Dear Colleagues,

We are seeking your support for the 10 local non-profit organizations that were selected from your nominations, and we are confident of the impact these agencies will have to address community needs that the nominations emphasized: victim services, literacy, poverty, arts, education, mental health, and immigration. For more information on the new grant recipients, please check our website at communityworks.vassar.edu.

As many of you know, each organization receives an equal share of the Community Works funds raised, and 100% of our contributions goes directly to the agencies because Vassar pays for all costs of the campaign. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution via payroll deduction, credit card or check. You can use the secure Community Works website to make a payroll deduction pledge or contribute with a credit card. For payroll deduction please submit your pledge form by December 15.

We encourage you to use the online payment portal to make your onetime contribution or sign up for payroll deduction. Every and any amount counts! We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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**Vet2Vet**
A program for veterans lead by combat veterans who have years of experience helping others heal. They provide mental health support to veterans along with workshops, housing and shelter services as well as addiction recovery, advocacy and resources. Vet2Vet is committed to helping veterans set personal recovery goals and then get there, whether it’s by making a plan, developing needed skills, or just giving support along the way.

**Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry**
Provides a three-day emergency supply of food for the entire household. Last year alone, more than 84,000 meals were provided to 9,342 people in Dutchess County, including more than 3,000 children. Open every day if needed with no restrictions on family size, they not only supply food, but provide baby formula, and personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shavers, and other necessities.

**Center for Creative Education**
Enriches the social and cultural awareness of our youth and community through arts, wellness and education by providing innovative, high quality programs with a special emphasis on serving low income, minority and at-risk children and youth. The Center provides a wide array of classes in dance, music, fitness, theater, spoken word, computer arts technology and the visual arts.

**A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center**
Promotes literacy through teaching and learning about the African roots experience, including history and culture, through a dynamic exchange of information, ideas, and creativity. They honor and encourage the transmission of history through written and oral history, spoken word, paintings, cultural artifacts and other forms of artistic expression to celebrate the multifaceted ways to acquire knowledge.

**Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Dutchess County**
Recruits and places individuals 55 and older with volunteer opportunities, utilizing their talents and skills to engage in meaningful service activities in their communities. RSVP volunteers engage in a wide array of community service activities including delivering meals to shut-ins, and providing transportation to the elderly for shopping and medical visits.

**Harriet Tubman Academic Skill Center**
A local community academic skills center located in the community room of the Harriet Tubman Housing Complex. With a history spanning over 19 years, they have a passion for instilling a love of learning within inner city youth. The program offers an after-school program for students from Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

**Dutchess County Habitat for Humanity**
Part of a global, nonprofit housing organization that builds homes, communities and hope. They are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

**Poughkeepsie Teen Closet**
A non-profit organization with closet spaces at Poughkeepsie High School and Poughkeepsie Middle School that believes that material need should not be an impediment to learning. They provide personal hygiene products, undergarments, winter essentials, and emergency food relief so that every student in the city of Poughkeepsie can come to school feeling healthy, secure, confident, and ready to learn.

**Grace Smith House, Inc.**
Enables individuals and families to live free from domestic violence by providing shelter and apartments, advocacy, counseling and education; the consciousness of the community regarding the extent, type and seriousness of domestic violence; and initiates and positions on public policies in order to provide options empower victims of domestic violence.

**Ulster Immigrant Defense Network**
Provides a network of safety and support to immigrants, regardless of status by providing household needs including food, clothing, furniture, school supplies, and emergency financial aid; Know-your-rights information; Referrals to legal support and social services; Community education and advocacy; safe spaces and sanctuary; rapid response to ICE actions; and information and support to schools, students, and families.

To give or pledge online by credit card, debit card, or payroll deduction, go to the secure website: communityworks.vassar.edu
☐ One-time contribution by check

Enclosed is my one-time contribution to the 2020 Community Works Campaign in the amount of:

☐ $25  ☐ $50  ☐ $75  ☐ $100
☐ $150  ☐ $250  ☐ $500  ☐ other $______________

To give in honor of someone fill in their name here:

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☐ Payroll deduction

My per pay period contribution to the 2020 Community Works Campaign will be:

☐ $2  ☐ $4  ☐ $6  ☐ $8
☐ $12  ☐ $21  ☐ $42  ☐ other $ __________

Please write the number of pay periods you wish to deduct your contribution. __________

Please complete and sign below:

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