



Stacey and Jack DiPiazza at Infoshred, surrounded by bundles of destroyed documents

*It isn't just about giving money ...
... it's giving money with a purpose.*

That's Andrew Worthington's definition of philanthropy. It's right on target. He ought to know. Andrew, a partner with Lips Rousseau Partners, a wealth management group with UBS Financial Services in Hartford, heads our Catalyst Endowment Fund, a volunteer group of more than 100 charitable people from across Greater Hartford who pool their resources, research issues and recommend grants from the Hartford Foundation to address education, health and social issues in the region.

Giving with a purpose was the motive for the more than \$18 million in contributions we received last year from generous people who believe in the Hartford Foundation's mission, people like Stacey DiPiazza.

"We're not the Rockefellers," says Stacey, owner of Infoshred, an East Windsor-based business that provides secure destruction of valuable business information. "We're just a normal family that has a successful business and we were willing to take this step." The step was the establishment of The Giving Tree Fund, a donor-advised fund at the Hartford Foundation, which in years to come will award grants in support of nonprofits in Greater Hartford.

"We are very fortunate. Our family has a good life. We think it's our duty to give back to the community," says Stacey. "We want our children to understand that there are people who have needs. They are going to have a real understanding of what philanthropy is all about."

Last year, the Hartford Foundation awarded grants totaling almost \$29 million to help improve the quality of life for residents of the region. To learn more about our work, including *Accelerate Success*, our strategic plan to improve education achievement and workforce readiness in the Greater Hartford region, please visit www.hfpg.org.



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