

## Giving Opportunities

Organizations on this list received responsive grants from The Community Foundation in 2025 that were not fully funded due to limited grant dollars. All of the organizations submitted requests that were reviewed by our Grantmaking and Strategies Team and approved by the Board of Directors. This list does not include all the amazing nonprofits in our region doing great work.

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Grantee	Mission
4-CT	4-CT partners with community-based organizations across Connecticut to empower individuals in need to improve their lives. By leveraging the potential of direct cash assistance and strategic collaborations, we efficiently address immediate crises and systemic injustices.
Agency on Aging of South Central CT	To champion and serve older adults and individuals with disabilities so that they remain independent and engaged within their communities.  A society that values older adults and people with disabilities.
All Our Kin	All Our Kin (AOK) is a Connecticut-based, national nonprofit that trains, supports, and sustains family child care educators to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to thrive. Family child care educators play a critical role in early childhood education, reaching many infants, toddlers, and children from low-income families. Yet, due to systemic inequities, they often lack access to the resources, training, and support they need to build and sustain high-quality programs.  AOK works to change this paradigm by investing in family child care educators, equipping them with the resources needed to create enriching, sustainable child care programs. We first opened in a New Haven housing development in 1999 with two staff, six mothers, six children, and one core belief: all children deserve access to high-quality early learning. Today, we reach educators across Connecticut, even in communities where we don't have offices. During our most recently completed program year, AOK supported 1,070 family child care educators, who in turn served more than 7,000 children across Connecticut and NYC. Through our programs, educators succeed as business owners, parents gain access to stable, high-quality care, and children experience the early educational foundation that lays the groundwork for success.
ALS Association, Connecticut Chapter	Mission: To provide comprehensive support to improve quality of life for people with ALS and their families, while advocating for increased support and advancing innovative research for new treatments and an end to ALS.  Vision: Together, we end ALS.
American Red Cross Connecticut Chapter	The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors, and partners, is always there in times of need. We aspire to turn compassion into action so that all people affected by disaster across the country and around the world receive care, shelter and hope; our communities are ready and prepared for disasters; everyone in our country has access to safe, lifesaving blood and blood products; all members of our armed services and their families find support and comfort whenever needed; and in an emergency, there are always trained individuals nearby, ready to use their Red Cross skills to save lives.
Anchor Health Initiative Corp	Anchor Health's mission is to embrace and promote the health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and gender-diverse individuals through compassionate, comprehensive, and science-based care in a safe, welcoming, and affirming space.  We envision a future where every LGBTQ+ individual has access to high-quality, inclusive, and gender-affirming healthcare, free from discrimination and systemic barriers. We strive to create a healthcare landscape that prioritizes equity, embraces diversity, and empowers individuals to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

ARTE Inc.	<p>ARTE is dedicated to promoting Latino, Art, Culture, &amp; Education. ARTE's programs are FREE and open to ALL youth and families. VISION: ARTE will stimulate the brains of young people to encounter themselves through leadership development, mentorship, cultural awareness, and arts exploration. ARTE will serve urban youth with programs that provide social-emotional development, team building, language, creative thinking, and healthy minds.</p> <p>ARTE's activities will deliver purposeful, supportive and meaningful learning experiences.</p>
Arts for Learning Connecticut	<p>Mission</p> <p>At Arts for Learning Connecticut, our mission is to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.</p> <p>Vision</p> <p>We envision a future in which all young people in Connecticut engage in quality arts learning in their schools and communities that nurtures creativity, promotes cultural awareness, and cultivates critical thinking and learning skills. We envision a future in which Arts for Learning CT and our artists, partners, and supporters work in strategic partnerships to reach shared goals for young people and our state.</p>
Believe In Me Corporation	<p>BIMEC is dedicated to improving the lives of youth, young adults, and their families. We work towards this mission through direct and indirect programming, providing housing, life skills, and counseling services for our program participants. The agency offers hope and opportunities through services that support our client base so that they may reach their full potential and become productive citizens. We envision a community where every individual, regardless of their past or circumstances, has the opportunity to rebuild their lives, find hope, and cultivate their potential for a brighter future. We strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters personal growth, strong connections, and stable pathways to improvement. We do this work leveraging first-hand knowledge of our community's needs. We believe that by lifting each other up, we build a stronger, more compassionate community where everyone has the chance to thrive.</p>
Beth-El Center, Inc.	<p>The Beth-El Center's mission is to extend dignity and respect to all individuals and families while connecting them to housing, food and services within their communities.</p> <p>Our vision is to create a community where everyone is home and all are fed.</p> <p>The Beth-El Center is a highly engaged, collaborative partner in the City of Milford and the 12 additional municipalities served including Guilford, Branford, North Branford, Northford, East Haven, New Haven, West Haven, Orange, Madison, Derby, Ansonia and Shelton. In all these communities, Beth-El Center serves as the service provider, assisting in homeless prevention, outreach and engagement, emergency shelter and food access throughout the 13 municipalities.</p> <p>Additionally, Beth-El Center is called upon to provide thought leadership, system development and strategic planning around homeless response for municipalities in the Center's service region and beyond. In addition to accommodations and services offered through Beth-El Center's six core programs, the Beth-El Center also provides a unique community of partnership and empowerment. This includes aligning with strategic service partners and leading several community impact initiatives</p>
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut, Inc.	<p>The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut (BBBSCT) is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.</p>

