Transforming Potential
SERVING ANSONIA, DERBY, SEYMOUR, SHELTON AND OXFORD, THE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 2004 AND IS DEDICATED TO MAKING THE VALLEY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK BY INCREASING PHILANTHROPY—ESPECIALLY PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS—CONNECTING DONORS TO NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES; AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ON CRITICAL COMMUNITY ISSUES.

We inform, encourage and engage people to take a leadership role in improving the quality of life in our region, now and for the future, by attracting and investing contributions and making grants from permanent endowed funds. Working with individuals, families, businesses, advisors, and non-profit organizations, the Valley Community Foundation provides personalized service to tailor giving to individual interests, tax planning needs, and family dynamics while providing perspectives about the region’s issues and needs, and how donors can have impact on their community.

A volunteer group of Valley leaders serves as the Valley Community Foundation Board of Directors. A president implements the board’s objectives and carries out the daily operations. The Valley Community Foundation is affiliated with The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and is provided with in-kind administrative and investment management services as well as those for program and development and communications. The affiliation ensures that VCF funds will have the benefit of the authority and oversight of a local board, and will be administered efficiently and effectively by one of the nation’s oldest and largest community foundations.
Likewise, with our guiding hands at the Valley Community Foundation, simple acts of giving are put to good use—being transformed into great beauty, inspiration and hope for Valley communities and people.
DEAR FRIENDS

2005 SAW UNPRECEDENTED NEED THE WORLD OVER. PERVASIVE NATURAL DISASTERS HIT HERE AND ABROAD AND EVER-PRESENT ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY WEIGHED HEAVILY ON MANY. BUT THE YEAR WAS NOT WITHOUT HOPE...

People came together as never before to help those in need locally, nationally and internationally. In the Valley, we continued our tradition of generosity and our social capital and resolve have never been stronger.

The Valley Community Foundation (VCF)—a philanthropic leader created to improve the quality of life in our beloved region—grew rapidly in this second year of our existence. So many Valley supporters established new endowment funds in honor of family and friends, their acts of giving promising to meet unfolding needs in our communities in perpetuity.

We continued our work this year to empower community leaders and donors to invest their time, talent and treasure in those places and priorities they cherish. Our goal is to provide both a guiding hand and the technical expertise that will help them to build on their giving, and unleash the potential of our communities now and in the future.

We’re doing that by:

» promoting philanthropy throughout the region;

» building and preserving permanent funds to support donor priorities such as, arts and culture, community development, education, the environment, health, and human services;

» making grants and providing assistance that significantly impacts the ability of non-profits to increase their philanthropic resources;

» promoting collaboration among funders and service providers to address community needs; and

» providing flexible, efficient and enduring ways for donors to benefit the institutions of our region.

This year, we also introduced a new Endowment Challenge Program to assist organizations in their endowment building. Response so far has been outstanding. We’re looking forward to reporting on its progress next year.

We have partnered with a long list of individuals, families, organizations and corporations whose names you’ll see in this annual report. The number of people investing in our region to enhance the Valley’s quality of life through the VCF and elsewhere is inspiring. There are so many dedicated people coming together to address the pressing needs and opportunities of our communities. They have demonstrated in a significant way that when we work together we can make a difference.

We have much for which to be thankful. Earlier philanthropists such as the Gates Family, Katherine Matthies, the Hewitt Family, and Raymond Lavietes understood the power of philanthropy to build a stronger community. Our energetic board of directors build on that legacy and are committed to building permanent resources for the Valley.

Please accept our most sincere gratitude for your dedication to making our region a world-class 21st century community. We commit to you that we will continue to grow this spirit of philanthropy for many years to come.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. RYAN
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANGELA G. POWERS
PRESIDENT AND CEO

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PERMANENCE
When you create an endowed charitable fund, you benefit the community forever. Your gift helps to do good work today and in the future.

PERSONALIZED SERVICE
The Valley Community Foundation offers personalized service for your individual interests, tax-planning requirements and family dynamics. We will help you create a giving plan which meets your needs.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
Help build a stronger community now, and for the future. We inform, inspire and engage people to take a leadership role in improving the quality of life in our region.

