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

Hartford, CT (December 13, 2021) - The Hartford Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving completed its second round of grants in November, having awarded five community organizations to address pressing needs of the city.

Grants ranged from \$500 to \$4,000 and totaled \$11,000. Eligible organizations must be based in Hartford and submit a proposal in one of three categories: health care, childcare, or criminal justice.

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 selected.

The Advisory Committee has sought to award grants to nonprofits with an operating budget of \$1 million or less 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 children and adults who need assistance with access to health care and childcare services. The Advisory Committee is committed to highlighting the dedication and good works of Hartford's nonprofits."

Awardees are:

### **Health Care**

**[Hartford Health Initiative](#)**, \$4,000, to support its Care Coordination Network, which connects residents in North Hartford to preventative care such as primary and dental care. Service is provided through a network of community health services. The program includes recruitment, intake, coordination of care and follow-up.

## **Childcare**

**The Hartford Catholic Worker**, \$4,000, for its weekend backpack program. This program provides children with adequate food and good nutrition outside of school days; on Fridays, the program offers children backpacks filled with food.

**Lawyers For Children America**, \$2,000, to support its work to reduce abuse and neglect of children in Hartford. Lawyers for Children America recruits volunteer lawyers to provide pro bono services on behalf of these children. The funds will go to help service a caseload of 200 children in Hartford, making it possible for them to live in a safe, nurturing environment.

**Active City**, \$500, to support Active City's sports programs for Hartford youth, such as Saturday Hoopsters, Hartford Soccer League and Jumpstart Spring Sports, providing childcare assistance for busy families and youth-oriented positive physical outlets.

## **Criminal Justice**

**The RiseUp Group, Inc.**, \$500, to help cover the costs for the creation an "Anti-Violence Mural." The RiseUp Group, Inc is partnering with Posh Paint's "Art from the Heart" youth program. Fifteen youth from the program will participate to create a large-scale public art mural.

In July, the fund made its inaugural grants to eight community organizations. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 and supported projects that addressed food insecurity, education, or housing.

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](mailto:hartfordgreater2gether@gmail.com).