Capital for Change, Inc.	<p>Capital for Change provides community development capital and services that: create s and preserves affordable housing, expand housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, invests in job- and wealth-creating small businesses, and supports community-centered non-profit organizations; with an emphasis on equity, inclusiveness, and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Our Community Development Vision is that disinvested communities which have historically lacked access to capital, become vibrant, economically strong and environmentally sustainable with energy efficient affordable homes, thriving businesses and healthy community institutions that both reflect and respect racial equity and inclusivity.</p> <p>Our vision for ourselves is to be a trusted, reliable, and innovative community development partner offering capital solutions that respond to community needs which create and sustain lasting, positive impact and change in the communities we serve.</p>
cARTie	<p>cARTie strives to confront inequities in education and arts access for young children, emerging student-artists, and entire communities across Connecticut through its mobile art museum bus. One day, cARTie will ensure all 109,000+ PreK-2 students, 1,000s of emerging student-artists, and entire communities within the state will have equitable access to art museum-based learning and develop the critical and creative thinking dispositions so necessary to twenty-first century success.</p>
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA	<p>The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is a charitable, not-for-profit, community service organization dedicated to putting Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. The Y strengthens the foundations of communities and families through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility in twenty-four towns and cities in the Greater Bridgeport and New Haven areas. Additionally, programs and services are offered through YMCA Camp Hi-Rock located in Mount Washington, MA.</p>
Christian Community Action, Inc.	<p>Christian Community Action (CCA) is an ecumenical social service organization that began in 1967 by expressing faithful witness through providing help, housing and hope to families in need in New Haven. At the core of this mission is the belief that all families deserve to be treated as people, not as problems, with dignity and respect, which is an essential first step toward breaking the cycle of poverty.</p> <p>CCA began by offering services to individuals and heads of households that met their most fundamental and emergency needs. Today, CCA seeks to promote longer-term solutions for families that are homeless, at risk of homelessness and individuals in need. Its focus is on improving quality of life, creating opportunities to become more economically self-sufficient and increasing independence.</p>
CitySeed Inc.	<p>CitySeed's mission is to engage the community in growing an equitable, local food system that promotes economic development, community development and sustainable agriculture.</p>
CLICC Inc.	<p>Our mission: CLICC increases communication and strengthens relationships between incarcerated parents and their children.</p> <p>Our vision: <u>Deeper connections between parents and children, despite the barriers and effects of incarceration.</u></p>
Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic	<p>Our mission is to provide integrated services addressing mental, physical, and social determinants in order to improve health, resiliency, and quality of life for children, families, and communities. We serve as the safety net for children/families in the Greater New Haven area who cannot afford or gain access to private mental/behavioral health care. Our whole-family, trauma-informed, integrated model of care is designed to reduce chronic stress and build healthy and supportive connections.</p>
Columbus House, Inc.	<p>Columbus House serves people experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk by providing life-saving outreach, shelter, and housing, and by fostering their personal growth and independence. We advocate for and create affordable housing to end homelessness in our communities.</p>

Concepts for Adaptive Learning	<p>Our Mission To increase the knowledge and use of technology of youth and adults preparing them for success, in both school and career, and in a constantly changing digital society.</p> <p>Our Vision CfAL's vision is that ALL households should have access to the technology that will help them succeed in school and their career.</p> <p>Having a computer and access to the internet in the home for school and work is a necessity – not a luxury.</p> <p>CfAL's dream includes promoting digital equity and inclusion while empowering adults and youth with the knowledge and skills for success in both education and the workforce.</p>
ConnCORP, LLC	<p>Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program (ConnCORP), a minority controlled nonprofit, is focused on economic development in New Haven. ConnCorp was launched as the economic development arm of its parent nonprofit, Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT) with a mission to provide opportunities to New Haven's underserved residents. Our mission is to drive economic development and economic justice in impoverished communities by investing in local commercial and residential real estate, and minority-owned businesses. Our vision is to create a community where ALL citizens are thriving economically, and socially.</p> <p>Together with its nonprofit parent, ConnCAT, ConnCORP seeks to attract businesses to New Haven, and ultimately, catalyze and support a place-based impact investing ecosystem throughout the City of New Haven.</p>
Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)	<p>CAPA/Shubert Theatre-New Haven brings the world to our legendary stage, enriches lives, and creates community through our mission to:</p> <p>Preserve the legacy of the historic Shubert Theatre in New Haven as an icon of the American theatre by operating and evolving our theatre as a world-class performing arts center</p> <p>Present international, national, and local programming of the highest quality, featuring renowned artists from all cultures and embracing all genres of the performing arts and the diversity of our local culture and community</p> <p>Educate, inspire, and build new and diverse audiences by offering education and outreach programs which integrate the arts into our community and by providing affordable access to live performances at our theatre</p> <p>Strengthen our arts communities through advocacy, partnership, collaboration, and mutual support</p> <p>Invigorate the local economy through the programming we present, the audiences we attract, and our support of the businesses in our community</p> <p>Vision:</p> <p>As a world-class venue for the performing arts, the Shubert Theatre will be the center of a thriving regional cultural scene. Through its community outreach and collaborations, the Shubert will be a leader in making New Haven a national model for the importance of the arts in communities.</p>
Connecticut Fair Housing Center	<p>The mission of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center is to ensure that all people have equal access to housing opportunities in Connecticut, free from discrimination.</p>

