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Hartford Greater Together Community Fund Announces New Awardees

Hartford, CT (March 27, 2023) - The Hartford Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded grants to nine community organizations to address pressing needs of the city.

Grants ranged from \$1,200 to \$5,000 and totaled \$26,450. Eligible organizations must be based in Hartford.

The purpose of the Hartford Foundation's community funds is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement, and to anchor the Foundation in each town. In 2020, the Hartford Community Fund Advisory Committee was formed.

The Advisory Committee seeks to award grants to nonprofits with an operating budget of \$1 million or less in an effort to further their missions and support their community-based projects that provide direct services to Hartford's residents.

"We are thrilled to announce our latest round of awardees, each of whom represent organizations addressing critical needs for Hartford's citizens," says Lara Langer, Chair of the Advisory Committee. "We are proud to support services that directly impact the quality of life for city residents, both children and adults. The Advisory Committee is committed to highlighting the dedication and good works of Hartford's nonprofits."

Awardees are:

- Literacy Volunteers, \$5,000, 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, \$4,500, to stage a series of wellness popups offering vaccinations, dental screenings, pharmacy, nursing, yoga, drumming, and activities for kids.
- Theta Alpha Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, \$3,000, to offer baby showers geared to improving pregnancy outcomes in high-risk communities.

- Catholic Charities, \$3,000, for its Bundle Up Project, which supplies warm clothing to families in need at McDonough School.
- Active City, \$2,500, to expand its annual basketball showcase. Active City sponsors Hoop Wave and a Summer Basketball Clinic that provides coaching and mentorship for student athletes ages 10-18. During summer clinics, student athletes are focused on building their skills and preparing for the annual showcase games.
- Hartford's Proud Drill Drum and Dance Corporation, \$2,500, to purchase equipment for a new studio / practice space.
- Hartford Police Activities League of Hartford, \$2,500, to support PAL's various sports programs, recreation center, and academic tutoring.
- Act Up Theater, \$2,250, to sponsor 50 youth and their families to attend a production of Ebony Annie, a community theater experience in North Hartford.
- West Indian Independence Celebration, \$1,2000, to help fund a tuition free costume workshop for 30 youths in Hartford.

Previously, the fund made grants to 13 community organizations. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 and supported projects that addressed food insecurity, education, housing, health care, child care or criminal justice.

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