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Volunteer Voice

Monthly Newsletter for and about Chrysalis Center Volunteers

November 2020

Chrysalis Center's mission is to provide supportive services to assist people in need to transform their lives.

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During the Thanksgiving season, it's a time to reflect on things and people that we are grateful for, and high on the list are the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and energy to Chrysalis Center. We could not do what we do for our clients without your generous help and support!

In this issue of the Volunteer Voice, we feature the wonderful women who work tirelessly all year long to ensure that our annual Butterfly Bash is a success! We also highlight our fabulous volunteers from The Hartford, who embarked on virtual projects for the company's annual Day of Service.

Volunteer opportunities



For more info, or to sign up for a shift, contact Nancy Sherman at nsherman@chrysaliscenterct.org

As a reminder, volunteers must be 18 years of age or over and, in keeping with CDC Guidelines, not at high risk for COVID-19, including the following: those who are

immunocompromised, over 60, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or living with or caring for someone in any of those categories. In addition to safety measures which have been in place since the onset of the pandemic, we have increased our safety precautions, including face masks worn in all public areas, temperature taken upon entry and PPEs handed out upon entry if needed.

Urban Roots

Looking for an ongoing volunteer with some gardening/plant experience (it does not necessarily have to be experience with hydroponics) to help in Urban Roots, our hydroponic grow center, in which lettuce and basil are grown in water. You will help with planting, harvesting and maintaining the plants.

Where: Chrysalis Center, 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford

When: Monday - Friday between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm (one day a week or every other week).

Annual Turkey Day Give Away

Volunteers are needed to distribute turkeys to clients on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Volunteers will prepare bags of food to be given out along with the turkeys and participate in the distribution of food.

Volunteers are needed from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm and from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Where: Chrysalis Center, 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford

When: Friday, November 20, 2020 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

We are looking for volunteers for our Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale on Saturday, December 5, 2020. 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. In addition to being sold, Christmas trees are also given away to those in need. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am - 11:30 am and from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. Volunteers will be assisting those who purchase Christmas trees, or working at one of our various activity stations.

Where: Chrysalis Center, 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford

When: Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities (including our new virtual opportunities), please visit the [the volunteer section](https://chrysaliscenterct.org/get-involved/volunteer/) of Chrysalis Center's website, <https://chrysaliscenterct.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Volunteer Spotlight: Butterfly Bash Planning Committee

The Annual Butterfly Bash, Chrysalis Center's signature fundraiser, was held virtually this year on October 15th. Even with the many challenges entailed in holding this event virtually, our dedicated planning committee took it all in stride and stepped up to help make it a wonderful and very successful event, raising more than \$150,000

for Freshplace, our client choice, fresh food, and case management food pantry! Committee Co-chairs, Beth and Janet, along with Karen, Lisa, Deirdre,



Heather and Kimberly, contributed their time, talent and energy to produce an amazing event. Those who purchased tickets received a delicious dinner prepared by La Cocina Catering and were able to view an exclusive live virtual presentation, which was both entertaining and inspiring. Guests were able to bid on a variety of silent and live auction items. Thank you to the wonderful planning committee for volunteering your time to help raise critical funds for Chrysalis Center! We are grateful for you!



The Hartford's 2020 Day of Service

The Hartford marked the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11, 2020 with its employees volunteering their time to benefit the local community. Employees completed virtual projects on that day and the month following, during the company's Annual Giving Campaign. Chrysalis Center was fortunate to be among the beneficiaries. Nine employees/departments of The Hartford put together a total of 129 toiletry kits for our clients. Many of our clients are coming from challenging situations, including homelessness, and these items are essential basic needs, which are luxuries when you can't afford them. We are grateful to the following Hartford employees:

Migdalia
Erika
Brenda
Lynne
Deborah
Jason
Shannon

Beth and the Group Benefits Actuarial Team
Anne and Harper

THANK YOU all so much for participating in our virtual volunteering opportunity! We look forward to working with The Hartford again very soon!



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Employees!**



Additional Ways to Support Chrysalis Center...

Virtual Comedy Night to Benefit St. Philip House Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Life is better when you're laughing with Sea Tea Improv! Join us, from the comforts of your own home, for Comedy Night to Benefit St. Philip House.

Proceeds to benefit St. Philip House, a program of Chrysalis Center, to support those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

[Tickets now available - Click Here!](#)

Giving Tuesday

For 24 hours on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, people around the world will come together to celebrate generosity and make an impact. At Chrysalis Center, we will be raising much needed funds to provide homes to individuals, families, and veterans who are chronically homeless, access to fresh food to families in need, and supportive services to help those with a mental health diagnosis and/or substance abuse.

Further information on how you can participate in Giving Tuesday will be made available soon.

Annual Christmas and Wreath Sale

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

Join us for the Annual Christmas Tree and Holiday Wreath Sale. This one-day only special event will be held in Chrysalis Center's upper parking lot at 255 Homestead Avenue in 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 at nsherman@chrysaliscenterct.org

Amazon Smile Benefits Chrysalis Center

Shop via smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to Chrysalis Center! Simply join AmazonSmile and select [Chrysalis Center](#) as your favorite organization and .5% of all eligible purchase made year round through smile.amazon.com will be donated - no fees, no extra cost.

About Chrysalis Center

Chrysalis Center is a private, non-profit, socially innovative, multiservice organization that serves individuals and their families living in the State of Connecticut. Chrysalis Center helps those living in poverty, Veterans, men, women, children, and young adults who are struggling with mental health, addiction, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, and those returning from incarceration.

Find more information about how Chrysalis Center provides supportive services to assist people in need to transform their lives at: [Chrysalis Center](#).

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