Connecticut Foodshare	<p>Connecticut Foodshare, a member of the national Feeding America network, works to deliver a more informed and equitable response to hunger by mobilizing community partners, volunteers, and supporters throughout Connecticut.</p> <p>Connecticut Foodshare’s vision is a thriving community free of hunger. We achieve this goal by not only providing immediate food assistance to our neighbors in need, but also working towards long-term solutions to hunger. Our work centers around those experiencing food insecurity, who deserve to be treated as respected and worthy individuals, to ensure they receive safe and nutritious food.</p>
Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants	<p>The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc. (CIRI), is a 107-year-old statewide nonprofit organization that assists refugees and immigrants in resolving legal, economic, linguistic, and social barriers so that they become self-sufficient, integrated, and contributing members of the community. CIRI achieves this mission by providing a compassionate array of high-quality legal, social, and educational programming and by promoting cross-cultural understanding and decent treatment for all.</p>
Connecticut NAACP	<p>The CT NAACP’s mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color. The NAACP envisions an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.</p>
Connecticut Students for a Dream	<p>CT Students for a Dream (C4D) is the only undocumented youth-led statewide organization in CT that fights and builds power for the rights and dignity of immigrants and communities of color. We do this by organizing, empowering, and advocating with undocumented young people and those impacted by the immigration systems so that together we win lasting real change for our communities.</p>
Connecticut Veterans Legal Center	<p>Connecticut Veterans Legal Center’s mission is to empower, support, and improve the lives of Connecticut Veterans by providing free legal assistance to help them overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, income, and recovery.</p> <p>CVLC Vision Connecticut Veterans Legal Center’s vision is for all Connecticut Veterans to thrive and contribute to their communities with a sense of self-worth and dignity.</p>
Creative Arts Workshop Inc	<p>Creative Arts Workshop (CAW) is a nonprofit regional hub for creativity, serving the Greater New Haven area since 196 Our mission is to inspire, educate, and connect people through the transformative power of art, guided by the belief that to create freely is to live fully.</p> <p>Located in the heart of the Audubon Arts District, CAW is an anchor arts institution offering a wide range of visual arts classes in its own three-story building with fully equipped studios across eight disciplines. Each year, adults and young people participate in hundreds of classes and workshops, while thousands of visitors enjoy free exhibitions and public programs in our destination gallery. Through high-quality instruction, hands-on experiences, and a commitment to affordability, CAW empowers individuals of all ages and backgrounds to explore their creativity.</p>

D.E.S.T.I.N.E.D to Succeed	<p>Mission: At D.E.S.T.I.N.E.D. to Succeed, Inc., we foster an inclusive environment where students are motivated to pursue their aspirations in education, careers, and leadership. Through comprehensive empowerment programs, we nurture a passion for learning, critical thinking, and self-confidence. By collaborating with families, educators, and the community, we equip students to excel academically, socially, and personally, preparing them for success in a dynamic world.</p> <p>Vision: D.E.S.T.I.N.E.D. to Succeed, Inc. envisions a society where every student, regardless of background, thrives academically and personally. We aspire to a future where education flourishes unhindered by barriers, fueled by curiosity and steadfast support. Through our innovative initiatives, we empower students to embrace their potential, chase their dreams, and enrich their communities. Together, we shape a brighter, more equitable world for all.</p>
Discovering Amistad	Discovering Amistad's mission is to connect people of all ages with the Amistad Story, motivating them to act and work to change systems that perpetuate racism and to ensure human rights for all. Our schooner, The Amistad, is Connecticut's flagship and serves as a floating classroom to supplement our school-based curriculum and dockside programming. We use the lessons of the 1839 Amistad Uprising to engage communities in collective conversations that advance racial and social justice.
Elena's Light	<p>Our Mission is to help build brighter futures for refugee women and children.</p> <p>We envision a community that respects and celebrates diversity and provides equity of opportunity to all members.</p>
Elm City Montessori School	ECMS is deeply committed to realizing the inherent potential of all children. Students at ECMS develop within themselves the power to shape both their own lives and the world around them; they demonstrate creativity, adaptability, compassion, civic engagement and leadership in their communities. Guided by Maria Montessori's integrated vision of social reform fueled by service to the child, we believe that the purpose of education is to realize human potential, which enables transformative outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.
Ely Center of Contemporary Art	The Ely Center of Contemporary Art's mission is to foster creativity, community connections, and cultural enrichment in the City of New Haven.
EMERGE Connecticut Inc	Founded in 2011 in response to the Great Recession and the highest incarceration numbers in state history, EMERGE Connecticut™ is a nonprofit social enterprise that assists formerly incarcerated people to successfully integrate back into their communities. Today, EMERGE Connecticut™ continues to provide vital services in a time of heightened support for decarceration in Connecticut and has served hundreds of people returning home.
Everyday Democracy	Collective civic action is the core of our democracy and remains an underutilized lever for change. With more than three decades of experience nurturing community-led democratic engagement in communities across the country, we know that when communities practice democracy together, they thrive. We put the tools and resources for community building and problem-solving into the hands of those closest to local civic issues: everyday people. Our vision for a vibrant, multiracial democracy where all people have access, resources, and power to create thriving community starts with building civic power neighbor-to-neighbor.
Fair Haven Community Health Clinic	The Mission of Fair Haven Community Health Care is to enhance the health and well-being of the communities we serve by providing equitable, patient-centered care that is culturally responsive. We believe healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege, and we are committed to ensuring access for all, regardless of financial circumstances.

