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Chrysalis Center's Quarterly Newsletter

FALL 2020

WORKING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC COVID-19 UPDATE



Happy fall to our friends and supporters! As winter approaches, Chrysalis Center remains vigilant in keeping our clients safe and healthy, as well as our staff. In accordance with State and CDC issued safety guidelines, our doors remain open with staff working hard to ensure our clients continue to receive critical basic needs: access to healthy and nutritious food, safe and affordable housing, mental and physical health care, assistance with employment opportunities, benefits and other critical needs so they feel supported.

As a social service organization, whose mission is to **provide supportive services to assist people in need to transform their lives**. Chrysalis Center is constantly thinking of ways to help our clients live their best lives, especially during this ongoing pandemic. When face-to-face contact presented challenges, we began virtually meeting with clients. When fundraising efforts were challenged, and events had to be cancelled, we pivoted and held events virtually. When the Training and Conference Center had to be closed due to social distancing, La Cocina Catering created take-out dinners for the public and held special events on our newly renovated patio.



We are grateful for the community's support and generosity. We have been able to meet our client's needs and provide families with food, housing and other critical resources. We are thankful to our wonderful friends who have supported us during this time.

We will have more opportunities to help our clients over the next couple of months with our Cold Weather Drive and Holiday Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale!

To learn more about these initiatives and how you can help visit www.chrysaliscenterct.org.



NEW FACES AT CHRYSALIS CENTER: MEET NEW BOARD MEMBER BRIDGET D'ANGELO



Chrysalis Center is pleased to welcome Bridget D'Angelo to its Board of Directors. A Real Estate Associate with the law firm of Carmody, Torrance, Sandak & Hennessey LLP in New Haven. Ms. D'Angelo will also serve as a Board member of the Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation, a 501(c) (25) tax exempt real estate holding corporation for the organization which preserves and develops housing throughout the State of Connecticut. Ms. D'Angelo received her B.A from The Robert E. Cook Honors College of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her JD from The University of Chicago Law School. She recently earned a "40 Under Forty" award from the Hartford Business Journal and is a 2020 Connecticut Law Tribune New Leader in the Law. She resides with her family in Glastonbury.

COURTLAND ARMS GRAND OPENING!

Courtland Arms renovations continue in downtown New Britain with a scheduled opening celebration later this month. The space will be converted into 24 affordable one-bedroom units, including four dedicated to formerly homeless veterans.

The building is a complete renovation thanks to our partners at PAC Group LLC, TO Design, Paul B. Bailey Architect and Housing Enterprises who are transforming this historical building which was originally built in 1925 to what it once was, a beautiful place for people to call home!

A special thank you Mayor Erin Stewart and the City of New Britain, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Connecticut Department of Housing (CT DOH), Connecticut Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), National Development Council (NDC) and State Historical Preservation Officers (SHPO) for all of your wonderful support!

We are looking forward to providing homes to many very soon.



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT - MEET LOUIS

A member of Chrysalis Center since 2011, Louis recently achieved a very important personal goal – purchasing his first car. Prior to coming to Chrysalis Center, Louis was homeless and living on the streets. As a member of our Employment and Recovery Network (EARN) and Community Support Program (CSP) and with the support of his two case managers, Adrienne and Claudene, he began to create goals for himself, and soon found employment as a security guard. Louis recently stopped by our offices to show us his new car and a special five-years of service award from his employer. Congratulations Louis!

16TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL BUTTERFLY BASH: A SUCCESS!



Thank you to all who joined us for Chrysalis Center's first ever VIRTUAL Butterfly Bash! Held on October 15th, the event featured inspiring client stories, supporters' testimonials, silent and live auctions, and a very special mission moment. Hosted by Renee DiNino of iHeart Media, and Scot Haney from WFSB Channel 3, the evening raised more than \$150,000 to support Freshplace, Chrysalis Center's innovative client-choice, fresh food and case management food pantry which serves 100 families living in the poorest neighborhoods of Hartford.

The evening's theme "access to healthy, fresh food should be a right, not a privilege" was shared by many throughout the night, as guests bid on silent and live auction items, watched live auction items and made donations directly from their mobile devices.

We have many to thank for this very special evening, beginning with our creative Planning Committee: Event Co-Chairs Beth Brigham and Janet Porriello, Committee Members: Karen D'Arco, Lisa Jones, Deirdre King-Hooge, Heather LeBlanc and Kimberly McGrath, who worked tirelessly since the beginning of the year to create such a special evening.

