

## Fairfield County Community Foundation

Fairfield County Community Foundation is a vehicle through which many types of donors accomplish their philanthropic goals to benefit communities in Fairfield County and elsewhere. FCCF provides donors with flexible, efficient, tax-effective ways to ensure that their charitable giving produces the greatest possible good.

The Weston Lacrosse Club -- Paul Scheufele Lacrosse Endowment will be a designated fund. When a designated fund is established, the donor specifies an organization (Weston Lacrosse Club, Inc. – a 501c3 tax exempt organization) to receive grants year after year. The grants will be generated by interest and dividend income as well as by appreciation from the investments. At no time will the principal of the endowment ever be spent. FCCF monitors these grants to ensure that the donors' original objective is fulfilled.

### Why a Lacrosse Endowment ?

*"The agony and the ecstasy. The sorrow and the joy. Friendship forged. Memories made. Think of how life would be without sports?"*

We all deserve to be proud of Weston lacrosse. Since 1998, we have built a great youth and high school program based on the values of competitive excellence, safety, respect and fun. Yet there is so much more we must do to convert our early success into a tradition of excellence. Our annual fundraising effort assists the team with coaching, uniforms, equipment and transportation. However, a tradition of excellence takes permanent funding resources to attract, develop and retain outstanding coaching and to purchase the best equipment available for player training and performance. It is much tougher to build and maintain excellence when funding can be derailed by economic, enrollment and budgetary cycles. An Endowment guarantees permanent funding and sends a message that "Weston is committed to a tradition of lacrosse excellence" at levels reached by some of the great programs around the country. The lacrosse world, our community, our coaches and our players will hear that message and will want to be a part of our pioneering effort and emerging tradition.

Parents can "give back" to the future of Weston lacrosse by making a tax deductible gift to **The Weston Lacrosse Club -- Paul Scheufele Lacrosse Endowment** through the Fairfield County Community Foundation. Who knows, in 30 years, when we watch our grandchildren play lacrosse with their friends in Weston, we may know that we were vital to its success when it mattered most. We were pioneers that made a difference forever.



## The Weston Lacrosse Club

## Paul Scheufele Lacrosse Endowment

*"Do something for yourself and it dies with you.*

*Do something for others and it lives forever."*





*Paul Scheufele*

Paul founded the Weston Lacrosse Club in 1998. In 2003, the Club received the National Youth Sports Organization Award as a model program from Stanford University's Positive Coaching Alliance. In 2007, Weston High School was crowned State Champions in lacrosse. Paul was named Weston Sportsman of the Year by the Fairfield County Sports Commission in 2007.

After moving to Weston with his family, Paul wanted to "give back" to lacrosse and to his community. "My high school coach told me in the 1970s that lacrosse has a culture of life-long friendship. He was right. Many of my dearest friendships started with lacrosse. I wanted to share that experience with my three boys, Darren, Mikey and Jack, and the Weston community. My wife, Susan, was very supportive of that desire and, unknown to many, she started one of Weston's most important youth lacrosse traditions -- popsicles at the end of each game," said Paul

Paul organized the first Weston clinic for 2-4 graders in 1998. The sport took off. "It is remarkable that we have come so far so fast," said Paul. "Lacrosse was not even an option a few years ago and now we compete in the top echelon of the state, and we send student-athletes to some of the top colleges in the country. We have so many families in Weston to thank for our fast progress. "When I started the Weston Lacrosse Club, I wanted families to feel that youth sports were a positive influence and embodied the values of 'safety, respect and fun.' Combined with the personal bond forged when making a commitment to excellence as part of a team, the legacy of lacrosse is one of life-long friendships."

Paul was an All American Goalie at Middlebury College (1980). He holds several NCAA records including Career Goals Against Average - 3rd place, Career Saves per Game Percentage - 6th place, and Career Minutes Played - 2nd place. He was an Assistant Coach at Dartmouth College (1981) and the Head Coach at Babson College (1982-1983).

## CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

**The Weston Lacrosse Club - Paul Scheufele Lacrosse Endowment is a permanent Fund established at the Fairfield County Community Foundation to benefit the Weston Lacrosse Club.**



*Your tax deductible contribution can be made payable to:*

**Fairfield County Community Foundation  
383 Main Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06851-1543**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 +      **Legacy Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 +      **Founders Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500        **Leadership Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000        **Partnership Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500           **Sponsor Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100           **Benefactor Gift**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_        **Friends of the Program Gift**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **My employer has a Matching Gift Program**

## Weston Lacrosse Club, Inc.



**MISSION** The mission of the WLC is to "teach and support the game of lacrosse in an environment of safety, respect and FUN."

**ABOUT THE WESTON LACROSSE CLUB** The Weston Lacrosse Club, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports boys and girls youth lacrosse in Weston, CT. The club is a member of the Connecticut-New York Lacrosse Association (CONNY), the organizing body for youth lacrosse in Connecticut.

The club introduced the game of lacrosse to Weston in 1998 to 30 participants. Today, the program has over 300 youth players with boys and girls programs from kindergarten through 12th grade.

**FOUNDING DIRECTORS** The WLC wants to honor the founding members of the WLC Board of Directors whose hard work and dedication created a wonderful program for our children. These members are Steve Bliss, Lou Briskman, Jeannette Druks, Peter Figliola, Robin Fortin, Chris Fryer, Pip Lawrence, Sibyl Ledwick, Tim Ledwick, Clem Malin, Brian McMahon, Karen Mitchell, Andy Montelli, Bob Peyreigne, Charles Sisk and Eleanor Smith.

**POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE** The Club follows the youth sports philosophy espoused by the Positive Coaching Alliance, a Stanford University-based organization that with a mission to "transform youth sports so sports can transform youth." For more information, please go to: [www.positivecoach.org](http://www.positivecoach.org).

