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Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Receives Two Grants from the Fairfield County Community Foundation to Support Summer Youth

(New Haven, CT July 11, 2013) The Fairfield County Community Foundation, one of the area's largest non-profit organizations, generously awarded grants to two branches of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA to help support summer youth programming. The Bridgeport Y received \$15,000 and the Lakewood-Trumbull Y was awarded \$5,000.

Camperships will be available to those less fortunate allowing more children an opportunity to enjoy Day Camp, play outdoors, build new relationships and try things they have never tried before. Water safety programs and swim lessons will be incorporated into the curriculum as well as summer reading activities to encourage participants to continue learning throughout the summer months.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes philanthropy to build and sustain a vital and prosperous community where all have the opportunity to participate and thrive.

About the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA: The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is a community service agency dedicated to addressing community needs that enrich families, promote health and wellness, develop youth and build self-esteem for all. YMCA membership and participation is open to everyone regardless of race or ethnic background, religious preference or ability to pay. In 2012, the CCC YMCA served 85,000 kids, families and adults in twenty-five towns and cities. Approximately 32,000 youth participated in child care, youth sports, summer camping and Youth in Government programs. 7,600 children took advantage of the Y's instructional swimming lessons; 34,500 youth and adults participated in health, wellness, education, physical activity and diabetes prevention programs and services. 1,700 people were served through one of our housing programs. The CCC YMCA also provided \$3 million in direct financial assistance to approximately 6,000 children, individuals and families. The Central Connecticut Coast Y is based in downtown New Haven with eleven Y branches in Greater New Haven and Greater Bridgeport while also operating YMCA Camp Hi-Rock, a 1,000 acre residential and day camp in Mt. Washington, Massachusetts. **W** cccymca.org **P** 203 777 9622

About the Fairfield County Community Foundation: The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds. The Foundation provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$151 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org

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