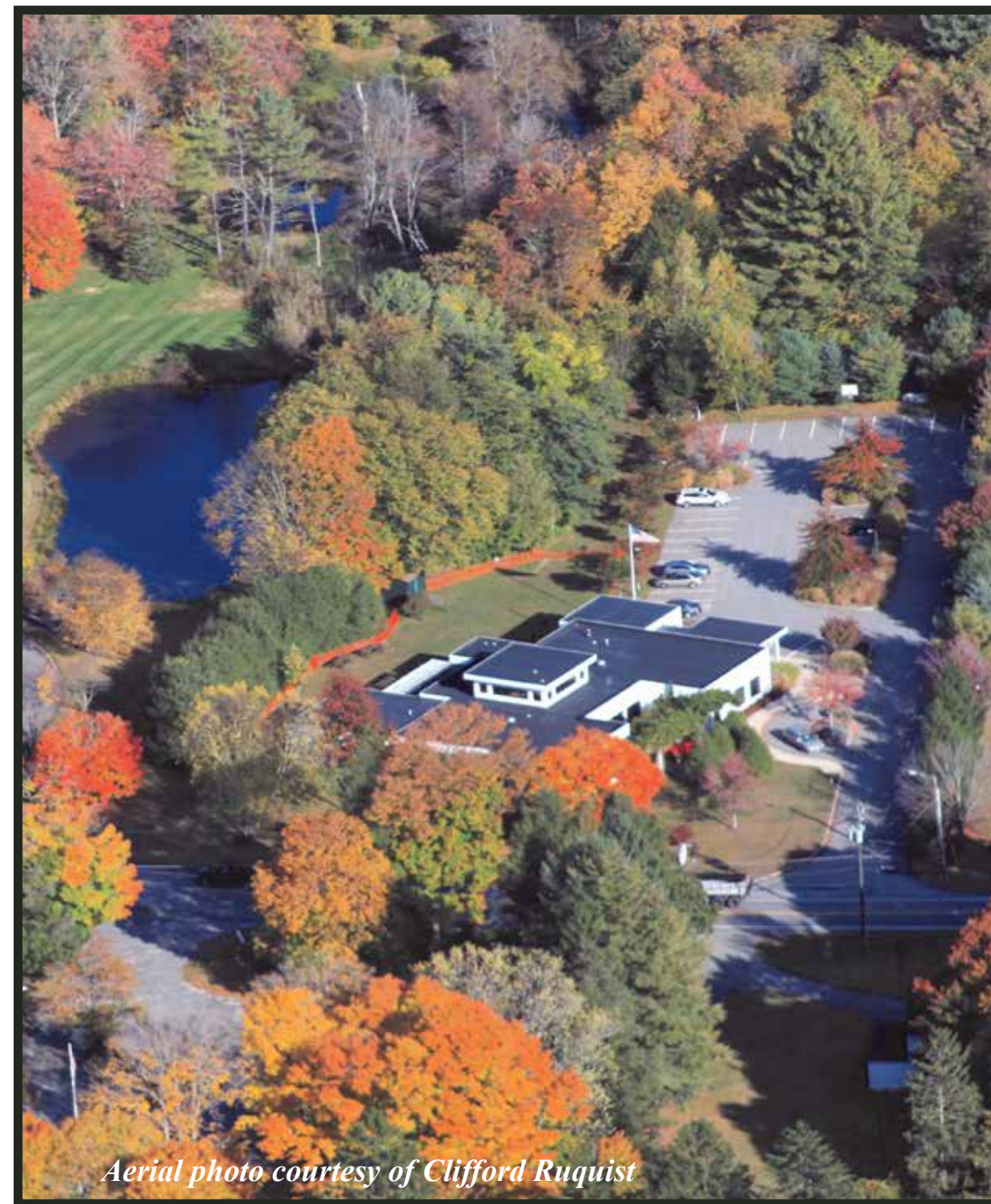
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Nancy Rogers, President

For the past 15 years the Litchfield Community Center has been serving Litchfield and the surrounding communities in Connecticut by offering daily creative, intellectual and recreational programs for all ages.

Last year countless children, teens, adults and seniors participated in a variety of programs in a safe, comfortable environment that encourages and reflects the interests and needs of the community

What makes that possible is the generosity of you, the individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and foundations that have chosen to support the Center, THANK YOU.

In April we bid farewell to retiring board members Darrin Newbury and Jay Cherosnick, who both served on the board for six years. Darrin was chair of the Finance Committee, and served as an outstanding Treasurer. Jay served on the Development Committee, and worked tirelessly on the annual BrewFest during his tenure. We are grateful for their dedication to LCC and pleased that they both continue to be involved as active volunteers.

We welcome new board members:

John Post lives in Litchfield and brings his interest and knowledge in energy conservation to the Building and Property Committee.

Hal Rossiter lives in Litchfield and worked as a volunteer on SummerFest 2014 prior to joining the board. He continues in that role and has also joined the Finance Committee.

Of course most importantly what keeps us going is our small but dedicated staff led by Executive Director, Berta Andrulis Mette: with Dan Gagne, Assistant Program and Activities Coordinator; Cheryl Mendez, Administrative Assistant; Rob Andrulis, Building and Property Maintenance; Mary Marino, Part-time Office Assistant, and Kalina Lapenta, Part-time Student Assistant.