Fostering Family Hope	<p>Our Mission: From the moment children come into the foster care system to the time they reunite with biological families or are matched with adoptive homes, the goal of Fostering Family Hope is to help provide them with basic essentials and some extras, encourage the growth of positive relationships within the children's family circles, and offer ongoing emotional support for their families. We meet the needs of our local foster community through care bags, our Foster Closet storefront, special events, foster &amp; adoptive family support groups, and the upgrade and enrichment of family visitation areas throughout Connecticut.</p> <p>Our Vision: We envision a community which embraces the whole family circle, supports the physical and emotional needs of children in care and beyond, and in which every child feels firmly rooted in family and is empowered to know their worth.</p> <p>At Fostering Family Hope, we believe that there are never too many people who can love and support a child.</p>
Friends Center for Children	<p>Friends Center for Children is a multi-site New Haven based early childhood care and education provider for children ages three months to kindergarten age. Our year-round full time program offers a child-centered curriculum guided by the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equity, and stewardship. Our community of care includes skilled and dedicated educators, family co-op participation, and a comprehensive emotional well-being program. We are committed to ensuring that all families have access to high-quality early learning by offering income-based sliding-scale tuition and by developing initiatives to address systemic inequities.</p> <p>As a values-based program, Friends Center for Children strives to maintain best practices in early childhood education by nurturing the whole child and bringing together curriculum, teachers, parents and the larger community within a supportive, inspirational environment. We welcome and encourage the uniqueness of each individual who passes through our doors; they give depth to our program and broaden our reach. We seek to have a lasting and far-reaching positive impact on the crucial issues of early childhood education. Using a collaborative approach, we envision a time when all children are well-equipped to succeed and a culture that fosters acceptance of our common humanity. Through demonstrating our commitment to every child's potential, we are dedicated to affirming the Quaker principles upon which we are founded.</p>
Gaylord Hospital, Inc.	<p>The mission of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare is to enhance health, maximize function, and transform lives. Since 1902, Gaylord has pursued its organizational values of clinical excellence, compassion, integrity, respect, accountability, and a commitment to safety. Our vision is to become a nationally-recognized leader in optimizing patient outcomes in rehabilitative, regenerative, and complex medical care.</p>
Girl Scouts of Connecticut Inc.	<p>Girl Scouts of Connecticut builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.</p> <p>Guiding the organization's work is a vision that, through participation in Girl Scouts of Connecticut, youth will develop the skills to thrive in a diverse, interconnected world.</p>
Governor's Partnership to Protect CT's Workforce d/b/a The Governor's Prevention Partnership	<p>Our Mission</p> <p>The Governor's Prevention Partnership (GPP) builds statewide capacity to prevent underage drinking and substance use and builds strategic alliances to promote the overall well-being of Connecticut's future workforce.</p> <p>Our Vision</p> <p>Young people across the State of Connecticut will be thriving in their families, schools, communities, and personal lives as a result of prevention strategies, interventions, and public policies that reduce risks and promote positive outcomes.</p>

Greater Dwight Development Corporation, Inc	<p>GDDC's primary mission is to undertake activities to enhance the social and economic wellbeing of Greater Dwight residents including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creating, refining and implementing the Dwight Neighborhood Plan</li> <li>2. Promoting job training and recruitment</li> <li>3. Increasing access to educational, recreational, child development and family support activities</li> <li>4. Revitalizing local housing through assistance to homeowners and providing affordable housing to low and moderate income persons</li> <li>5. Encouraging economic development through the expansion of existing business, attracting new businesses and developing microenterprises and small businesses</li> <li>6. Developing community beautification projects</li> <li>7. Enhancing the security of neighborhood residents</li> </ol>
Guiding Eyes for the Blind	<p>Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides professionally trained guide dogs to people with vision loss for greater independence and an enhanced quality of life. We've created meaningful connections between people with vision loss and exceptional dogs since 1954, graduating 10,000+ handler-guide dog teams. We graduate 150 new teams annually and serve nearly 1,000 active graduate teams at any given time. Our school is known worldwide as a center of excellence with a spirit of innovation. We are an accredited member of the International Guide Dog Federation - the organization that sets global standards for the breeding and training of guide dogs. We provide all services, programs, and follow-up support at no cost to our recipients.</p>
Guilford Art Center	<p>The Guilford Art Center inspires and promotes community participation in the visual arts through education, exhibitions, and events.</p> <p>Purpose statement: Guilford Art Center is a comprehensive and inclusive community environment for arts education and appreciation, providing:</p> <p>Classes in the visual arts  Gallery exhibitions of contemporary art, with a focus on American art  A shop of unique works by local and nationally recognized artists  Events for the community that creatively engage and inspire</p> <p>GAC believes the transformative power of art can catalyze societal change, strengthen our community, and inspire the development of individual skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and mindfulness through:</p> <p>Public participation in the arts  Preservation of craft traditions  Providing a supportive and inclusive environment for individual enrichment and communal learning  Encouraging innovation  Supporting the work and livelihood of American artists</p>
Haven's Harvest	<p>Our mission is to build community and reduce food waste, one food rescue at a time. <b>**Haven's Harvest Vision Statement**</b></p> <p>Haven's Harvest envisions a world where food is valued as a shared resource, not wasted. We strive to build a just and resilient food system that nourishes communities, reduces environmental harm, and strengthens local economies. By fostering partnerships, embracing innovation, and expanding food recovery efforts, we create a future where everyone has access to fresh, nutritious food while reducing waste and promoting sustainability.</p>