Thank you to the Honorary Committee: Wendy & Ed Avery, Beth Brigham, Shari & Michael Cantor, Sharon L. Castelli, Sheryl & Frank Giguere, Tom Kennedy, Heather & Matt LeBlanc, Liz & Rob Lowry, Carol Larco-Muryzn & Bob Muryzn, Janet Porriello & Tom Ryan, Carolyn Thornberry & Kevin Sullivan, Jean & Michael Wagner and Annie & Sharon Williams,

whose generous support provided critical funds up front, as well as throughout the evening.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors: PAC Group, LLC., Dakota Partners, Hoopes, Morganthaler, Rausch & Scaramozza, LLC., AOS, Gallagher, TD Bank, Aetna, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Hammer N Nails, The Hartford, Rebel Interactive, Channel 3 Eyewitness News and iHeart Media.

A final thank you to all those in the community who purchased a ticket, bid on an auction item, donated an auction item, purchased a wine from the wine pull or provided video testimonial about Chrysalis Center! We could not have done this without you!



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CHRYsalis CENTER'S "CLEAN CREW" HELPS CLEAN UP DOWNTOWN NEW BRITAIN AND HARTFORD

This past fall, Chrysalis Center's "Clean Crew" volunteered their mornings helping to pick up trash in downtown New Britain and the Upper Albany and Asylum Hill neighborhoods of Hartford. The Clean Crew is a longstanding program of Chrysalis Center's which is comprised of clients and staff with a goal to assist neighborhoods in keeping the streets and sidewalks beautiful. Many of our clients and families live in these neighborhoods and are so proud to help give back to the community they live in! They practice Chrysalis Center's motto - Getting help...Getting better...Giving back.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: THE HARTFORD'S 2020 DAY OF SERVICE



September 11th was National Day of Service and Remembrance, a day in which Americans across the country are called to volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the 911 attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom.

The Hartford selected Chrysalis Center as one of the organizations to support during their day of service. Employees of The Hartford volunteered virtually by creating and donating more than 125 toiletry kits for Chrysalis clients.

Many of our clients come from challenging situations, including homelessness, and these items are essential basic needs. How

grateful we are to The Hartford for including us in their good works again this year! Their generosity continues to make a huge difference in the lives of so many!

WHERE IS THE WORLD IS THE LA COCINA CATERING DESSERT VAN?



La Cocina Catering has gone mobile! We are thrilled to introduce our new “dessert van” which now delivers baked goods to different neighborhoods throughout the Hartford area! We launched our new program earlier this fall which provides the opportunity for individuals who don’t live nearby our headquarters at 255 Homestead Avenue to pick up some delicious La Cocina desserts in their neighborhood! Bakery items include pies, coffee cakes, cookies, brownies, bread and more!

Unlike traditional food trucks, all items on the La Cocina Catering Dessert Van are pre-ordered through our new online ordering menu located on the Chrysalis Center website: www.chrysaliscenterct.org/order. With a click of a button, you can order holiday and special occasion bakery items, choose a date and location nearest to you, and pick up your tasty treats! To check out Where in the “World is the La Cocina Catering Dessert Van” follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [@lacocinacc](#)



THE RESULTS ARE IN: YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS!



Chrysalis Center has fantastic supporters in the community! This fall we were chosen to participate in two new fundraising endeavors: Target’s Circle Program and the Eversource Hartford Marathon. While raising funds is critical, raising awareness about our mission is just as important. We are happy to announce both programs helped us do just that – but our success could not have happened without YOUR support.

The Target Circle provided an opportunity for shoppers to “vote” for Chrysalis Center from July through September. Votes were counted and we were chosen as the second highest nonprofit in Connecticut during that time period, receiving \$3,342 in award funds.



The Eversource Hartford Marathon, held annually each fall, provides an opportunity for nonprofits across Connecticut to apply to be an official charity. As our first time registered as an “official charity” we had 8 participants register on our behalf running a total of 57.2 miles and raising a little more than \$2,300 for our programs.

Thank you to all who participated. Your support helps transform lives!



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SHARE THE WARMTH WINTER DONATION DRIVE

The weather is getting colder, please consider donating NEW items for the individuals and families we serve throughout Connecticut. Visit our Amazon "Share the Warmth Wish List" at www.chrysaliscenterct.org/give/non-monetary-gifts to support our families this winter.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Join Chrysalis Center and help give what you can! Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help. Every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. Give online this day at www.chrysaliscenterct.org/give

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AND WREATH SALE

Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for our Annual Christmas Tree and Holiday Wreath Sale. This one-day event will be held in Chrysalis Center's upper parking lot at 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford. All sales benefit Chrysalis Center's mission to provide supportive services to assist people in need to help transform lives. This event is open to the public and is generously funded by The Hartford. To volunteer contact Nancy Sherman, Volunteer & Outreach Manager at 860-263-4419 or nsherman@chrysaliscenterct.org

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