



Highlights of the evening:

Delicious Food!

Soups and salads created by local chefs
Desserts from Parkville's ethnic eateries

Silent and Live Auction!

A broad range of items and experiences
(preview available online soon!)

A heartfelt address

Program participant stories

Music, conversation and more

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Memorial Day Community Meal



The weather wasn't perfect on Memorial Day, but there was plenty of room for our 250 guests to play indoors and enjoy delicious BBQ chicken meal with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Special thanks to our many volunteers for making this happen, and to Chef Kim Bunton and long-time kitchen volunteers Keith Rhoden and Peter Colletta. Coming soon: Independence Day Community Meal at 55 Bartholomew!



Faith In Action

Hands On Hartford's board member, Donna Manocchio, was honored to attend a wonderful, uplifting event at Emanuel Lutheran Church on June 11. This great group, "A Bunch of Guys," sang songs of justice, hope and freedom, all to benefit Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, 350.org (climate organization) and Hands On Hartford. It was a joyful and very well-attended event, and we are grateful for Emanuel Lutheran's long term partnership and support.



Hartford Rotary President Sandy Duffy, District 7890 Assistant Governor and Do-Good Fund Co-Chair Judith Green (center), with HOH team members Serika Walker, Kate Shafer, Barbara Shaw, Karen Bailey-Francois, Donna Manocchio and Bryan Hooper

Hartford Rotary Club Awards

At this month's Hartford Rotary Club meeting, the Hands On Hartford team was in attendance as the Rotary Club presented a \$5,247 Do Good award to Hands On Hartford which we will use to help pay the cost of a new produce cooler for the MANNA Community Pantry and a copy/fax/printer for MANNA Community Meals. The Rotary also presented a Vocational Service award to Barbara Shaw for her service and dedication to the strength and health of the Hartford community. In addition, Barbara, along with several others, was named a Paul Harris Fellow, named after the founder of Rotary International.

Spotlight on: Anne Goshdigian, Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau Co-Coordinator



We welcome Anne Goshdigian to Hands On Hartford as the new Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau Co-Coordinator. Anne will be working with Serika Walker, AmeriCorps VISTA member of the Hartford Thrive! project here at Hands On Hartford to do outreach for Faces of Homelessness speaking events, bring more members into the Speakers' Bureau, and coordinate events like the annual Day of Sharing and Caring planned for this autumn.

Anne is a native Hartford resident, who has spent many years professionally as a writer and editor. Having experienced homelessness herself, Anne joined Faces of Homelessness in 2013 and since then has contributed her story and perspective to 36 speaking events, reaching an audience of many hundreds.

If you, your school, civic group, business or faith group are interested in hosting a speaking event, or participating in a "Feet on the Street" tour, you can reach Anne at agoshdigian@handsonhartford.org.

Here at Hands On Hartford, we are thrilled to have Anne join us as a part of the HOH team!

We all have our hands on Hartford!

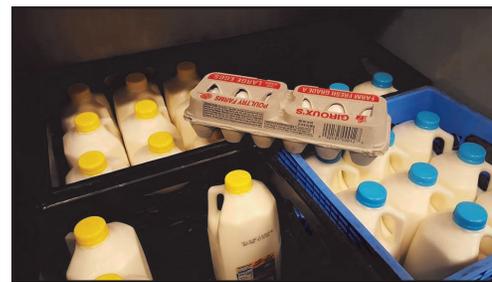


Students at Covenant Prep (left) and Grace Academy (below) received their **Sprouts-for-Kids** kits, and are all set to grow their own herbs this spring and summer. Sprouts for Kids is part of our weekend Backpack Nutrition program and was supported with volunteer assistance and donations—special thanks to Anne Tranberg, Terri Buganski, Westminster Presbyterian Church and MRM Group.



Melissa and Deidrea created a new non-profit called **Comforting Services** and collected over 1,250 toiletry items (shampoo, shower gel, soap, etc.) from friends, family and colleagues. Here they are with HOH's Janet Bermudez (right), unloading the whole truck-full at our Center for Community.

Many thanks to **Harvard Pilgrim Health Care** for inviting us to their Social Media workshop, where experts shared tips on how best to use social media to spread the word about the work we do in Hartford. We hope everyone will like us and follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



Bank of America has approved a \$3,000 grant to provide high-protein low-fat choices and fresh produce, milk and eggs for our MANNA Community Pantry! We're so grateful for

their help in fighting hunger and supporting health for our Hartford neighbors.

The Café at Fifty-Five was open for the June KNOW GOOD Market, and we'll be open again for the KNOW GOOD Market on July 13, from 5-8pm here on Bartholomew Avenue. The KNOW GOOD



Market is a great community event with food trucks, vendors and music. We hope to see you all here in July! **The Café at Fifty-Five's regular hours are Tuesday—Friday, 7:30am-2:30pm.**



The Hope Collection

We're excited to share the news that HOH Board Member and jewelry designer Yinka Oni-Orisan has designed a special line of silver jewelry called the HOPE collection. Shown here, the collection features HOH's logo, and comes as a charm, necklace or earrings, priced from \$20—\$35, with 20% of net proceeds to be donated to Hands On Hartford. Visit www.yinkaorisan.com/collections/shop-for-a-cause to see more photos and to make your purchase!



Hands On Hartford Programs

- **MANNA Food Programs:** Community Meals, Community Pantry, Senior Community Café, and Backpack Nutrition Program
- **HOH Neighborhood Services:** homelessness prevention, Operation Fuel, economic stability and health & nutrition services
- **HOH Housing:** supportive housing services
- **Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau**
- **Community Engagement:** volunteer placement, customized community service projects and immersions.

For information about volunteering and customized service projects, contact Wanda at wguzman@handsonhartford.org, 860-706-1507.

For more information about our programs, financial and in-kind support, contact Kate at kshafer@handsonhartford.org, 860-706-1505.

Volunteers Wanted:

Volunteers wanted: Assist with loading and unloading 5,000 - 10,000 cans of food donated from Feeding Our Children Now / Vans Warped Tour event on Sunday, July 9th 1:00 to 4:30pm.

Café at Fifty-Five: Café volunteers needed, Tuesday through Friday, shifts available are 7:30am-11:30am and 11:30am-3:30pm

Food Runners wanted: Pick up donated food from area markets and farms and bring it to our food pantry. Your own transportation and insurance required.

Kitchen-to-Pantry: Volunteers needed Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm to help chop and package fresh produce for our food pantry. Great opportunity to get kitchen experience for your resume.

Food Drives: Organize a food drive at your work, place of worship, school or neighborhood. We can help with tips and ideas. Help stock the shelves at the MANNA Community Pantry.

Independence Day Meal: Volunteers needed for our annual holiday meal, July 4, to set up, cook, serve and entertain, at 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford.

Community Meals: 2-3 volunteers needed to serve dinner on the third Monday of each month, from 5:30-7:00pm. Ideally seeking an ongoing commitment.

HOH Gardening Assistance: Help tend and harvest at the Hand On Hartford gardens. Flexible hours.

Contact Wanda Guzman at wguzman@handsonhartford.org or 860-706-1507.



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