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	<p>The mission of High Hopes is to foster a vibrant community where horse and human interactions improve lives, and it comes to life daily through the shared and unspoken connection between a participant and their equine partner. Our vision is a future where our equine-assisted services transform and enrich the lives of participants and volunteers, promoting a more engaged, resilient, and fulfilled life. We strive to provide a supportive environment where individuals experience physical, emotional, and cognitive growth, as well as freedom, mobility, and accomplishment. Through these experiences, participants gain independence and build self-esteem. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring our programs are accessible to everyone who might benefit, regardless of financial means.</p>
HT CT dba Hang Time	<p>Hang Time’s mission is to reduce violence in Connecticut communities and recidivism among returning citizens through individual empowerment, community engagement, and building connections. Hang Time envisions a future where every returning citizen in Connecticut thrives in a safe, supportive community free from violence, leading to a society where the cycle of incarceration is broken, and public safety is enhanced through empowerment, inclusion, and systemic change.</p> <p>Prior to incorporating as HT CT dba Hang Time in 2024, we operated under Career Resources, Inc. as our fiscal sponsor. Since 2014, Hang Time and Her Time have provided continuous, consistent programming, including in New Haven since 2019. Our transition to an independent 501(c)(3) strengthens our sustainability and impact.</p> <p>Hang Time is a grassroots social justice program founded in 2014 by former law enforcement professional and community activist Charlie Grady. It provides holistic community support and social service navigation to returning citizens and their families. Operating in Bridgeport, New Haven, Stamford, and Waterbury, Hang Time and its sister program, Her Time—an affinity group exclusively for justice-impacted women—provides participants with a safe and respectful space to openly discuss their experiences and challenges with similarly situated individuals, share insights, and collaboratively problem-solve. Designed to empower returning citizens to create pathways to successful reintegration, reduce recidivism, and promote public safety, Hang Time collaborates with local police departments, strategic partners, and community stakeholders to serve men and women aged 18 or older who have been incarcerated in Connecticut’s criminal justice system and are reentering their communities.</p> <p>To thwart the cycle of violence and incarceration, the Hang Time and Her Time programs are community meetings that facilitate valuable connections through group-based peer support and resource sharing. By hiring peers from the community—individuals reflective of the population served and with criminal justice involvement—the lived experiences of Hang Time and Her Time program managers are instrumental in program development and implementation. Attendance is voluntary and participation is self-driven; while other programs are available for limited periods upon reentry, Hang Time and Her Time remain accessible at any point after participants’ return. To further strengthen the Hang Time/Her Time community, we also offer educational trips for participants several times a year, known as “Hang Time Mobile.”</p> <p>Moreover, Hang Time’s CT Hall of Change is the nation’s first program that memorializes the deeds of formerly incarcerated individuals who make significant contributions to their communities. The Hall of Change is a permanent display of the lives and legacies of these individuals, serving as a source of inspiration and education for the community.</p>
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven	<p>Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS) supports and strengthens individual, family, and community life by providing a wide range of social services. We welcome people of all ages, abilities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and faiths. JFS is guided by the compassionate and ethical values of Judaism.</p>

Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc.	<p>Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc. (JASWNE)'s mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Our corporate and community volunteers deliver relevant, hands-on experiences that teach K-12 students the basics of financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. JASWNE programs empower students to make a connection between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the real world and give them strong foundational skills with the confidence to make their dreams a reality.</p> <p>Our vision statement reads "To ensure that every student in Connecticut is inspired and empowered to take responsibility for their personal finances, explore their career hopes and dreams, and experience the power of entrepreneurship, thus becoming key contributors to the State's, Nation's and Global economic growth and vitality."</p>
Junta for Progressive Action, Inc.	<p>Junta for Progressive Action, a majority Hispanic-led organization based in New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood, works in collaboration with Hispanic and immigrant communities to eliminate socioeconomic barriers and advance social, economic, and civic well-being. Through a whole-person approach to service, we provide direct support and educational tools that foster individual and community transformation—while preserving and celebrating the richness of Hispanic cultural traditions.</p>
Leeway	<p>Leeway is dedicated to maximizing the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring conditions in the Greater New Haven community and beyond. This is achieved through innovative inpatient and outpatient healthcare initiatives, housing, and comprehensive case management.</p>
Liberty Community Services, Inc.	<p>Since 1987, Liberty Community Services has been a cornerstone of support in New Haven, initially established as the Connecticut AIDS Residence Program ("CARP") with a primary focus on providing housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. As our organization evolved through the 1990s, we expanded our mission to encompass a broader spectrum of individuals facing challenges, including those with mental health issues, substance use disorders, and other chronic health conditions.</p> <p>Today, our comprehensive continuum of housing and support services reaches over 2,000 households annually, spanning three key areas: housing, health, and income. With a steadfast commitment to sustainability and empowerment, Liberty serves over 350 individuals in our housing programs alone, boasting an impressive retention rate exceeding 90%.</p> <p>Our multifaceted approach is grounded in the belief that everyone deserves access to stable housing and the resources necessary for long-term success. By providing sustainable housing opportunities, employment support, and holistic services, we strive to cultivate a community where every individual can thrive and contribute to the collective strength of our society.</p> <p>o Over 2,000 people served annually across our housing services continuum.</p> <p>o After 18 months, +90% of our clients in one of our permanent supportive housing programs - remain in housing and receive active supportive services that focus on linking them to community services.</p> <p>Our homeless and housing services includes three primary program lines: Housing &amp; Supportive Services, Prevention and Diversion Services, and Outreach &amp; Engagement Services. All of our housing programs provide affordable rent (~30% of an individual's income) and wrap around individualized case management. We provide both congregate Permanent Supportive Housing (at Cannon House and Safe Haven), and scattered site PSH, all of these offer on-site support services rooted in the Housing First and Harm Reduction model of care. Other critical community based services related to outreach, engagement, diversion and prevention – these include: Homelessness Prevention/Rental Startup/Diversion support: providing emergency funds to maintain housing, prevent eviction, and also provides security deposits; Rapid Rehousing: provides Rapid Rehousing with short-term rental assistance and case management; Safe Haven Next Step program – located at our Safe Haven facility, this outreach and engagement program includes lunch, showers, laundry, medical care, and more for people who are in shelter / unsheltered and need a place during the day and Liberty's Next Step Program provides social services</p>