LOCAL EXPERTISE
When you create a charitable fund, you have the opportunity to permanently benefit your neighbors, friends and community organizations. Our perspectives and information about issues and needs facing the region can ensure that your gift will have the impact you want.
COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS & GRANTMAKING

THE ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE PROGRAM

The Valley Community Foundation launched the Endowment Challenge Program in 2005 and the following non-profit organizations were accepted into the program.

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When attained, each organization’s goal will be matched by foundation funds on a one-to-one basis to create endowed funds designated for that organization. Modeled after similar successful challenges such as the Kresge Foundation’s program, the goals are to:

- Provide challenge grants to qualifying organizations to raise endowed gifts
- Build awareness of and appreciation for endowment funds as a means of providing stability and fiscal strength for organizations serving the Valley
- Provide technical assistance to support organizations planning for their endowment programs
- Improve their strategic planning around donor cultivation
- Establish new endowed funds at VCF

Grants are made from the funds by the Board of Directors according to the wishes of the donors. Other investments, including the Endowment Challenge Program, are made from a multi-year grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

In 2005, the Board adopted the following principles to guide their grants and community investments.

- Be responsible in fulfilling the intentions of donors in the context of current needs and opportunities
- Focus on the long-term perspective of community betterment
- Make investments in activities which grow philanthropy because philanthropy is a major contributor to the quality of life in a community
- Emphasize increasing giving by individuals
- Listen to diverse groups and interests in the community and respect community knowledge and experience
- Support the work of the community’s non-profit organizations, both individually and as they organize in groups, so that VCF is an additive resource, not as a duplicative competitor
- Provide positive visibility for, and understanding of the Valley Community Foundation among target audiences as outlined in our operating plan.

2005 DONORS

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Carlo and Jacqueline Ajjello
Patrick, Elisa, Olivia and Alissa Alair
Joyce M. Alea
Thomas and Helen Anastasio
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Anonymous
Janet C. Barrett
William C. and Judith Bassett
Susan A. Battaglino
Edward and Margaret Bednar
Christine Bee
George and Colleen Belbusti
Richard and Bertha Belden
William L. Birden and
Christine Roach-Birden
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Birmingham Utilities, Inc.
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Victor and Gayle Bonavita
June and Thomas Bracken
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and James Williams
William A. Brennan
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Kathleen Cassell
Catherine M. Castaldo
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Michela A. Cavallaro, P.A.
Patricia Cavallaro
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Melanie Cecarelli
Betty Celone
Laurie J. Cimmino
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James E. Cohen
The Cohen Family
Rocco and Kathryn Colatrello
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Connecticut Natural Gas and Southern
Connecticut Gas Companies
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Susan S. Coughlin
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Taylor and Jodie D’Alexander
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Elizabeth and Michael Dalton
David M. Grant Caterers Inc
The Davidsons
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The DeCarlo Family
Sarah Delvento
Anthony and Margot Demelis
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Derby Public Library
Derby Puglianello Sister City Committee
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Eastern Connecticut State University
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Pamela J. Kedderis
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Gail M. Leach
John and Mary Leary
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Judy Malerba
John and Brenda Manning
James and Eleanor Martin
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Dorothy Martino
Anthony and Madeline Martone
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James and Marietta McGuire
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Maryann Meyer
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Matthew J. Micci and Family
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Edward J. Morse
Edward J. Morse
Susan E. Morse
Mr. Frank O. Nappi
Irving and Dianne Newman
David and Janice Newton
Judith Nichols, POA
Judy Nicolari
Richard F. Nicolari
The Cheer Fund of
North Haven High School
Richard and Janet Olderman
Barbara Orazetti
Rocco and Rae Orlando
Daniel and Sharon Ort
Frank and Navia Osak
Oxford Industries
Anthony and Louise Pagliaro
Joseph A. Pagliaro, Jr.
Philip Paolilla
Frank Pascuzzo
Lynda V. Patrick
David and Lynda Pedersen
People’s Bank
Anthony Pepe
Mary L. Pepe
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Karen T. Randall
Richard Penna Salon, Inc.
Diane M. Rivers
Robert and Kathleen Russo
George and Beatrice Ryan
James and Maureen Ryan
James E. Ryan
Anthony Saldamarco
Richard and Phyllis Salerno
Marie F. Sandelli
Kenneth E. and Dorothy Schable
Alan and Beverly Schpier
Burton and Marjone Schuman
Peter and Arlene Schwartz
David and Cheryl Serpilii
Friends of Shelton Economic
Development Corporation
Shelton High School
Thomas and Carol Slade
Samuel N. Sile
J. Philip and Loretta Smith
Madeleine Sobin
Karen C. Scritto
Southern Connecticut
State University Administration
Southern Connecticut
State University Foundation, Inc.
Jill N. Spanier
Special Olympics of Connecticut
Jeanne M. Sperranza
Gregory and Susan Stamos
Charles and Anne Stankye
Florence A. Stapor
Thomas M. Sutnik
‘Leon and Barbara Sylvester
Hilda E. and Christopher R. Testone
Alan and Mary Ann Tyma
Dominick Thomas, Jr.
James Uberti
Mary Brooke VanBrederode
Ted Vartelas
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Venti
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Helein M. Walter
Lawrence and Sheila Wartel
Elaine T. Wierbing
Catherine and Edward Williams
William and Rosamary Wilson
Betty Windsch and Susan Urban
Jeffrey F. Yale
Joel Young
John and Mary Ann Yuhas
John and Elizabeth Yuhas
FUNDS OF THE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Each fund you create through the Valley Community Foundation is a unique resource for the community, now and in the future. The following funds were established in 2004 and 2005 to honor a loved one, fuel a passion, help a student, and insure a prosperous future. Each reflects the personal values and spirit of the donor who, like you, strives to help others and leave a legacy of thoughtful and effective giving.

