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## **Hartford Greater Together Community Fund Announces New Awardees**

Hartford, CT (December 22, 2023) - The Hartford Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded 2023 grants to 11 community organizations to address critical needs of city residents.

Grants ranged from \$500 to \$3,300 and totaled \$24,700.

“We are thrilled to announce our latest round of awardees, each of whom represent organizations addressing pressing needs for Hartford’s citizens,” says Lara Langer, Chair of the Fund’s Advisory Committee. “Nonprofits are the backbone of grassroots efforts to better Hartford. The final reports from our 2022 recipients show what a significant impact these grants can have, and we are proud to support services that directly impact the quality of life for city residents, both children and adults.”

The Fund, established by the Hartford Foundation in 2019, is directed by an advisory committee of Hartford residents from various backgrounds and city neighborhoods. It supports residents in taking ownership around the needs of their city through grantmaking.

The Fund aims to support local nonprofits that are serving Hartford residents to address education, wellness, mental health, housing security, food security, childcare, health care, job readiness, literacy, and other critical issues.

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must have an annual operating budget of \$1 million or less and its project has to serve primarily Hartford residents.

Overall, since 2021, the Fund has awarded 33 grants totaling \$87,150 to address a wide range of community needs.

2023 awardees are:

- Invent the Summer, \$3,300, to support “Hartford Community STEM workshops,” eight STEM workshops in summer 2024 for Hartford children 5 to 12 years old.

- Choir School of Hartford, \$3,100, for new keyboards and supplies such as instruments, music stand lights and binders.
- Active City, \$3,000, to expand Hoop Wave, its annual basketball showcase.
- Theta Alpha Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, \$3,000, to offer “Project Cradle Care,” a community baby shower geared to improving pregnancy outcomes in high-risk communities.
- Literacy Volunteers, \$2,500, to support its Career Pathways, which provides a range of support and services, from literacy and computer skills classes to career counseling, and job-training and placement programs.
- Keney Park Sustainability Project, \$2,500, to stage a series of wellness popups offering vaccinations, dental screenings, pharmacy, nursing, yoga, drumming, and activities for kids.
- United Methodist Church of Hartford, \$2,500, to launch “Harmony Community: Breakfasts/Luncheons Monthly,” a breakfast or lunch series that brings the vulnerable, needy, low-income families and single mothers together for food and fellowship.
- Covenant to Care for Children, \$2,000, to provide funds to purchase goods for Connecticut children, birth to 18, who are abused, neglected, impoverished or otherwise at risk. Among the goods are basic essentials such as furniture and clothing.
- Mayor Mike Peters’ Little League, \$1,800, to purchase catcher’s equipment for its teams.
- Aknew.org, \$500, to help with seed funds for the project “Enhancing Wellness,” a wellness retreat with a focus on coping skills that includes yoga, meditation, group discussions, hiking, and arts and crafts.
- Klassy Katz Elite Dance Team, \$500, to support “Let’s Move,” a series of dance workshops that will help promote physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health and wellness.

Further information about the Greater Together Community Fund can be found at <http://www.hfpg.org/HartfordCF>, and questions about the Hartford advisory committee can be sent to [hartfordgreater2gether@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordgreater2gether@gmail.com).

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