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Video Replay: An Evening with President Barack Obama

In honor of our centennial year, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving sponsored a special **Connecticut Forum** event last week at the Bushnell: **An Evening with President Barack Obama**.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on June 17 for this event. We hope you enjoyed the conversation between President Obama and Dr. Heather Cox Richardson.

[The full recording of the event is now available on the Connecticut Forum YouTube page.](#)

[Read about the event:](#)

- [Former President Obama touts American democracy to sold-out](#)

crowd in Hartford (*Hartford Courant*)

- Obama, in rare public remarks, steps lightly in Hartford (CT Mirror)
- In CT, Obama decries autocracy, weak democracy, false claims — but not by name (CT Insider)
- Hartford welcomes Former President Obama in sold-out discussion (WTNH)
- Obama, back in public eye, offers a careful warning of a democratic slide (*NY Times*)



Read Our 2024 Annual Report

In our 2024 Annual Report, we celebrate the enduring impact of our donors and the meaningful change they create in Greater Hartford. This report honors the individuals, families, and organizations who opened new funds last year. Read the stories of how these funds and the people behind them are contributing to a better region. It's the generosity of our donors — from 1925 until today — that allows the Hartford Foundation to support our region's most vulnerable residents, increase equity, and build a future where we can all thrive.

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Video: A Tribute to Hartford Artist Tao LaBossiere

A beloved member of the local arts community, Tao LaBossiere created some of Hartford's most memorable works, including *The Oneness of Being in Still Waters* on Asylum St. (pictured above), the Bear's BBQ mural on Arch St., the Oak Throne in Bushnell Park, and more. When Tao passed away suddenly last year, his wife Amy took action to honor his legacy, establishing the **Tao LaBossiere Artist Fund** at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to uplift and support other local artists. This video, titled "[A Tribute to Hartford Artist Tao LaBossiere](#)," which appears in our Annual Report, reflects on Tao's work and legacy.



100 Influencers of Greater Hartford: Curtis Rodriguez-Porter

Curtis Rodriguez-Porter is an educational leader with a deep passion for community and family engagement. He currently serves as Managing Director of the School Choice Division and the Hartford Region Open Choice Program at the Capital Region Education Council (CREC). In addition, Curtis chairs the City of Hartford's LGBTQ+ Commission, where he organizes community events and leads conversations to raise awareness and visibility for Hartford's LGBTQIA+ community.

"To be seen and heard, and to advocate for justice, is not just a responsibility — it's a necessity," Curtis says.

To celebrate the Hartford Foundation's 100th Anniversary, we are sharing 100 Influencers of Greater Hartford on our social media channels throughout the rest of 2025. Follow us on social for more!

The Hartford Foundation is proud to celebrate Pride Month.



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