

**Norwalk Senior Center**  
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## **Grant makes moving expenses possible for 10 seniors**

***Fairfield County Community Foundation awards \$5,900 to Norwalk Senior Center***

Lidia was excited; soon she would be moving from a studio apartment to a one bedroom apartment. She and her son Michael, who cares for her, would soon have much more living space. There was just one big problem, they needed a new refrigerator and could not afford one. Lidia and Michael are both seniors. The studio refrigerator was broken, and Lidia needed a new refrigerator for the new apartment as required by senior housing.

Thanks to a grant from the Stella Margaret McHenry Fund at Fairfield County Community Foundation, Lidia was able to purchase a beautiful new refrigerator and move into her new apartment.

Pictured here, Lidia receives the check for the refrigerator from Michele Jakab - Outreach Director at the Norwalk Senior Center after enjoying some coffee and cake. Her son Michael looks on.

“Moving expenses often deter seniors from relocating to more safe or affordable housing,” said Beatrix Winter, Executive Director of the Norwalk Senior Center. “Access to our Senior Housing Assistance Fund, made possible by Fairfield County Community Foundation, is vital to helping Norwalk seniors live where they wish.”

For over 12 years, the Norwalk Senior Center has assisted 200 seniors with: moving expenses, large appliance purchases, security deposits and first/last month rent payments thanks to the continued support of Fairfield County Community Foundation.

The Norwalk Senior Center is a non-profit agency which provides programs and services in the mid-Fairfield County area; the mission of the Center is to enrich and improve the quality of lives of seniors so they may thrive in the community. For more information about the Center, or to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of Norwalk seniors, contact Beatrix Winter at (203)847-3115 Ext. 103 or email her at [Bwinter@norwalksc.org](mailto:Bwinter@norwalksc.org).

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