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*Trinity College Assistant Professor Dang Do trains Voter Captains to engage with Hartford residents and increase voter turnout. [Click the image to watch our video.](#)*

## **Voter Captain Program Helps Hartford Residents Get Out and Vote**

Culturally relevant outreach can enhance voter education and empower underrepresented groups to participate in elections. This is especially important in Hartford, which typically has among the lowest voter turnout in our state.

A grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving supported **Trinity College** and the **Hartford Votes Coalition** in their efforts to boost voter participation through the **Voter Captain program**. This initiative leverages residents' shared values and personal stories to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to the poll.

**[Watch our new video and hear from Voter Captains](#)**, each of whom has committed to encouraging at least 10 people to vote.

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th.** For the first time, Connecticut voters can take advantage of early voting. With a 14-day window, you now have more flexibility to cast your ballot before Election Day.

Make a plan and find your town's early voting location! Visit [myvote.ct.gov](https://myvote.ct.gov) for more information.



### **Hartford Foundation Names Josh Kornberg Vice President for Development and Donor Engagement**

After a thorough national search, Josh Kornberg has been hired as our new Vice President for Development and Donor Engagement.

Josh brings a wealth of experience to the Hartford Foundation, having most recently served as the executive director of the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County in New Albany, Indiana. An active and engaged member of his community, he has served in board positions including Metro United Way of Louisville.

We're happy to have Josh as part of our organization. Please help us welcome him to Hartford. [Read more.](#)

### **Video: Hartford Family Child Care Educators**



When families have access to high-quality child care, our communities are stronger and parents can succeed and thrive in the workforce.

A grant from the Hartford Foundation to **Hartford Family Child Care Educators Community, Inc.** is helping to **expand training in Spanish around early childhood education**, sharing resources, and the business of running child care centers. This grant will support small businesses and strengthen our neighborhoods, while also increasing access to quality child care and wrap around supports for families.

[Watch our new video and hear from child care provider Maria Amado](#) about how she educates children while supporting their parents.

## **Black Giving Circle Fund: Pathways to Wellness Event**

This year, the Hartford Foundation's **Black Giving Circle Fund** has partnered with the **Beta Iota Boulé Foundation** in order to raise awareness about the **mental health of Black men and boys**. Earlier this month, the Fund held an event titled *Pathways to Wellness* at the Girls for Technology office in Hartford. The event featured a panel discussion with experts who offered insights into advocacy, policy, and mental health systems. Later this year, Black Giving Circle Fund members will use this knowledge to award grants that support mental health training and awareness campaigns, amplifying the reach of organizations serving Black men and boys.

If you're interested in supporting Greater Hartford's Black community, [consider joining the Black Giving Circle Fund](#).



## **Grant Opportunity: Summer Programs 2025**

On Monday, November 4, we will launch a Request for Proposals for **2025 Summer Program funding**. This RFP supports 2025 summer campership, enrichment, and CIT programs for Hartford children and youth as well as individuals of all ages with disabilities across the Hartford Foundation's 29-town region.

[Visit our Grant Opportunities web page](#) to learn more.

You can also [sign up to be notified when new grant opportunities are announced](#).



## Happy Diwali!

As we celebrate the Festival of Lights, let's welcome new beginnings, the triumph of light over darkness, and the spirit of hope, joy, and unity. Our partner **Layavinyasa** has been bringing local communities together in schools and libraries. Their **Culture Matters** program connects people to Indian arts and culture through performances, discussions, and art education, offering community events and in-school programs that enrich and inspire.

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