

In Memoriam – Dick Orenstein

We are deeply saddened by the news of Dick Orenstein's passing last month. Dick was the Trustee for the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust and was a longtime supporter and benefactor of the Weston History & Culture Center. He believed in our mission to preserve and teach Weston's history by granting our organization with numerous gifts from the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust. He also entrusted us with seven of his dear friend, Daniel Offutt's, sculptures that now make up the Daniel E. Offutt III Sculpture Garden on our property. We are thankful for his constant support, input, generosity and trust in our vision to grow the Weston History & Culture Center into a destination for history, culture and community in the greater Weston area.

Through the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, Dick's impact was felt by countless non-profit organizations in Weston, Westport, Wilton, Fairfield County and beyond. Dick not only provided transformational funding to local non-profits, but also provided meaningful input and guidance to organizations, including ours. We are thankful that Dick entrusted us with a collection of photographs of Daniel E. Offutt that documented Mr. Offutt's creative endeavors on his property in Weston, including his art work, farm animals, barn raising and friendships. These images have been carefully digitized and are stored in our climate-controlled archive for generations to come. Thank you, Dick, for entrusting us with mementos and artifacts from Mr. Offutt's life that speak to his contributions to the people of Weston.

To learn more about Dick Orenstein's life, we invite you to read his obituary here:

<https://westontoday.news/articles/240325-richard-orenstein-obituary>

The image below was taken during his 2022 visit to the Weston History & Culture Center in our Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden. Left to Right: Pam Kersey, WHCC Trustee; Dick Orenstein; Samantha Fargione, WHCC Executive Director.