<p>Local Initiatives Support Corporation</p>	<p>At LISC, our mission is to work together with residents and partners to forge resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America—places where people can live, work, visit, do business, and raise families.</p> <p>Who We Are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Investor: We provide access to capital through direct investments and leverage the multiplier effects they generate, ensuring that resources reach communities where they are most needed.</li> <li>•Connector: We bring together partners, resources, and expertise to advance community-driven priorities and foster collaboration.</li> <li>•Innovator: We design and implement creative solutions to address systemic challenges and drive lasting change.</li> </ul> <p>What We Bring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Local Expertise &amp; Partner Network: LISC maintains a deep local presence and has built a strong network of relationships, allowing us to deliver impactful, place-based solutions that reflect community needs.</li> <li>•National Scale: As a nationally recognized leader in community development, we implement scalable strategies that replicate solutions and foster ecosystem-level impact at both the local and national levels.</li> <li>• Financial Inclusion: With decades of experience, LISC provides ‘but for’ capital—funding that would not otherwise be available—while also serving as a bridge to traditional capital for communities and organizations working to build wealth and economic stability.</li> </ul> <p>Through this approach, LISC strengthens communities, businesses, and institutions, ensuring that historically underinvested places have the tools and resources they need to thrive for generations to come.📍</p> <p>LISC has operated in Connecticut for more than 40 years, and we have deep and broad relationships in Greater New Haven. Our vision is for transformation of urban neighborhoods, expanding opportunities for affordable housing in suburban communities that have not always been welcoming; strengthening the affordable housing and community development ecosystem (including a workforce that reflects the communities served); and integrating LISC’s work on affordable housing development, nonprofit capacity-building; community empowerment; income and wealth building, and childcare.</p>
<p>MakeHaven</p>	<p>Mission: Equip people with tools to design, invent, and create.</p> <p>Vision: The New Haven area is enriched by creativity and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Guiding Principles:</p> <p>Community - We practice collaboration and knowledge-sharing as keys to success.</p> <p>Inclusion - We recognize that our community is stronger when everyone is involved and represented.</p> <p>Optimism - We celebrate one another’s successes and embrace setbacks as part of the process of creation.</p> <p>Creativity - We are driven to dream, to invent, and to bring new ideas to reality.</p> <p>Discovery - We believe growth and fulfillment happen through exploration.</p>

Massaro Community Farm	<p>Massaro Community Farm envisions a world where everyone has access to fresh, local, healthy, affordable food, where communities feel connected to the land and each other, and where hands-on engagement helps individuals build a healthier future for themselves and for the planet.</p> <p>The mission of Massaro Community Farm is to provide fresh, nutritious food from our farm to the community, ensuring it is accessible to all, and to create a place where the community can come together for learning, inspiration, and fun. Put simply, our mission is: keep farming, feed people, build community. We fulfill this mission by maintaining a working farm, growing a wide variety of produce using organic, regenerative methods, and offering it to the community through seasonal CSA subscriptions, farmers markets, restaurants, and by donation to local health, human service and hunger relief agencies. We further fulfill our mission by offering engaging, farm-based education programs for youth and adults, and hosting community-building events on and off the farm throughout the year.</p>
Mercy Center at Madison	<p>Mission Statement: Mercy by the Sea Retreat and Conference Center welcomes all to a sacred space for spiritual, personal, and professional renewal and growth.</p> <p>Vision Statement: The world will be a more just and compassionate place where the Sacred is honored in self, others, and all Creation.</p>
Moving With Health Oriented Physical Education, Inc.	<p>Our mission is to provide affordable, year-round rehabilitation for survivors of stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury, and other neurological conditions, empowering them to regain strength, mobility, and independence.</p> <p>We offer a year-round remedial physical rehabilitation program for individuals with moderate to severe neurological conditions. Clients participate in evidence-based, activity-based restorative therapies that promote independence at home and in the community. Services include physical and occupational therapy, clinical exercise, cognitive and behavioral therapy, adaptive yoga, fall prevention, life skills, and peer support. We currently have sites in Shelton and North Haven.</p> <p>In 2025, we are expanding services in Shelton, launching Small-Group Life Skills Programs for individuals living with neurological, developmental, and/or behavioral disabilities. These programs will teach communication, social, health, and vocational skills to help clients live more independently and engage with their communities.</p>
Mutual Housing Association of SC CT	To strengthen neighborhoods by developing quality, affordable homes and supporting community building initiatives.
New Haven Ballet	New Haven Ballet's mission is to provide the greater New Haven Community with exceptional classical ballet training, performances and outreach programs, that nurture appreciation of ballet and foster the joy of dance. NHB's vision is to thrive as a professional-caliber ballet school that offers superior dance training and performance opportunities to diverse students throughout the community at every level of ability through various dance forms while engaging everyone who wishes to experience the art of dance.
New Haven Reads	<p>Mission: Founded to share the joy and power of reading, New Haven Reads partners with the community to provide free one-on-one tutoring, educational family support, and a book bank to empower aspiring readers to master the literacy skills needed to thrive in school and life.</p> <p>Vision: Working together to create a more just community, where all children can achieve lifelong success through the power of reading.</p>

