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Julia Scharnberg is the Grants and Program Manager for the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. She manages the grant-making process for the Foundation along with nonprofit relations providing pre-application counsel and assistance to nonprofits, and support and due diligence to Board members, Advisors and Trustees.

Julia earned an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, and a B.A. in International Relations & Political Science from Canisius College. She has worked extensively in the field of loan administration and legal affairs. Before taking on the role of Grants and Program Director, she wrote a number of the Community Foundation's publications, including *The Plan to End Homelessness in Northwest Connecticut*, *A Summary of the Economic Status and Other Indicators of Well-Being of Women and Girls in the Northwest Corner*, *Starved for Attention: Food Insecurity in Northwest CT* and *Beneath the Surface: The Opioid Epidemic in Northwest Connecticut*.

Julia is part of the Executive Committee of the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force, and the Waterbury/Litchfield Coordinated Access Network. She convenes a monthly meeting of Northwest Connecticut food agencies and the CT Food Bank. She is very involved in the community of her hometown of Norfolk, serving as Chairman of the Norfolk Historic District Commission, and as a participant in the collaborative Norfolk N.E.T. (Networking Everyone Together), a poverty alleviation and community building initiative. She also serves on the boards of the Coalition for Sound Growth, the Norfolk Connecticut Children's Foundation, and The Foundation for Norfolk Living.