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Newsletter



AKNEW (Achieve Knowledge Nurture Empower Within) received an \$8,000 Emergency Assistance grant to support basic needs including housing assistance, food and more. Photo courtesy AKNEW.

Hartford Foundation Awards More Than \$340,000 in Grants to Support Food Programs and More Basic Human Needs

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded **a total of \$344,575 to 33 nonprofits** to provide food and other basic human needs to residents throughout Greater Hartford.

In addition to increasing access to food, these **Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance grants** address personal care items, utility assistance, emergency transportation, and other items essential to wellbeing. Grants are made using an equity lens, prioritizing nonprofits that serve towns and neighborhoods with a higher percentage of residents living in poverty. Grants ranged from \$3,000 to \$20,000 and

are primarily funded through the **Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund** with additional dollars from the Foundation's discretionary funding.

The Foundation awards Emergency Assistance grants twice a year. We are currently accepting applications for the second round of 2024 grants until September 12. Interested nonprofits should visit our [Grant Opportunities web page](#) to learn more.

[Read more about this latest round of Emergency Assistance grants.](#)

Video: On the Ground with the Staff of South Park Inn Warming Center



The Hartford Foundation's [support of Basic Human Needs](#) seeks to address immediate needs, while also increasing the stability and coordination of service providers over the long term.

Last December, we awarded a **\$213,000 grant to South Park Inn to support their "No Freeze" winter warming center** on Washington Street in Hartford. The center offers 45 beds for people experiencing homelessness. Inside, case workers connect clients to various supports, with the aim of getting them into long-term shelter. South Park Inn staff work year-round at their main facility, but as winter approaches and temperatures drop, demand increases and their services become even more vital.

We visited South Park Inn's warming center in March and spoke with staff, just days before they closed for the 2024 season. [Watch our video](#) to get a sense of what it's like to work for a nonprofit service provider.

Hartford Public Schools' Back-to-School Event Provides Thousands of Free Backpacks

Roughly 5,000 people came to Dunkin' Park in Hartford last week for **Hartford Public Schools' annual back-to-school event** and backpack giveaway. More than 20 sponsors, including the Hartford Foundation, contributed to the event. Families received free backpacks, along with other materials and information to help in the upcoming school year.

The Foundation has been a partner in this event for years, providing thousands of backpacks for Hartford students. A dozen members of our staff volunteered at this year's event. It was great to see all the of the Hartford students and their families. We hope everyone has an amazing 2024-25 school year!



MakerSpaceCT Receives \$350,000 Grant to Support Manufacturing Training for High School Students

Manufacturing accounts for about 160,000 jobs in Connecticut. It's also a pathway to the middle class that does not require a four-year college degree. This can benefit workers of color, who represent a disproportionate share of those without a college diploma.

The Hartford Foundation has awarded a **\$350,000 grant to MakerspaceCT to support their Engineering Primer Program**, which prepares Greater Hartford high school students for entry level manufacturing and engineering

jobs. Participants gain hands-on experience with state-of-the-art technology, giving them skills that Connecticut companies are seeking.

[Learn more.](#)



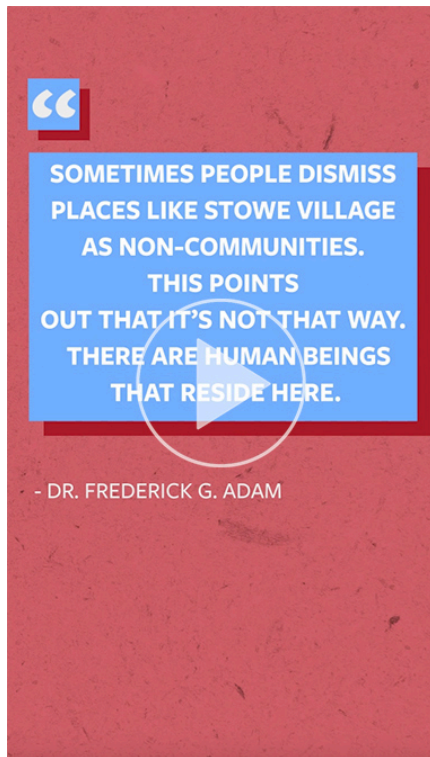
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Angel of Edgewood Receives Grant to Enhance Security Measures

Earlier this year, Angel of Edgewood's warehouse facility on Franklin Avenue in Hartford was burglarized twice in the span of a week. Thousands of dollars' worth of food, clothing, school supplies and other items earmarked for distribution at food pantries and back-to-school events were stolen — substantially hindering the organization's mission. The Hartford Foundation **recently awarded a \$30,000 grant** for the nonprofit to enhance its security. This will reinforce the warehouse against potential future break-ins, while providing a sense of safety to the employees and volunteers who work day and night in support of Angel of Edgewood's mission.

***CT Insider:* Hartford non-profit Angel of Edgewood overcoming break-ins to serve community**



Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month

In celebration of Black Philanthropy Month, we honor individuals like Dr. Frederick G. Adams, who served on our Board of Directors from 1981-1990, including three years as chair. After his passing in 1996, his family established a **scholarship in his name** at the Foundation, reflecting his lifelong commitment to education. **Watch our Reel**, or follow us on social media for more stories of Black Philanthropy.

Dr. Adams's legacy of service and culturally relevant care continues through the Hartford Foundation's partnership with the **Black Giving Circle** and **Beta Iota Boulé Foundation**. Together, **they will award \$100,000 in grants** to five projects focused on enhancing mental health knowledge and providing culturally relevant care for Black men and boys.

More Grant Opportunities for Nonprofits

Our Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance and Black Giving Circle Fund grants are just two of several grant opportunities currently available. We also have the following:

- Community Organizing Grants
- Resident Engagement Grants
- Norma and Natalie Sestero Fund, for organizations serving the town of Glastonbury
- Small Nonprofit Grants

In early September, we launch an opportunity through our Latino Endowment Fund.

Deadlines are fast approaching so don't wait!

Visit our Grant Opportunities web page to learn more.

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



Farewell to Our Vice President for Development, Deborah Rothstein

The Hartford Foundation wishes a fond farewell to our Vice President for Development, Deborah Rothstein, who finishes a decade-long tenure at the Foundation this week. Deborah joined the staff in 2014 and took on her current role in 2016. During her time at the Foundation, Deborah led the team to develop new types of funds, worked closely with a network of professional advisors, and most importantly, helped bring our donors' philanthropy visions to life. We'll miss having her as a colleague and wish her best of luck in her next chapter.

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