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Wireless Zone Foundation Grants \$1,000 to Jonnycake Center of Westerly
Non-Profit Among 14 RI, CT Organizations to Receive Support

Locally owned and family operated, the seven Wireless Zone- Verizon Premium Wireless Retailers, nominated multiple non-profit organizations in Rhode Island and Connecticut to receive grants from the Wireless Zone Foundation in 2019. Owners Scott Gladstone and Neil Ryan elect several local charities in their territories who go above and beyond to impact the people in need in the community. In addition to their personal store contributions to local charities, 5 Rhode Island non-profit organizations were selected as Wireless Zone Foundation grant recipients in 2019 and 9 in Connecticut.

The following non-profit organizations were bestowed Wireless Zone Foundation grants:

- The Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- Center for Hospice Care
- High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
- Jewish Federation of Eastern CT
- Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
- Waterford Country School
- Camp Horizons
- Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW)
- Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG)
- Girls on the Run
- Frank Olean Center
- Operation Stand Down Rhode Island
- Peace Dale Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
- South County Community Action

Each recipient organization will receive a total of \$1,000. In addition to the \$1,000 donation, each organization can apply for a grant for additional funds to be awarded in December of this year, which was over \$80,000 for 2018.

The Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving® Inc., established in 2003, supports research and community outreach for both local and national nonprofit organizations. The Foundation provides a basic structure for the collaborative giving program and enhances the individual stores' ability to be able to commit to helping their communities. The locations that nominated the charities above were Wakefield, North Kingstown, Warwick, Cranston, Providence, Cumberland, Westerly, Groton, New London, North Windham, Glastonbury, Putnam and Killingly.

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“The Jonnycake Center is incredibly grateful to Wireless Zone for this wonderful grant. These funds will provide help to those in our local community who are in need through the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Financial Assistance program,” says Lee Easbourne, Jonnycake Center Executive Director.

Olean Center's Executive Director, Tony Vellucci remarked, “The Olean Center was delighted to receive a generous \$1,000 grant from Westerly-Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving yesterday which will assist in providing critical services for intellectually and developmentally disabled children and adults. For 52 years we have worked to provide support which will enable the individuals with whom we work to achieve greater independence, community inclusion, health, and well-being. The grant will be used to provide exemplary therapeutic services to the children we serve so that they may have brighter and more fulfilling futures. We are so grateful for Westerly-Wireless Zone's commitment to improving the quality of life for local residents with special needs.”

Scott Gladstone and Neil Ryan celebrated 26 years of success as prominent small business owners in 2019. Previously, they were inducted into the Wireless Zone Hall of Fame for two decades of outstanding customer service, their unsurpassed growth in the industry and their unwavering commitment to the community. They have also received the Alumni Achievement Award from their Alma Mater, Keene State College. The award is bestowed to an individual(s) whose professional achievement in his/her chosen field brings honor to the recipient(s), as well as to college. They were also the 2016 Citizens of the year.

Wireless Zone is the nation's leading independent Verizon Wireless franchise, offering the latest and greatest in products, services and accessories, as well as repair services. Wireless Zone is open seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Wireless Zone encourages all nonprofit organizations to reach out if we can be of any assistance in the future.

About The Jonnycake Center of Westerly

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's mission is to provide a continuum of services in cooperation with other agencies in our service area to assist people through crisis situations and work with each individual to find a path out of dependency toward self-sufficiency. For more information, visit jonnycake.org, become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonnycakecenter), follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/jonnycakecenter) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jonnycakecenter), or call (401) 377-8069.

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