New Haven Symphony Orchestra	<p><b>Mission</b></p> <p>The New Haven Symphony Orchestra (NHSO) enriches Connecticut’s cultural landscape through exceptional performances and education programs that are accessible to everyone. We inspire deeper audience engagement and meaningful educational collaborations across the region through innovative and relevant programming. Commitments to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) connect the Symphony with the richly diverse communities we serve.</p> <p><b>Vision</b></p> <p>Our vision is to inspire, delight, challenge, and connect diverse audiences and communities through the power of live music. This is achieved through the presentation of concert and education programs which include Classics and Pops Series Concerts, free Community Concerts, free Family Concerts, free Young People’s Concerts, and robust music education programs that increase arts learning and access. NHSO regularly reaches residents from 120 Connecticut towns, holds partnerships with 42 school districts, and collaborates with numerous local organizations. Free concert tickets are available for all children, Blue Star families, and constituents who experience blindness, low vision, or dyslexia.</p>
NXTHVN Inc	<p>NXTHVN’s mission is to create groundbreaking educational and professional opportunities; and deliver resources, knowledge and capital to underrepresented artists, curators and the surrounding Dixwell community. Our vision is to position New Haven, CT as an epicenter for transformative art and entrepreneurship by facilitating meaningful exchange between creators, arts professionals and community members who use the arts and innovative ideas to create a more equitable world.</p>
Pro Bono Partnership	<p>Pro Bono Partnership provides business and transactional legal services to nonprofit organizations serving the disadvantaged or enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. Substantially leveraging the impact of its in-house legal staff, the Partnership annually recruits and mobilizes hundreds of attorneys from major corporations and law firms to donate their time and expertise on behalf of its nonprofit clients, enhancing their ability to improve conditions in their communities.</p> <p>Since its founding in 1997, the Partnership has assisted over 4,000 nonprofits in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York on more than 25,000 legal matters, enabling them to more effectively feed the hungry, house the homeless, promote the arts, protect the environment, and provide essential programs to children, the elderly, immigrants, individuals with disabilities, and the unemployed.</p>
Save the Sound	<p>The mission of Save the Sound is to protect and improve the land, air, and water of the Long Island Sound region. We use legal and scientific expertise to bring people together and achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.</p> <p>Our vision is of a Connecticut and New York where the vitality of nature will be protected for people and wildlife, now and for many decades to come. A region in which citizens from all walks of life can unite in transforming struggling habitats, polluted waters, endangered wildlife, and a threatened planet into resilient, healthy, vibrant, and inspiring places that sustain communities.</p>
She Leads Justice	<p><b>OUR MISSION</b></p> <p>Using a justice and equity lens, She Leads Justice advocates for under-resourced, marginalized women in Connecticut. We work to close the civil legal justice gap and to create state policy for economic security.</p> <p>Our work supports women who identify as cisgender and transgender, and non-binary individuals, as well as people of all marginalized gender identities systemically and historically oppressed by those in power.</p>

Shoreline Greenway Trail, Inc	<p>The Shoreline Greenway Trail is a project to build a trail and connect communities in a 30-mile corridor from New Haven to Madison, for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized accessibility between and within those towns. Additionally, we enable community members to utilize these trails through programs that inform, educate, and activate participation with this wonderful resource. Shoreline Greenway Trail (SGT), as a nonprofit organization, is a primary advocate for the effort. SGT works with local citizens and businesses, governments and other advocates to promote trails and pedestrian infrastructure. We advocate for walkers, runners and joggers, cyclists, wheelchair users, and all who move without motorized vehicles. In our programs and advocacy, we strive to ensure safe, convenient access to scenic shoreline spots and other key destinations in New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Guilford, Madison and Clinton.</p>
Student Loan Fund	<p><b>Student Loan Fund Vision</b> We envision a world where education is accessible to all, empowering individuals to pursue their passions, achieve their full potential, and contribute meaningfully to society without the burden of student debt.</p> <p><b>Student Loan Fund Mission</b> Student Loan Fund Inc. is a borrower led organization committed to achieving collective liberation by dismantling predatory systems of student debt. These systems disproportionately harm people of color and first-generation students. We are working to cancel student debt and secure free public college for all. We strive to create a more equitable and just future for our communities by building relationships and power.</p>
Sunrise Cafe New Haven	<p>The mission of Sunrise Cafe is to develop and nurture deep connections – connections among guests, between guests and volunteers and between guests and the community. Sunrise provides a safe space for New Haven’s food insecure and unhoused to rest, have conversations and prepare for the day’s challenges with a full stomach. Sunrise’s free nutritious breakfast is served to all with warmth, friendship, compassion, kindness, dignity, support and respect. For many guests, the Cafe is also the entry point for housing, mental and physical health, and job placement services provided at the Cafe by partner organizations.</p>
Sustainable CT	<p>Sustainable CT's mission: To foster inclusive, resilient, and vibrant Connecticut municipalities that provide opportunities for all to thrive by: providing a menu of sustainability actions that build local economies, support equity, and respect the finite capacity of the environment; offering technical assistance to help advance sustainability initiatives; and recognizing and certifying municipalities for their achievements.</p> <p>Vision statement: Sustainable CT strives to be inclusive, innovative, and collaborative. We are committed to equity, and to creating communities where all are welcome and have the opportunity to thrive. We recognize the natural environment as the foundation for the health and well-being of all people and the strength of the local economy.</p>
The Glendower Group	<p><b>Our Mission:</b> To make a positive difference in the lives of residents of the City of New Haven through the development and operation of affordable communities of choice and by providing opportunities for greater self-sufficiency.</p> <p><b>Our Vision:</b> We envision a New Haven where every resident has a quality home that they can afford in communities of their choice and opportunities to fulfill their goals.</p>

The Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs Inc.	<p>The mission of our YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.</p> <p>Our YMCA is dedicated to being a key resource for and partner with our communities. We aspire to be a leader in providing diverse programs and services that promote good character and healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>The YMCA is committed to building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.</p>
Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer	<p>For over 70 years, the Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer has supported childhood cancer patients and their families receiving care at the Tommy Fund Pediatric Hematology Center, Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale New Haven, and its affiliated locations. The Tommy Fund provides financial, emotional, and medical support to its patients and families, so families can focus on what is most important- the care of their child. Since 1953, the Tommy Fund has worked to improve the lives of these children and remain a steadfast source of support during an unexpected cancer diagnosis, treatment, and remission, when support is needed the most. The mission of the Tommy Fund extends to funding cancer research initiatives and organizing community events to foster camaraderie among pediatric patients and their families. A beacon of hope and healing, the Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer envisions a future where every child who receives care at the Tommy Fund Pediatric Hematology &amp; Oncology Center and its affiliates, battles cancer with unwavering courage, supported by comprehensive care, groundbreaking research, and boundless compassion. We are committed to this work until there's a cure.</p>
Towers Foundation	<p>Mission of organization:</p> <p>Throughout our 50 years in the field, we've always been at the forefront as innovators. We remain rooted in our traditions and Jewish values while embracing an enterprising spirit. As a 'center of excellence' and as an essential community partner, our doors are always open. We foster respect for all and lead every day with competence, compassion and commitment. We believe that "Aging in Community" is the way for seniors to continue growing and living their best lives.</p> <p>Our Mission:</p> <p>We are a warm and vibrant senior community—infused with Jewish values—where people live their best lives.</p> <p>Our Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We are an inclusive community, fostering respect for all.</li> <li>•We are committed to compassionately putting the person before the task and to connecting genuinely with one another.</li> <li>•We explore and embrace the most innovative ways to help people continue growing, learning and celebrating life.</li> <li>•We lead with quite competence, serving one another with care, strength and humility.</li> </ul> <p>Our Vision:</p> <p>We will be a center of excellence focused around seniors and based in Jewish values, always innovating ways for people to continue growing and connecting within and beyond our walls.</p>
TriCircle	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>TriCircle is an organization that provides resources for individuals, families, and communities affected by the disease of addiction. Through education and community engagement, it is dedicated to providing the tools that build strong futures.</p> <p>Vision Statement</p> <p>TriCircle envisions that all people seeking recovery be given inspiration, skills, and opportunities within a safe, stigma free environment supporting substance free, long- term wellness.</p>

<p>United Way of Greater New Haven</p>	<p>United Way of Greater New Haven Mission We bring people and organizations together to create solutions to Greater New Haven's most pressing challenges in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability, grounded in racial and social justice.</p> <p>United Way of Greater New Haven Vision Greater New Haven is a place where all children are nurtured, all families are thriving, and all community members have opportunities to reach their full potential.</p>
<p>Urban Community Alliance</p>	<p>Urban Community Alliance (UCA) is a vital familial welfare agency that employs a holistic approach to improving developmental outcomes for individuals and families. Through the integration of natural supports and resources, UCA fosters self-reliance, enabling individuals to advocate for themselves and actively engage in the reform of systems that impact their lives.</p> <p>UCA is dedicated to empowering families of color from economically disadvantaged and marginalized communities in New Haven. Our mission is to foster healthy family attachments while promoting physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being.</p> <p>Central to this mission are three guiding principles: Supporting self-reliance: UCA empowers individuals to recognize and harness their strengths and agency, facilitating their journey towards self-sufficiency. Nurturing healthy families: By integrating various avenues of support within families and fostering a sense of community, UCA aims to cultivate environments conducive to familial well-being and resilience. Bolstering civic engagement: UCA endeavors to equip individuals with resources and support, enabling them to advocate for themselves and actively participate in shaping their communities.</p> <p>VISION UCA envisions a future where every family, irrespective of background or circumstance, is supported, self-sufficient, and thriving, contributing positively to the fabric of their communities.</p>
<p>Women and Family Life Center</p>	<p>Women and Family Life Center (W&amp;FLC) supports and empowers women and all families during challenging life transitions. We envision communities where women and all families are free from violence and harassment, are economically and emotionally secure, and have access to equitable opportunities. Our Center offers women and families access to a strong network of support, education, and community to make life transitions a time of positive change during a time of isolation, fear, and financial distress.</p>

<p>Women's Business Development Council</p>	<p>The Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) was founded in 1997 as a 501(c)(3) organization to address the absence of programming targeting the unique obstacles women face in the workforce and as aspiring and established business owners. Our mission is to support the economic prosperity of women and strengthen communities through entrepreneurial and financial education services that create and grow sustainable jobs and businesses across the state of Connecticut.</p> <p>WBDC serves all 169 towns and cities in the state from five program sites in Stamford, New Haven, New London, Hartford, and Waterbury. Our services help entrepreneurs at all stages of development to define their goals, assess their learning and skills development needs, and receive tailored support including: one-to-one business advising, mentorship, education / training, and technical and financial assistance through our grant programs. WBDC believes that when determination, education, and preparation come together that opportunities are created, ideas are ignited, and economies are expanded.</p> <p>To date, WBDC has served over 20,000 women—helping them launch and scale more than 15,000 businesses, create and maintain nearly 40,000 jobs in the state, and access nearly \$80M in capital.</p>
<p>WPKN-FM,89.5</p>	<p>Our Mission, at WPKN independent community radio station, is to strengthen and enrich our community through programming that is provocative, innovative, and free from commercial influence and promotes diversity.</p> <p>The vision of WPKN is to create a sustainable ecosystem, build a community of loyal and growing audiences, and an engaged and educated citizenry by providing the highest quality of free-form programming unavailable in most regional media that covers local news, wellness, public service, and occupational opportunities in addition to multi-cultural arts, music, and theatre that support free speech, diversity, and the interests of the local and global communities in CT.</p>
<p>Youth Continuum, Inc.</p>	<p>The mission of Youth Continuum is to prevent and address youth homelessness.</p> <p>Our vision is for a community which works together collaboratively to ensure the health, wellness and full integration of all people so every young person has an equal opportunity to be successful, productive and fulfilled. All youth should have the supports needed to overcome difficult circumstances, trauma, discrimination and bias, and in doing so will result in a healthier, more diverse and enriched community, which will support similar values in future generations.</p>