



Hartford Foundation
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Newsletter



Highlighting Our Work and Community Partnerships

Read our new series of articles in the *CT Mirror*

The Hartford Foundation is committed to strengthening communities in Greater Hartford by putting philanthropy into action to dismantle structural racism and achieve equity in social and economic mobility.

We have partnered with the *CT Mirror* to create a series of nine articles exploring how we can build a stronger, more equitable Greater Hartford. How can we ensure that residents of our region have affordable housing, food security, safe streets and a quality education? What steps can we take to dismantle racist systems and enhance equity in social and economic mobility in Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx communities?

The first two articles in our series are now online. You can click the links below to read. We hope this series will inspire conversations about how we can create a better Greater Hartford, together.



Making Hartford Home: The push for equitable home ownership

We can break the cycle of disinvestment in urban neighborhoods, offering everyone opportunities to benefit from neighborhood

growth and vitality. [Read more.](#)



Elevating a Vibrant Community for All

To meet our mission at the Hartford Foundation, we ask: what does a vibrant community look and feel like? [Read more.](#)



Small Grants Available for Hartford Residents to Beautify Their Neighborhood

The Love Hartford initiative is accepting applications from Hartford residents who wish to help beautify their neighborhoods through projects including murals, community gardens and more. The program, which will award grants of up to \$2,500, is funded by the Hartford Foundation. These projects increase resident engagement and build a stronger sense of community, which helps to create a more vibrant city. We encourage interested residents to learn more [and apply.](#)

[Read the *Hartford Courant* article about the Love Hartford initiative.](#)



Read our 2020 Endowment Investment Annual Report

The Hartford Foundation's Endowment Investment Annual Report provides detail regarding the investment philosophy, process and performance of the portfolios we steward on behalf of our generous donors and for the benefit of the Greater Hartford region.

[Read the report and learn how our investments performed in 2020.](#)



Hartford Foundation Welcomes Nicole Porter to Board of Directors

Nicole Porter of Hartford has joined our Board of Directors. Ms. Porter recently worked as operations manager for athletics for Hartford Public Schools. She previously served as board chair for the Blue Hills Civic Association and worked as a program manager for the Greater Hartford YMCA. We're excited to have Nicole join the Hartford Foundation's leadership team and bring her experience and expertise to our organization.

[Learn more.](#)



Artists of Color Unite! Spotlight: Robenia McKinley

This month, our [Artists of Color Unite! advisory group](#) is highlighting the work of a local artist, Robenia McKinley. McKinley is a creative writer and children's book author from Greater Hartford. Her new novel was written to entertain young readers and serve as an inspiration to older adults on how to rediscover their gifts and talents.

[Read more about Robenia and the Artists of Color Unite! group.](#)

Our Public Policy Work: Voting Rights and Juvenile Justice

We recognize [the power of public policy](#) to increase the impact of our investments. This month, the Hartford Foundation submitted testimony on several bills before the Connecticut legislature, including the following:

- [Support for voting rights expansion](#)
- [Support for efforts to divert children away from the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems](#)

[Read all of our Public Policy testimony here.](#)

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