*"The Center has been a large part of my life. As a child and young adult, I have participated in many programs here and can always count*

*on an enjoyable experience. It is a great place for people from the community to be together, to have fun and to learn new things."*

Sara Mitnik

## YOU make our community stronger.

Litchfield Community Center depends on you, our donors, friends and neighbors, to help our programs carry on and grow. Your support is essential to the Center's financial health and helps drive our initiatives to serve the community's need and interests. As we move closer to the end of 2015 and look towards the future of the Community Center, we do so with optimism and purpose, and we count on our community members to contribute in helping us fulfill our mission. **Your Community Center** has a reputation for offering both high quality and a broad quantity of programs in a wonderfully equipped and clean facility. The Center is an incredible resource for people of all ages, as well as organizations and businesses, throughout the Northwest corner and beyond. **You make this possible.**



Donor Appreciation Party October 29, 2015



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- \* Say "YES" to our Annual Appeal
- \* Online secure gift at [www.thecommunitycenter.org](http://www.thecommunitycenter.org)
- \* In memory or honor of loved ones
- \* Stocks ~ We both benefit!
- \* Remember the Community Center in your will & bequests
- \* Make a gift to The Litchfield Community Center's Reserve Fund or Music Fund at the Community Foundation of NW CT



To learn more, please contact Berta Andrulis Mette, Executive Director  
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*"The Community Centre is an absolute and unexpected gem to find upon arrival here. It provides a real focal point for people, with diverse activities for different interests and age groups. Something for everyone. We were made welcome in our earliest weeks, my wife was taken to the Women's Forum, and I went to New York on the monthly bus and joined a drumming class! Since then, it has become a regular part of our lives. The Farmers Market in winter, the occasional class or musical performance, and of course the Art Museum Bus tours this summer, where we have made some strong friendships. And the Summer Circus Party was a blast."*

Djan & Grace Yagtug

### OUR CORE VALUES

**We value honesty, integrity, respect and service to others.**

**We provide creative, intellectual, recreational and innovative activities for all ages.**

**We promote family harmony and enrichment, diversity, open-mindedness and open-heartedness.**

**We listen and respond to the needs of the community.**

**We are committed to maintain and responsibly manage the facility, property and resources of the organization being mindful of the environment.**

**We acknowledge and value the efforts, contributions and dedication of our staff and volunteers.**

**We collaborate with individuals and organizations that share our common vision and authentic intentions for the good of all.**

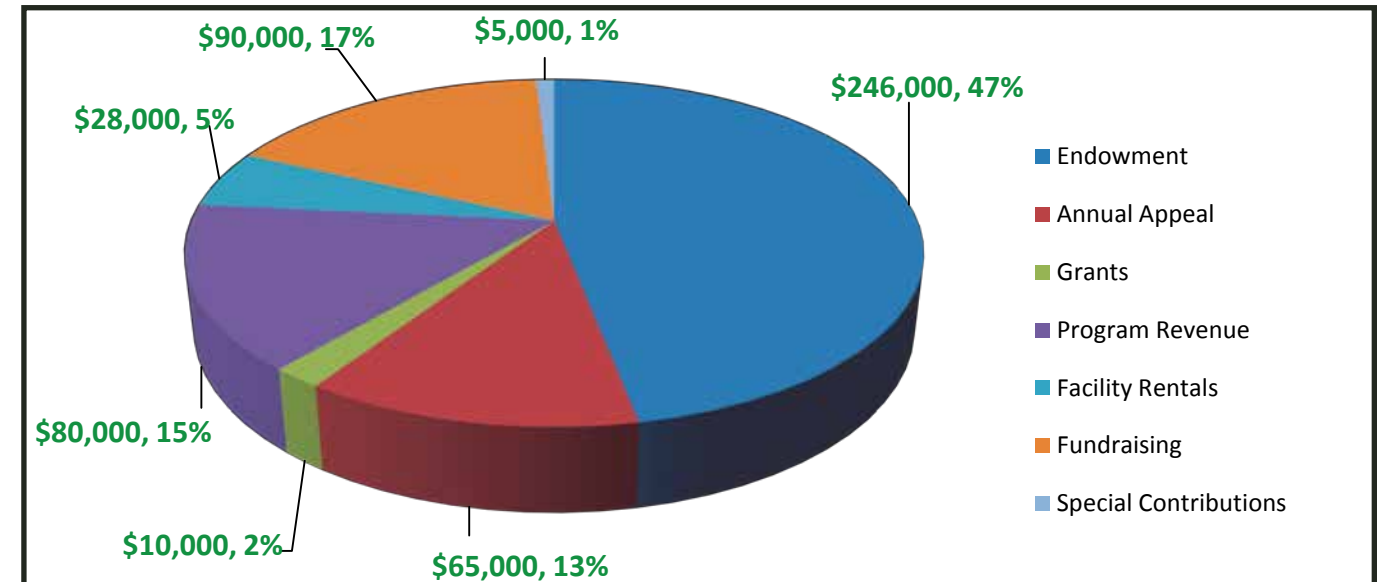


*"The Litchfield Community Center is a vital contributor to the well being of our community. From hosting fundraisers, to supporting functions for our youth, it promotes our neighbors to connect in a positive compassionate manner. As an individual, the Community Center has inspired me to use my creative gifts and be a part of all the wonderful contributions they offer our town. I am humbled by their efforts and generosity."*

Patricia McTague

**\* As a non-profit organization, the Community Center operates without the support of town budget or taxpayer dollars\***

**Our source of funds include:**



**2015 to date:**

**2068 ~ participants in Children, Youth & Teen Programs**

**8525 ~ participants in Adult Programs**

**522 ~ Free Programs with 4024 Participants of all ages**

**1217 ~ Programs & Events presented**

**76 ~ Rentals of facility for private events, fundraisers, organization and business meetings**



Molly & Lannie ~ Best Friends  
2016 marks your 16th year, just like the Community Center. Let's Celebrate!!



*"Thank you so much for allowing us to use the Learning Center for our mediation session. The facility and staff were wonderful and we were able to accomplish our goals."*



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