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<td>Michael J. Adanti Community Fund</td>
<td>October 2005</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Adanti family established this fund with the many gifts given in memory of Michael J. Adanti, who died in a car accident in the summer of 2005. Linda Adanti, Michael’s wife, and their daughter, Kristen Adanti-Pedersen will advise the Fund.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bassett Family Fund</td>
<td>December 2005</td>
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<td>This fund was established by William C. and Judith P. Bassett as a donor advised fund to support their various community activities and as a means to involve their children in philanthropy.</td>
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<td>Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. Fund</td>
<td>November 2005</td>
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<tr>
<td>As a participating organization in the Foundation’s Endowment Challenge Program, this is a designated fund to benefit Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. and gifts will be matched by the Foundation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Edward Cecarelli Book Fund</td>
<td>December 2005</td>
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<tr>
<td>This fund was established and will be built by the Cecarelli Family of Derby to support the purchase of books for the Derby Public Library.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cohen Family Book Fund</td>
<td>December 2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>This fund was established by the Cohen Family of Derby to support the purchase of books for the Derby Public Library.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Derby Public Library Fund</td>
<td>February 2005</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Board of the Derby Public Library transferred endowments to the Foundation for investment management to care for, and grow, these funds which support various valuable activities and programs of the Library that are outside operating costs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Historical Preservation Fund of the Derby Public Library</td>
<td>November 2005</td>
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<tr>
<td>As a participating organization in the Foundation’s Endowment Challenge Program, this is a designated fund to benefit the Derby Public Library’s work preserving and displaying historic items and gifts will be matched by the Foundation.</td>
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<td>The Honorable Joseph P. Flynn and Family Scholarship Fund*</td>
<td>December 2005</td>
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<td>This fund was established by the Friends of Ansonia Historical Commission to provide scholarships for graduates of Assumption School, Ansonia.</td>
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<td>Housatonic Council Boy Scouts of America Fund</td>
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COMMUNITY FUND, JANUARY 2005

