



Faith in Action
Volunteer Opportunities to Partner
with our Asylum Hill Neighbors

FOOD

Crisis Food Support Program

Works in cooperation with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and support from Covenant to Care for Children to

respond to identified families in crisis who need temporary food support

Volunteer opportunities: deliver food from pantry and grocery stores in small teams approximately twice per month (long term)

Contact: Wayne or Sandi Lobdell, 860.255.7290
wlobber16@gmail.com

Loaves & Fishes Ministries

Serves low-income and poverty-level individuals and families in Hartford and Asylum Hill by providing food, education, counseling, and economic development programs

Volunteer opportunities: work in the kitchen to prepare both served meals and take-home sandwiches

Contact: Alyce Hild, 860.524.1730; loaves@sbcglobal.net

Hands On Hartford

Serves Hartford's neediest residents in the areas of food (MANNNA pantry, community meals, and backpack program); safe, affordable housing and support services, and health; provides respectful, comprehensive services with help from volunteers and community partnerships

Volunteer opportunities: work at Café, fill weekend backpacks, stock pantry shelves, assist with newsletters, marketing & fundraising, food drives

Contact: Wanda Guzman, 860.706.1522
wguzman@handsonhartford.org

SHELTER

Hartford Interval House

Provides services to prevent and break the cycle of family and intimate partner abuse

Volunteer opportunities: assist in crisis and hotline counseling, facilitate support groups, work with children's program, help with community outreach and education (training is provided; long term); beautify property

Contact: Penni Micca, 860.246.9149 x350; intervalhousect.org

My Sisters' Place

A legacy agency that finds permanent housing for homeless families and young adults, mostly single mothers

Volunteer opportunities: assist with events, host a donations drive, provide maintenance, childcare, donate and/or sort donated items, mentor a child, administrative support

Contact: Elise Johnson, 860.895.6629
ejohnson@sistersplacect.org

Operation Fuel

Provides emergency energy assistance to those in need who meet the criteria, budget counseling and referrals to other community resources

Volunteer opportunities: make thank you calls, deliver holiday baskets, help with the annual fundraising event (short term)

Contact: Brenda Watson, 860.243.2345
brenda@operationfuel.org

HUMAN SERVICES

Asylum Hill Family Center

Works to strengthen and empower families on Asylum Hill through literacy programs and entrepreneurial support that creates,

develops, and establishes small businesses in the community

Volunteer opportunities: mentor young parents

Contact: Moureen Bish, 860.244.9943; mbish@ccaoh.org

AHNA – Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association

Empowers and connects Asylum Hill residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in the Asylum Hill neighborhood

Volunteer opportunities: See asylumhill.org

Contact: Yvonne Matthews, 860.997.6188; chair@asylumhill.org; Bernie Michel, 860.944.6614, staffadmin@asylumhill.org

Compass Youth Collaborative

Addresses youth trauma and violence issues in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. Offers youth re-engagement opportunities in after-school programs and anti-violence through the Compass Peacebuilders program

Volunteer opportunities: mentoring

Contact: Dean Jones, 860.983.3047
deanjones@compassyc.org

CURET – Center for Urban Research, Education and Training

Uses research data to serve as planning tool to inform the development of effective services and programs aimed at enhancing educational, health, and economic well-being. Offers adult literacy programs (general, financial and insurance, civic), parenting education, newcomer's adjustment, health, citizenship, and other related services for immigrants, and annual community-wide education

Volunteer opportunities: tutor adult literacy and numeracy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) volunteers, tutoring in technology and computer skills

Contact: Edgar Johnson, 860.247.0123; ejohnson@curetinc.org

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

Works to achieve equal justice for people living in poverty, works with clients to promote social justice, and addresses the effects and root causes of poverty

Volunteer opportunities: volunteer to translate English to Spanish and/or other languages

Contact: Jamey Bell, 860.541.5000; jbell@ghla.org

KNOX, Inc.

