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Repairing Homes, Revitalizing Neighborhoods in Hartford

Rebuilding Together Hartford, founded in 1994, is a nonprofit that offers home renovations and repairs for low-income homeowners. In 2023, the Hartford Foundation awarded a **\$150,000 grant** to support their Critical Home Repair program. This program focuses on emergency needs such as wheelchair ramps, shower grab bars, heat and hot water access, and other updates that allow residents to age safely and comfortably in their homes.

Not only are these repairs critical to a homeowner's livelihood, but they also serve a broader purpose of revitalizing neighborhoods, reducing blight, increasing social cohesion, and promoting intergenerational wealth. Supporting this work helps advance the Foundation's goal of increasing the number of **Higher Opportunity Neighborhoods** in Hartford.

On the last Saturday of every April, inspired by America's barn-raising tradition, volunteers come together in cities across the country for **National Rebuilding Day**. This year, led by Rebuilding Together Hartford, local volunteers worked on 13 houses in Hartford's Blue Hills neighborhood,

assisting with home repairs, cleanups, landscaping, construction projects, and more.

We joined Rebuilding Together Hartford staff and volunteers on National Rebuilding Day for a fun and inspiring day of home repairs. Homeowners told us about the challenges they faced, and how this assistance changed their lives and renewed their faith in our community.

Watch our video to see more:

Rebuilding Together Hartford: Repairing Homes, Rebuilding Lives



LGBTQIA+ RESIDENT WELLBEING IN GREATER HARTFORD

Results from Stakeholder Interviews and a
Scoping Review of Publicly Available Data

June 2024

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DataHaven and Hartford Foundation Launch LGBTQIA+ Resident Wellbeing Report

DataHaven and the Hartford Foundation have partnered to release **LGBTQIA+ Resident Wellbeing in Greater Hartford**, a first-of-its-kind report that helps illuminate quality of life issues for our region's LGBTQIA+ community. This report comes at a time when an increasing number of people are identifying as LGBTQIA+ in Connecticut.

"The combination of qualitative and quantitative data in this report highlights a rich story of a resilient and passionate community of LGBTQIA+ people and resources in Greater Hartford," said Shannon Carter, a DataHaven Research Associate and lead author of the study. "As indicated by the data, this community has unique barriers to housing, healthcare, and employment due to structural stigma and interpersonal bias."

It is our hope that this information will aid organizations and funders in better directing resources to meet the needs of this community.

[Learn more about the report and its key findings.](#)

From CTNewsJunkie:

New Report Outlines Challenges of LGBTQIA+ Community in Greater Hartford



Celebrate Black Philanthropy Month 2024: Join Our Virtual Event!

Join us on **Thursday, August 1 at 12:00 p.m.** for a virtual event highlighting the work and impact of Black philanthropy in Connecticut as we celebrate **Black Philanthropy Month 2024**. A panel of intergenerational change-makers from across the state will discuss how they share their time, talent and treasure to positively advance civic engagement and Black futures. All are welcome. Come be inspired through this celebration of Black philanthropy. [Register now!](#)



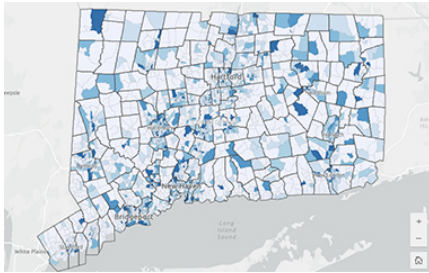
8 Local Nonprofits Raise \$550,000 Through Social Enterprise Accelerator

The Hartford Foundation launched the **Social Enterprise Accelerator (SEA)** program in partnership with [No Margin, No Mission](#) in 2018. This program helps nonprofits launch new revenue-generating ventures that align with and support their mission.

To date, 24 nonprofits have joined the SEA program, including 8 current participants. Last year, we offered a fundraising match of up to \$30,000 to each current SEA participant. By the time we reached the June deadline, the nonprofits managed to collectively raise \$317,000, plus \$233,000 in matching grants from the Foundation, for a total of \$550,000.

The total amount raised by all 24 SEA nonprofits **has now surpassed \$10 million**. This revenue will help ensure these nonprofits are sustainable for the long term.

[Learn about the current SEA nonprofits and the social enterprises they have launched.](#)



CTData Launches 2024 Potential Voters Map

Using U.S. Census and Connecticut Secretary of State data, Hartford Foundation grantee and partner **CTData** has created an interactive web map that helps pinpoint areas where not-yet-registered voters may live. The **2024 Potential Voters Map** can help nonprofits and community groups locate unregistered voters and tailor their outreach, making their efforts more effective and efficient.

We funded this project because we believe that increased civic participation will lead to improvement in residents' ability to influence government and other institutional decision-making. It's part of our goal [to support civic and resident engagement](#) in our region. We also believe in [strengthening our region's data, research and evaluation ecosystem](#). With better data, we can make better decisions.

[Explore the 2024 Potential Voters Map.](#)

Grant Opportunities for Nonprofits

We periodically release Requests for Proposals for specific projects that help improve Greater Hartford.

Our **Catalyst Endowment Fund** recently announced a competitive funding opportunity to support initiatives focused on **Empowering Future Leaders and Community Builders through Youth Sports** in Greater Hartford.

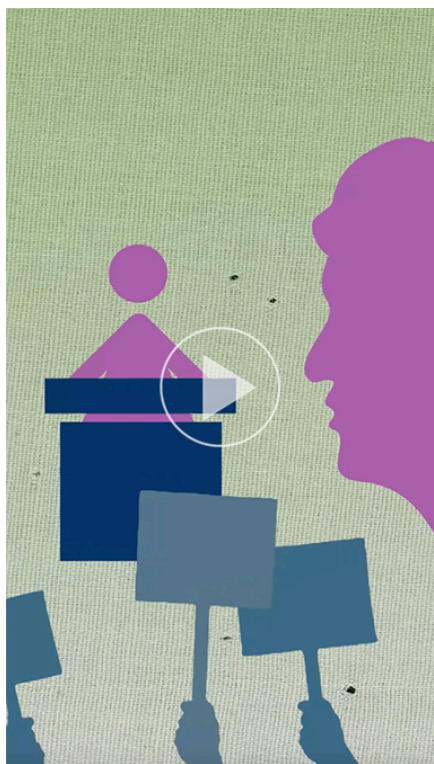
We also have the following opportunities available:

- Community Organizing Grants
- Resident Engagement Grants

In addition, we are launching several funding opportunities in August, including **Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance Grants** and our **Black Giving Circle Fund Annual Grantmaking**.

Visit our [Grant Opportunities web page](#) to learn more.

You can also [sign up to be notified when new grant opportunities are announced](#).



Reel: Dr. Barbara Orsini Surwilo

Last week on social media, we paid homage to the legacy of Dr. Barbara Orsini Surwilo, the first female mayor of Rocky Hill, who turned her passion into community leadership.

The Hartford Foundation launched the Greater Together Community Funds initiative to encourage residents of our 29 towns to take ownership of their needs and become civically engaged in their towns.

[Watch our video](#) to learn about Dr. Barbara Orsini Surwilo and see how the Rocky Hill Greater Together Community Community Fund is making a difference today.

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