



of Greater Danbury

# Annual Report July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

## About Laundry Love of Greater Danbury (LLGD)

LLGD helps people who are struggling financially to clean their clothes and linens on a regular basis by providing them free, pre-paid laundry cards and detergent. We see the laundromat as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated.

As a chapter of the national non-profit, Laundry Love, LLGD aims to brighten the lives of people through love, dignity, and detergent by partnering with community groups and a local laundromat.

## Fiscal Year Highlights

Thanks to the generosity of donors, LLGD was able to fulfill its mission:

- In our ongoing response to the health dangers of the pandemic, we continued to distribute pre-paid cards with detergent directly to guests through community partnerships, rather than offering in-person, monthly laundry events.
- We increased our number of community partnerships from three to eleven, including Pacific House, Catholic Charities, Danbury Farmers' Market, St. Peter Church, Salvation Army, Dorothy Day, WIC, Danbury Young Lives, Walnut Hill Community Church, Jericho Partnership and White Street Wash.
- In June 2021, we provided about 145 loads of laundry, surpassing the number of loads provided pre-pandemic at in-person laundry events.
- Despite decreased in-person attendance at most of our founding faith organizations due to the pandemic, all of the organizations maintained their financial support.
- Per the best practices of National Laundry Love, we have successfully met the goal of acquiring 12 months of operating expenses at the start of each fiscal year for the past 2 years.



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## Financials

### Income Statement

#### Income

Pledges from founding faith communities:	\$ 6,435.00
Grants	:\$ 1,950.00
Total income:	\$ 8,385.00

#### Expenses

Pay cards:	\$ 7,874.97
Supplies: (detergent, packaging & labels)	\$ 259.07
Promotion:	\$ 59.52
Total expenses:	\$ 8,193.56

### Balance Sheet

#### Assets:

Checking Account:	\$11,835.41
White Street Wash Account:	\$ 2,425.44
Total:	\$14,260.85

<u>Liabilities:</u>	\$ 0.00
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LLGD operates through the generosity of members of our founding faith organizations:

**Congregation B'nai Israel**, Danbury  
**Christ Episcopal Church**, Redding  
**First Congregational Church**, Ridgefield  
**Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church**, Ridgefield  
**St. James' Episcopal Church**, Danbury  
**St. Mary Catholic Church**, Ridgefield  
**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, Ridgefield  
**Temple B'Nai Chaim**, Georgetown  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**, Newtown  
**United Jewish Center**, Danbury



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We are grateful to the the following granting organizations for their financial support:

**Ridgefield Thrift Shop**, Ridgefield  
**The Womens Club of Danbury and New Fairfield**  
**Rodney M. Gould Foundation**, Ridgefield

We also thank members of **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, New Canaan, for donating pre-packaged laundry detergent.

LLGD continued its partnership with **White Street Wash**, 30 White Street, Danbury, CT. We are grateful to the owner and staff, who are instrumental in the success of the mission by actively engaging with both our guests and volunteers.

## Other financial news

In June, fiduciary responsibility transferred from St. James' Episcopal Church in Danbury to First Congregational Church of Ridgefield. LLGD operates as a 501(c)(3) through our fiduciary. All donations are directed to LLGD through First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, 103 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

## Board and Volunteers

LLGD is run completely by volunteers who meet monthly. An executive committee oversees operations:

- *Open*, Chair
- Laurie Christiansen, Acting Chair
- Carole Stathis, Secretary
- Becky Burdumy, Treasurer
- Frances Kimball, Member at Large

## Committee News

On December 30, 2020, Mimi Herald resigned as Treasurer, and on June 30, 2021 Denise Holl resigned as Chair. We are grateful to both Denise and Mimi for their efforts in founding LLGD, and for their faith-filled stewardship throughout the past year.



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Photo credit: Christiansen

*LLGD volunteers assemble bags of laundry cards with detergent for distribution*