Fall 2022

#### **HILLHOUSE CLASS OF 1965 GIVES BACK**

In October, the Hillhouse Class of 1965 gathered for their 55+2 year reunion. This class is distinguished by their continued desire to give back. After discussions and meetings, the New Haven Scholarship Fund was their choice to make their desire a reality. The fact that contributions go directly to scholarships really appealed to this class.

The Class of '65 began to raise money for scholarships 7 years ago. The initial goal was \$10,000.00 for a permanent endowed award. This goal was accomplished. After that, classmates also contributed every year for additional one-time named scholarships (\$1,000.00 each). In total, the Hillhouse Class of 1965 has helped 15 deserving students start their post-secondary education. Presently, the Class is more than half way to funding a second endowed scholarship, and are confident of reaching this goal soon.

The Hillhouse Class of 1965 is the top fund-raising class among all New Haven graduating classes. In the words of Nancy Hall (a class member):

"We challenge other New Haven high school alumni to make a difference, give back and support our New Haven students. We believe there is no more

and we're delighted to have him.

effective route to a meaningful legacy than through the New Haven Scholarship Fund. Hillhouse '65 members are proud to help deserving graduates from our public high schools pursue their dreams. We know they are where our hopes as a community, as a city and as a nation lie. We are grateful to be part of a positive future for our New Haven graduates."

Thank you Hillhouse Class of 1965!



## THANK YOU FROM OUR STUDENTS

I cannot even begin to express my gratitude to you for receiving this scholarship. I am so excited to begin my journey to becoming an Occupational Therapist. I aspire to work in the NICU, and help babies with feeding, sensory integration and more. I finally feel as though I found my niche, and I am so beyond excited to see where this road takes me. I truly am thankful for receiving this generous scholarship. I would not be able to pursue my dream without your support. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to study what I love. Thank you!

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Charles Comstock

Our newest board member is no stranger to the New Haven

Scholarship Fund. A recipient of a NHSF Award, Charles grad-

uated from the Metropolitan Business Academy in 2015 and went on to pursue his education at Southern Connecticut

State University where he majored in Geography with a con-

centration in GIS (Digital Mapping). There, he received the

Departmental Service and Community Engagement Award for the Environment, Geography & Marine Sciences Department for which he served as the Student Secretary. After graduation, Charles began his career, first with iMission Institute as a Digital Associate where he participated in creating and assisting in the development of digital campaigns for nonprofits and the training of nonprofits on multiple digital platforms. He has recently become affiliated with Civic Plus as a Business Development Specialist where he assists clients with managing and improving their use of data. These positions have honed Charles' skills in these fields, and Charles looks forward to using his valuable expertise in digital technology as a new board member with the NHSF to advance its goals. Charles, shared how the awards from the NHSF considerably defrayed his college costs and provided wonderful opportunities that otherwise would have been out of his reach. Receiving these funds gave him the confidence to take advantage of three study abroad programs, including, most significantly, a semester abroad in 2018 at Liverpool John Moore's University in England, and two shorter SCSU Study Abroad excursions, to South Africa in 2017 and to Iceland in 2016. Charles views his appointment to the Board and the contribution he hopes to make as a way to express his appreciation not only for the financial assistance he received, but also for receiving the expression of faith in his potential. He considers his service on the Board an opportunity to further show his gratitude and make a difference in the lives of New Haven students. He is delighted to be part of the Board

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# In loving memory of Latoya Glasper



The New Haven Scholarship Fund honors the life of our beloved board member.

Thank you for your service and all that you contributed to the New Haven community.

#### LEGACY GIVING

Do you want to make an impact in the lives of New Haven students for decades to come while honoring your family's legacy? A legacy gift to the New Haven Scholarship Fund creates a powerful philanthropic legacy, providing positive change for future generations in the New Haven community.

A legacy gift is a planned future gift designating part of an individual's estate as a donation to a non-profit. It is an effective way to guarantee that causes most important to a donor will continue to receive support well beyond the donor's lifetime. Your legacy gift to NHSF provides educational opportunities to New Haven public school structure.

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You have already shown your commitment to getting students started on a path that has the potential to change their lives. We are very thankful for your continued support of NHSF. A legacy gift ensures that your priority to help New Haven public school students can continue well into the future. As part of your estate planning, consider leaving a legacy gift to NHSF by designating NHSF as a beneficiary in your will or trust. Donating unused retirement assets, or life insurance policies are also excellent ways to leave a gift to the New Haven Scholarship Fund. Together, we support hard working future generations of New Haven students in their access to post-secondary education.

To learn more about The New Haven Scholarship Fund, visit our website at www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org or email us at newhavenscholarship@yahoo.com

#### THANK YOU NHFT UNION

In an ongoing effort to increase awareness about the work of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, we are reaching out to the teachers in the New Haven public schools through the New Haven Federation of Teachers. We take a moment to thank the President of the Union Leslie Blatteau, the Executive Board and the Union Stewards for their support in this effort. The dedicated teachers in New Haven public schools are devoted to our students and we are hoping that they will pledge to continually support their students as they further their education beyond high school in search of their dreams.

Thank you all, as we team up, to level a very uneven playing field.

The NHSF Board of Directors



#### DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PHASE TWO



Last year we learned the ways that donors like to engage with us online, and what matters most to them. That information has allowed us to not only build pathways for better communication, but also to explore how we can improve our internal operations as an organization.

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven is an important partner in this work. They have funded both phase one and two of our digital transformation. With

their support, and donor input, we're in the midst of a website redesign that will help you connect with us, to find the information you need and help all of us better support our scholars and alumni.

The project includes implementation of an entirely new internal systems infrastructure. As members of our community, you know how great the need is for increased support for New Haven students as they pursue their education. This means we need to spend less time on administrative functions and operations, and more time connecting with donors and our scholars. As an all-volunteer organization, our infrastructure is critical. Our communications systems, accounting, database, and scholarship portal will all "speak" to one another and integrate with our website so that we're able to better serve our community.

There's never been a more exciting time at New Haven Scholarship Fund. Thank you for being a part of this transformation.

#### **HOW TO DONATE**

By mail: New Haven Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 8936 New Haven, CT 06532-8936

On our website: www.Newhavenscholarshipfund.org

On www.smile.amazon.com:

At no cost to you, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to NHSF.

#### SUPPORT THE NHSF WHEN YOU SHOP

On December 17th, Ten Thousand Villages on Chapel Street in New Haven has generously offered to donate a portion of that day's sales to the New Ha-

ven Scholarship Fund. It's a wonderful shop for unique, handmade gifts from around the world including fair trade baskets, jewelry, crafts and other items from international artisans. If you're looking for gifts for the holiday, please stop by on the 17th.



