

What is the Canterbury Fund?

The Canterbury Fund is a charitable trust established by Alexander Standish of Canterbury in 1966. The purpose of the Fund is to offer financial assistance to Canterbury residents who are in need due to the destruction of their homes or other hardships resulting from accident, or have who endured poor health of any member of their immediate family, or who need special education or treatment as a result of physical or mental handicaps of any member of the immediate family, or who are students needing assistance for higher education. In addition, the Fund may make grants to organizations in Canterbury to assist in the funding of community projects that, in the opinion of the trustees, are in the best interest of all Canterbury residents.

As stipulated by Mr. Standish, the trustees of the Fund are the trustees of the Canterbury United Community Church. The trust also established a Canterbury Fund Loan and Grant Committee. This committee receives all requests to the fund for loans or grants. The committee makes recommendations to the trustees, who may approve or disprove the recommendation of the committee. The Loan and Grant Committee is made up of representatives from each of the following organizations: the PTO, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Canterbury Benevolent Society, and the trustees of the Elkins Fund.