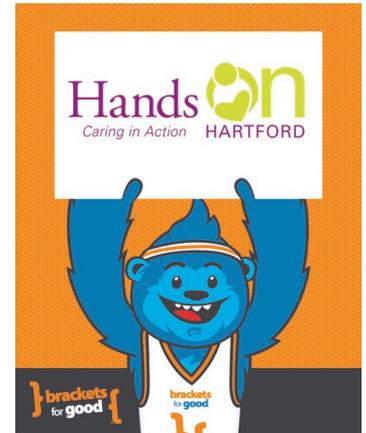


Hands On Hartford, in partnership with others, strengthens community in Hartford by responding faithfully to people in need through programs that change lives and renew human possibility.

Brackets for Good 2018

Thank you to everyone who supported Hands On Hartford in Round One of the CT Brackets for Good Tournament. Because of your generous support, we were able to raise **over \$2,800.00** in the first round of the Brackets for Good Tournament! Even though we didn't beat our worthy opponent, we had a lot of fun competing and the funds we raised will make a great difference in the lives of our Hartford neighbors.

We are so grateful to have you all on the team!



Upcoming Hands On Hartford Events

April 1:



Easter Meal for the Community at Hands On Hartford Center for Community, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford. Doors open at 10:30am, Meal served at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to this free and festive community event.

April 18:



Volunteer Recognition Event at Hands On Hartford Center for Community, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford. All volunteers are invited to join us from 5:30-7:30pm for light refreshments and good cheer, so we can share our appreciation for all you do to support our Hartford neighbors. RSVP to Wanda Guzman at wguzman@handsonhartford.org.

May 5:



Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger starting at Dunkin Donuts Park, registration at 8:30am, step off at 10:00 am! Choose Hands On Hartford as your benefitting program to support our MANNA food programs. For information about joining the Hands On Hartford Friends and Family Team, contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org, or find us at www.foodsharewalk.org.

May 9:



Special Guest Coach Jim Calhoun joins us for a Wine Tasting at the Hands On Hartford Center for Community, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford. 6:00—8:00pm, tickets \$75.00. For more information, contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org. Sip. Savor. Support your Community.

Faith In Action

We're just delighted that the generous folks from **Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor** are coming in once a week to put their knife skills to work at our Kitchen to Pantry initiative. Here they are sorting and bagging blueberries. Next up: zucchinis and mushrooms! All of this produce is distributed to our Hartford neighbors through our MANNA Community Pantry. The Kitchen to Pantry initiative is also supported in part through an **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** World Hunger Domestic Hunger grant. Many thanks to all of our friends in faith for your partnership and support.



Art in the Café

We've recently hung several more pieces in the Café at Fifty-Five. Lindaluz Carillo's work is influenced by different cultural shifts and intimate conversations that she has experienced over the years. Her use of vibrant colors highlights subtle yet powerful moments that reflect self love, growth and resilience. Valery Zapata's piece was inspired by the word "beauty," believing that it resides in everyone, far beyond appearances. Here she represents women as flowers and magical creatures, all very different yet still beautiful and unique.



Lindaluz Carillo and her artwork



Painting by Valery Zapata

Welcome New Team Members

Meet Marcel Touponse (left), the new Kitchen Programs Manager here at Hands On Hartford. In addition to managing the Café, Marcel works with Molly Reynolds on catering and shared use kitchen memberships, and of course does a lot of cooking! Chef Helen Colon continues as lead chef for the Café. And new Café Assistant Daryl Granville (right) joins Kathleen Reynolds and Rebecca Giamattei. We invite all of our friends to stop by the Café, Tuesday-Friday, 7:30am—2:30pm, to say hello!

For more information about Hands On Hartford's Caterers Who Care, contact Molly Reynolds at mreynolds@handsonhartford.org.



We all have our hands on Hartford!



Are you following Hands On Hartford? Check out these sites:

Facebook pages: Hands On Hartford = @HandsOnHartford
The Café = @TheCafeatFiftyFive
Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau = @FacesOfHomelessnessCT



Facebook group: Friends of Hands On Hartford

Twitter: @HandsOnHartford

Instagram: Coming soon!



The latest installations on the Wall of Recognition, in honor of gifts to our Special Campaign: A tile from our great friends at **Slalom Consulting**, and a tile in honor of our dear friend **Emily Kaas, J.D.** (former HOH AmeriCorps, former HOH Volunteer Coordinator and current HOH volunteer and financial supporter), given by friends and family in honor of her upcoming nuptials!



A big THANK YOU to our friends from **Whole Foods Markets** who stopped by with some delicious fresh-baked pies for the families who visit the MANNA Community Pantry. Yum!



Many thanks to steadfast supporters from **Fiduciary Investment Advisors** who held a food drive and collected 175 pounds of pasta, sauce and rice for the food pantry. Their generosity means so much to our pantry families.

Community Meals Dinner Group Needed: We are seeking volunteers to donate, cook and serve dinner at Community Meals on Monday, June 18, 4:00—7:00 pm. This is an ideal project for a group of 8-12 people, and we can advise you about recipes, amounts, sources of food and more. A great opportunity to give to your community and make some new connections with our guests. For more information, contact Wanda Guzman at wguzman@handsonhartford.org.



The Café at Fifty-Five is open Tuesday-Friday, 7:30am-2:30pm, here at 55 Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford.

Caterers Who Care provides on-site and off-site catering, including a broad selection of breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack items with an emphasis on our ability to customize our selections to fit groups from a handful to hundreds, and accommodate your budget.

Our **Community Kitchen** also operates as a shared use kitchen, where members may use the kitchen and all of its equipment on an hourly basis—ideal for small culinary businesses and start-ups.

The Café, Caterers Who Care and Shared Use Kitchen all support Hands On Hartford direct service programs.

Hands On Hartford Programs

- **MANNA Food Programs:** Community Meals, Community Pantry, 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.

For more information contact Molly Reynolds at 860-706-1537 or mreynolds@handsonhartford.org.



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