Established as a general unrestricted fund by a gift from William C. and Judith P. Bassett, with their hope that the Fund insures all donors with gifts of any size can invest in the community endowment which supports our community’s opportunities and ever changing needs over time.
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<td>This fund was established by the transfer of the Robert J. Geissler Memorial Award assets held by Shelton High School at the request of Harold Geissler. The fund will make scholarship awards to graduating students of Shelton High School.</td>
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<td>David M. Grant Family Fund*</td>
<td>January 2005</td>
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<td>This fund was started and is being built by David M. Grant and his wife, Gail, as a donor advised fund to support their various community activities and as a means to involve their sons in philanthropy.</td>
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<td>Patricia M. Kondrath Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>December 2005</td>
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<td>This fund was established by Paul Kondrath in memory of his wife, Patricia, and will provide scholarships to students attending the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall.</td>
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<td>Mary Fund*</td>
<td>December 2004</td>
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<td>This fund was started and is being built by M. Elizabeth Kennard to honor her grandmothers, Mary L. Powers and Mary J. Kennard; and her mother, Mary P. Kennard, all teachers who understood the value of education and promoted it professionally and personally.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Palazzi Family Fund</td>
<td>December 2004</td>
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<td>Established by Dorothy Palazzi, this donor advised fund honors Miss Palazzi’s parents, Ildebrando and Guerina Palazzi; and her sisters, Derva A. Palazzi and Norma Palazzi Pepe.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Joseph A. Pagliaro Sr. Family Fund</td>
<td>December 2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Pagliaro family established this fund with the many gifts given in memory of Joseph A. Pagliaro Sr. who was the founding Board Chair of the Valley Community Foundation. It is their hope that friends and family will contribute to this advised fund as the way to honor their father, father-in-law and husband.</td>
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<td>Pepe Family Fund</td>
<td>December 2004</td>
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<td>Mary L. Pepe established this donor advised fund to honor her family; father, Anthony M. Pepe; mother, Norma P. Pepe; and brother, William A. Pepe, and their contributions to the Valley community.</td>
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<td>Planetree Fund</td>
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<td>Sam Rifkin Memorial Fund</td>
<td>† December 2001</td>
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<td>Established with gifts at the time of Sam Rifkin’s death in 2001, David Rifkin, Sam’s son, added to the fund and requested its transfer to the new Foundation.</td>
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<td>George J. Ryan Scholarship</td>
<td>September 2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>George J. Ryan established this fund to provide scholarships for higher education to students graduating from secondary schools in the region serviced by the Valley Community Foundation.</td>
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<td>Maureen, Megan &amp; Katey Ryan Fund*</td>
<td>January 2005</td>
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<td>James E. Ryan started and is building this fund to provide scholarships for girls from Assumption School in Ansonia to attend Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden.</td>
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<td>Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Community Fund</td>
<td>December 2005</td>
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<td>Dorothy E. and Kenneth E. Schaible Fund For the Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley</td>
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<td>As a participating organization in the foundation’s Endowment Challenge Program, this fund is a designated fund to benefit the Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley and gifts will be matched by the foundation.</td>
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<td>Julian A. Taylor Scholarship Fund</td>
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<td>The JAT Scholarship Committee transferred, and will advise, this scholarship fund to provide college scholarships to students graduating from Ansonia High School, preferably African-American, who excel academically, and are accepted into an accredited college or university.</td>
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<td>Tyler, Brian &amp; Zachary Haywood Fund*</td>
<td>April 2005</td>
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<td>Joseph A. Pagliaro Jr. started and is growing this fund to honor his father, the founding chairman of the Valley Community Foundation, and his grandchildren—the children of his sister, Michelle Pagliaro Haywood.</td>
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<td>John Tyma Fund</td>
<td>May 2005</td>
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<td>Established by Alan Tyma in honor of his father, this fund will be advised by the donor.</td>
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*Building over time.
† Transferred to VCF in 2005
INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLD A TRADITIONAL CRANE

1. Fold diagonally twice, point-to-point, and lay flat again.
2. Create valley fold on vertical center line.
3. Create mountain fold on horizontal center line.
4. Steps 4-5: Holding the short sides, bring hands together collapsing paper and forming four triangular flaps.
5. Fold front cut edges up to the center forming a cone on the front.
6. Fold the top triangle down along the top edges of the cone.
7. Unfold the cone flaps, but leave the top triangle form in place.
8. Lift the front bottom corner only; the paper will open into a large “yawning mouth.”
9. Continue opening until the long side edges meet at the center.
10. Fold top triangle point down to form a square diamond.
11. Repeat step six.
12. Fold top small triangle over to the back side.
13. Pull left and right side out and lay flat.
14. Grab bottom inside point and pull up creating another “yawning mouth;” crease flat.
15. Create valley fold on vertical center line.
16. Create mountain fold on horizontal center line.
17. Steps 4-5: Holding the short sides, bring hands together collapsing paper and forming four triangular flaps.
18. Fold left side onto right; flip over and repeat.
19. Fold up bottom points so they hit the top point.
20. Tuck tip of front point down onto itself to create beak.
21. Turn body clockwise.
22. Grab left and right points, and pull down slightly to accent the crane head and tail.
23. Pull beak out fully.
24. Pull wing tips down to finish your crane!
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