

Dear Swim Families,

It is a strong Newtown Torpedo tradition to donate to a local community organization in lieu of coaches gifts at the end of the season.

In recent years, Kevin's Community Center, The Anthony Isabella College Fund, The Brennan Merrick Family Fund, and Newtown Youth Services are just a few of the recipients of the generosity of Newtown park and rec swimmers.

This year, **Caroline's Gift** has been chosen as the local organization to receive the coaches' gifts. This is a local resource assisting Newtown families with the financial burden of caring of a sick or disabled child.

***Caroline's Gift:***

*A fund established in the late '90's by a Newtown family in memory of their daughter, Caroline. This fund, administered by NYFS, offers financial support to families who are dealing with a child's terminal or catastrophic illness. Requests are processed by the Agency and forwarded to the family who make the determination regarding a financial award. Recipients may remain anonymous.*

**Please make checks payable to Caroline's Gift, and mark Newtown Torpedoes in the memo field.**

Any amount is appreciated and past donations have ranged from \$10 to \$100. You may give donations at any time to Laurie Martinelli or Kate Mayer, and we will also be accepting donations at the trials, championships, all-stars, and the banquet.

**If you choose, you may send donations to:  
Laurie Martinelli 11 Ridge Road, Newtown, CT 06470.**

Thanks in advance for your generosity! We'll announce at the banquet how much has been raised for this worthwhile foundation.

Any questions, call/email Laurie at 203.426.534 or [slmplus3@charter.net](mailto:slmplus3@charter.net) or Kate 203.364.1861 or [kathrymayer@charter.net](mailto:kathrymayer@charter.net)