

**Local Small Business Donates \$10,000.00 To Charity in 2019**

*The holiday season is not the only time for giving according to this CT woman-owned small business.*

**Southbury, CT:** Grace Medical Aesthetics' owner/operator Charis Wipfler, APRN-FNP, takes the "Grace" name one step further by donating a total of \$10,000.00 in 2019 to a list of 52 charities and organizations. As a local small business owner, Charis recognized the need to give back to the community through as many outlets as she could. She says, "Grace is defined, among other things, as 'an act or instance of kindness'. The holiday season reminds us of charity and grace, but what about the rest of the year?"

The Grace Medical Aesthetics team chose organizations that aligned with company morals, touched on personal life events, and took suggestions from both their clients and the thousands they are able to reach through their Instagram following ([@gracemedicalaesthetics](https://www.instagram.com/gracemedicalaesthetics)). Grace Medical Aesthetics sought to use their social media platform for more than business by highlighting each organization to their 45k+ followers with additional information and direct links to donate. The charities and organizations were selected to show support for real-time world events throughout 2019, such as the Amazon rainforest wildfires and women's reproductive rights. Organizations were also highlighted specifically during times of awareness, for example, on Mental Health Day or during Men's Health Week. Grace Medical Aesthetics hopes to have inspired as many as possible to give back and donate what they can, whether it be time, resources, or money.

Below are the charities and organizations Grace Medical Aesthetics has already donated to. With three more opportunities available to complete "Grace Gives 2019", any suggestions are encouraged to be sent directly to Jennifer Berardi at [jennifer@gracemedicalaesthetics.com](mailto:jennifer@gracemedicalaesthetics.com).

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| 1. Southbury Food Bank                                 |                                    |   |
| 2. Susan B. Anthony Project                            | 17. Best Buddies CT                | 34. Best Friends Animal Society           |
| 3. Sandy Hook Promise                                  | 18. Make-A-Wish CT                 | 35. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital |
| 4. ECAD – Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities | 19. The Cancer Couch               | 36. Hope For The Warriors                 |
| 5. American Heart Association                          | 20. Planned Parenthood Action Fund | 37. Girls on the Run                      |
| 6. Kid U Not   | 21. Wounded Warrior Project        | 38. Companion Pet Rescue                  |
| 7. Safe Haven  | 22. GLSEN                          | 39. Jordan Porco Foundation               |
| 8. Save-A-Suit   | 23. Red Cross (blood donations)    | 40. Mental Health Connecticut             |
| 9. Alzheimer's Association                             | 24. Men's Health Foundation        | 41. Community Health Network Foundation   |
| 10. Wildlife in Crisis                                 | 25. True Colors, Inc               | 42. CT Breast Health Initiative           |
| 11. Love146  | 26. International Rescue Committee | 43. The Movember Foundation               |
| 12. Brian's Angels                                     | 27. Skin Cancer Foundation         | 44. Because4Paws                          |
| 13. National Center for Transgender Equality           | 28. Smile Train                    | 45. National LGBTQ Task Force             |
| 14. Vera House, Inc                                    | 29. The Riley Farm Rescue          | 46. The Tiny Miracles Foundation          |
| 15. Rose Hope Rescue                                   | 30. The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp | 47. Environment Connecticut               |
| 16. United Way – Flint Water Fund                      | 31. CT Food Bank                   | 48. Jane Doe No More                      |
|  | 32. EveryTown                      |   |
|  | 33. Rainforest Alliance            |   |

**About Grace Medical Aesthetics:** Grace Medical Aesthetics is an anti-aging medical aesthetics practice with offices in both Southbury, CT and NYC. Ranked by Galderma as the #1 injectable practice in NY and all of New England and the #6 injectable practice in the United States, Grace Medical Aesthetics is a strong leader the aesthetic industry. The practitioners help clients to achieve and maintain their desired look, enhance their best features, and keep natural looking results at the forefront.

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