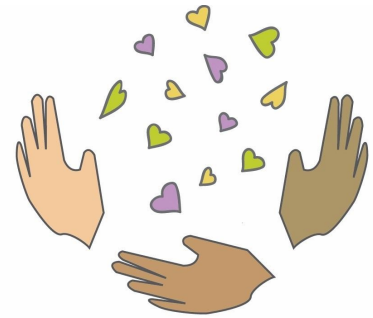




August 2022 News

Creating a Place at the Table

Did you get your invitation to this year's **Hands & Hearts Together** celebration? Our theme this year is "**a place at the table**" and we'd love to have you join us! It's going to be a fantastic evening, with a special dance performance by **CONNetic Dance**, and music courtesy of the beautiful **Voices of Hartford**, a silent and live auction, and a fun opportunity to connect with folks for a meaningful cause.



HANDS & HEARTS
together a place at the table

WHEN: Thursday, September 29th 5:00pm
WHERE: Downtown Hartford Marriott
200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT

Visit our event page: handson.cbo.io

Click "**Buy Tickets**" to get your ticket (dinner included) for \$175.

Click "**Login/Register**" to sign up for the online auction.

Friends, this will be a ton of fun, but we honestly need your help to keep our food, housing and health support services going! **By attending this event, making a donation, and/or participating on our auction, you'll join our community in making a real difference in the lives of our Hartford neighbors.**

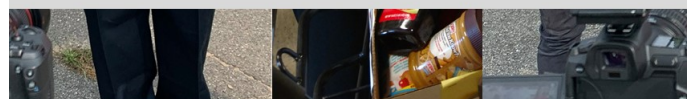
NOW SEEKING PROGRAM ADS! For more information contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org

Huge thanks to our **Lead Sponsor,**
Travelers!

We couldn't do this without you!



Mike Tetreault, Lisa Cameron and Harry Amadasun, Jr, all three from Travelers and all three members of Hands On Hartford's Board of Directors



If you missed our virtual open house....

We recorded the virtual open house, held on August 18th at noon. If you'd like to hear more about how Gather55 is progressing, and a bit about the history and plans for the Powerhouse building here at 55 Bartholomew, just let us know and we will send you a link to the recording.

Our next virtual open house will be on **November 8th at noon**. We'll be talking about the Homeless Outreach Program. *Stay tuned for your invitation!*



Barbara A. Shaw, LCSW
Executive Director, Hands On Hartford

Faith In Action

One of the five pillars of Islam is *Zakat*, or almsgiving, and we were delighted to participate in just that, with our good friends from the **Muslim Coalition of Connecticut**. Due to the generosity of **Islamic Relief USA**, we started a distribution of thousands of pounds of halal meat through the MANNA Community Pantry, both to families observing a halal diet and to many others.

Joyful work!



We are also grateful to **Asylum Hill Congregational Church** for highlighting our partnership and the support we provide to the community through the pantry and neighborhood services program in their recent newsletter. This generous congregation has provided both financial support, and in-kind gifts, to this program and others for many years. We are so appreciative for everything they do to strengthen community in Hartford.



Hands On Hartford Board of Directors

At a recent gathering at the nearby Parkville Market, we celebrated two departing Hands On Hartford Board members, **Bobbi Schmidt** and **Christopher Brechlin**. Bobbi has dedicated her time and energy on the Board since 2013, playing many roles including, most recently, chairing our Governance Committee. Christopher joined the board in 2018 and has provided tremendously helpful work in his role on the Ventures Committee.



Hands On Hartford is Hiring!

Hands On Hartford staff are dedicated, caring, hardworking people who like to have fun while making a difference in our community. With great benefits, staff recognition and support, we value teamwork, compassion and community.

Check out these open positions and help us spread the word:

Housing Case Manager (full time)
Facility Tenant Assistant (3rd shift, full time)
Staff Accountant (full time)
Homeless Outreach Case Manager (full time)
Community Engagement Assistant (part time)
Gather55 Greeter (part time, days)
Gather55 Cook (part time, days)
Gather55 Cook (part time, evenings)
Gather55 Front of House Lead (part time evenings)
Gather55 Front of House Server (part time evenings)
Gather55 Dishwasher (part time evenings)



Find out more about these positions and how to apply on our website:

www.handsonhartford.org/about/job-opportunities/

Look Who Has Their *Hands* on Hartford!

Hands On Hartford

Invites you to a **FREE** Labor Day Event!

Monday, September 5, 2022
Doors open 10:30am
Meal served 11:30am—1:30pm

Indoor and outdoor seating, or take food to go
Located at Hands On Hartford's Center for Community

55 Bartholomew Ave, Hartford, CT
(Off of Park Street two blocks west of Pope Park)

- A delicious meal with BBQ chicken sandwiches, corn salad, pasta salad, watermelon, and soda
- Free books and activities for kids
- Ice cream treats

For more information, call 860-728-3201
or visit our website handsonhartford.org

TALCOTT RESOLUTION Thank you to Talcott Resolution for your sponsorship!

Hands on
Caring in Action **HARTFORD**

COOL GIRL MAGIC SALE

Lemonade and Sweet treats

AUGUST 28, 11-2PM

10 Hilltop Farms Ln
East Hartford, CT 06118

50% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
HANDS ON HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY

Have you seen the gorgeous artwork at **Gather55** here at 55 Bartholomew? These are all photos of street art from all around the country. If you haven't seen these in person, stop by sometime! Breakfast, lunch or even just a cup of coffee - we'd be happy to see you. [Photo credits for artwork: @streetartfromtheroad]



ESPN joined us for a Dash-for-a-Difference! Their group volunteered time with **Journey Home, South Park Inn, and Charter Oak Boxing Academy**, along with helping out at **Gather55**. Despite the heat, participants were in incredible spirits and nothing slowed them down! For more information about customized service projects or organizing a Dash-for-a-Difference for *your* group, contact Geoff Luxenberg at gluxenberg@handsonhartford.org



Big thanks goes to Daniel of the **The 4 Five Farm LLC** for donating 59 pounds of organic, pasture-raised chicken from his local farm in Bloomfield to help feed our Hartford neighbors. We appreciate his generosity and thoughtfulness in providing such a nourishing gift to our community!



**To read more about folks who have their “hands on Hartford,”
visit us on Facebook or Instagram @handsonhartford!**

About Hands On Hartford

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.

We are committed to increasing food security and nutrition, improving health and providing housing while we engage volunteers and connect communities



How Can I Help?

Go shopping! If you're an online Amazon shopper, be sure to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and select Hands On Hartford as your charity. That way .5% of eligible purchases will automatically go to Hands On Hartford.

Make a donation! You will be part of a network of donors, volunteers and staff who work together to provide food, housing and related services for families who are struggling to make ends meet. To make a financial donation, visit our website at www.handsonhartford.org and click "Make a Donation Now," or mail your check to Hands On Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org for more in-kind donation ideas.

Request a matching donation from your employer! Many employers will match all or part of your donation - a great way to double your impact.

Leave a legacy. Ensure your long term impact on this community by including us in your estate plan, making qualified charitable distributions from your IRA, gifts of appreciated stock, or include us as a contingent beneficiary of your life insurance. Contact Executive Director Barbara Shaw to explore planned giving ideas and to join our Legacy Society. bshaw@handsonhartford.org or 860- 706-1502.

We are grateful for our community and the love, caring, compassion and support we see every day.



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