Helps to beautify the Asylum Hill neighborhood through litter removal and planting of gardens

Volunteer opportunities: join neighbors in cleaning up the neighborhood and preparing the gardens (one day commitment); donate workable tools

Contact: Nicola Allen, 860.951.7694; nicolaa@knoxhartford.org



Malta House

Provides high quality medical care for uninsured adults through operation of a mobile care vehicle with a fixed schedule in 4 neighborhoods

Volunteer opportunities: medical personnel to provide in-kind volunteer services on the van or tertiary support in off-site offices, dietitians and nutritionists to provide educational information, medical interpreters, assistance with office work, and support with annual fundraiser

Contact: Michelle Murphy, 860.548.1593
mmurphy@maltahouseofcare.org

EDUCATION

Boys and Girls Club of Hartford, Inc.

Provides welcoming, positive environment and stimulating programming for youth and teens in the Asylum Hill neighborhood

Volunteer opportunities: homework assistance, Power Hour 3:30-4:30pm

Contact: Peter Lewis, 860.929.7690; plewis@bgchartfort.org

Camp Courant

Offers a safe, exciting and educational environment for Asylum Hill youth ages 5–12 to participate in active learning opportunities and fun activities focused on positive development and healthy lifestyle choices

Volunteer opportunities: teach one-time projects and/or coordinate company interactions with children at camp, clean up and repair site, visit and volunteer at camp

Contact: Jessica Hinman, 860.241.3674

jhinman@campcourant.org

ConnectiKids

Provides after-school tutoring sessions to 250 children in grades 2–8 in 6 locations. Third graders meet at AHCC on Wednesdays.

Volunteer opportunities: Tutoring/Mentoring

Contact: Kiera Steele 860.522.8710 x10; ksteele@ct-kids.org

Hartford Symphony Orchestra

Offers students at West Middle School four programs: Small Ensemble Performance, Instrument Zoos, the Discovery Concert Series, and Link Up!

Volunteer opportunities: help organize or teach a Suzuki program at West Middle School (15 violins are available)

Contact: Ruth Petkaitis, singznswingz@yahoo.com

Spectrum In Motion

Runs a multi-cultural dance education program for Hartford children who cannot otherwise afford arts and enrichment activities

Volunteer opportunities: chair annual fundraiser (long term); grant writing, computer/technical support, circulate information about and attend performances (short term)

Contact: Carol Terry, 860.508.4316 or Artistic Director Olivia Ilano-Davis, 413.218.0013; SpectrumInMotion@comcast.net

The Village (Gray Lodge)

Administers services in four areas: Early Childhood Learning Center, Wordscount, Nurturing Family Network, and Community Life Skills for Girls

Volunteer opportunities: reading programs, mentoring (long term); organize donations, financial mentoring and income tax preparation (short term); donate diapers and toiletries

Contact: Jennifer Meligonis DeJohn, 860.297.0519
jmeligonisdejohn@thevillage.org or Jeff Aron, 860.297.0545
jaron@thevillage.org

Wilson-Grey YMCA Y-TIP Program

Provides after-school programs that focus on human relations, team building, respect, job readiness, and college prep for high poverty, high risk youth

Volunteer opportunities: recruit speakers, organize or assist with after-school program, mentor

Contact: Billie Scruise, 860.241.9622

Billie.Scruise@ghymca.org

Youth Challenge

Provides substance abuse and mental health counseling, housing and vocational training and liaison services for the most marginalized community members

Volunteer opportunities: counseling services, resumé writing, meals, and legal services, faith-based mentoring, home maintenance, interior decorating

Contact: Esther Gonzalez-Torres, 860.209.1562
egonzaleztorresycct@gmail.com

There are opportunities for people of all ages to connect with AHCC's partner agencies.

We invite you to get involved in a way that calls to your heart.

To find out about all the volunteer opportunities available, please contact the agency directly or Rev. Mia Douglas, Director of Discipleship, at 860.216.9834 or mdouglas@ahcc.org

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