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YouthContinuum

A Clifford Beers Community Health Partner



Yari Ijeh
Interim Executive
Director

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

In early March, Youth Continuum welcomed Yari Ijeh as Interim Executive Director after Tim Maguire departed the agency after 18 years of service.

With over 26 years of experience in child welfare, adolescent services, and nonprofit leadership, including a long tenure with the CT Department of Children and Families, Yari is a passionate advocate for young people and a proven leader in program development and strategic partnerships.

Currently serving as Chief Business Development Officer for Clifford Beers Community Health Partners (CBCHP), Yari has taken on this additional interim role, working closely with leadership to ensure YC's programs remain strong, effective, and impactful. Her first month has been busy meeting staff and supporters, and we are grateful to have her leadership as Youth Continuum continues its commitment to helping young people in need.

Your generosity has been instrumental in the lives of the youth we serve, and we are grateful for your ongoing partnership as we continue this critical work.

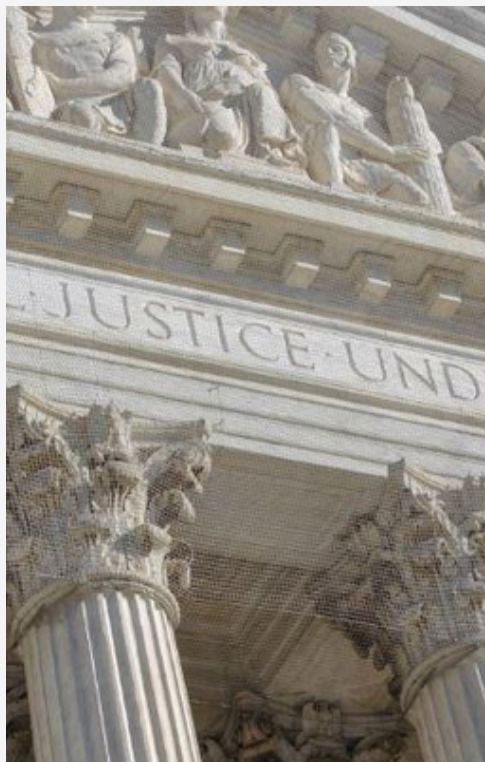


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PROGRAM UPDATE

WARMING CENTER

Since early January, YC's Warming Center has been providing a safe space for homeless and at-risk 18-24-year-olds to spend the night. Open from 7PM – 7AM, this warm environment helps youth get off the streets, receive basic needs and start on a personalized path out of homelessness. The Warming Center operates through the end of April, with youth able to register via a QR code enabling them to return in the evening without waiting in a line. To date, the Warming Center has provided 37 individual youth with life-saving overnight services, many staying multiple nights. Of these young people, 11 transitioned to various shelters including nine to YC's Crisis Housing Program. In addition, two youth moved into YC's Transitional Living Program, one went to their own housing, and all received vital connections to services to keep them safe.



UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING

YC, like many non-profits, is operating in a time of uncertainty as we await confirmation from the current administration regarding funding for our programs. However, we are still operating – providing basic needs, shelter and housing for the most vulnerable youth in our community. We remain vigilant and hopeful we can continue providing services, adhering to guidelines and recommendations from our partners, and ensuring all monies owed and available are drawn down to keep young people safe. We will keep you apprised of information and appreciate your continuing partnership as we fulfill our mission.



GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

April 26 – Rock to Rock Earth Day Celebration

Looking to have a fun day with friends outside while raising awareness and funds for our youth? Join YC for Rock to Rock at East Rock Park! Ride a bike, hike, or walk, or simply spread the word – to help youth experiencing homelessness get to classes, appointments and jobs - as all monies raised will help purchase bus passes. This Earth Day event helps nonprofits with their “green” initiatives and efforts, and YC is excited to be a participant for the second year in a row! Learn more and register to ride at www.rocktorock.org, and you can raise awareness and funds for YC through our donation page: Give to 2025 Rock to Rock | giveGreater.org. Please share and we thank you for your support!



YOUTH SUCCESS STORY

When he was 16, Corey was living with his father - in a car. Youth Continuum was able to help right away as he was a minor, and Corey was immediately placed at YC's Basic Center Emergency Shelter. He celebrated his 17th birthday there while continuing to go to high school. As the year continued, he kept learning and celebrated his 18th birthday with us. Corey since progressed to YC's Transitional Living Program and is studying to become an electrician. He is working on his personalized path out of homelessness and is grateful for the safety, security and support he's received. This only happens thanks to your support.

SAVE THE DATE

May 7 & 8 – The Great Give

This annual 36-hour online fundraising event through The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven raises vital funds and awareness for local nonprofits, including Youth Continuum! Contributions will be matched and nonprofits can win cash prizes – like the Housing Prize via The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven – where \$1,800 will be given to the housing/shelter organization with the most unique donors between 10-11AM on May 7.

You can help by spreading the word and participating at [Give to Youth Continuum | The Great Give](#) Please stay tuned for updates and reminders in your email, mailbox, and on Facebook and Instagram @youthcontinuum



VOLUNTEER/ DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Revive Physical Therapy, North Haven

Last fall YC participated in a community event in North Haven, sharing information about our work with youth experiencing homelessness. At a nearby table sat Ernie from Revive Physical Therapy, and a relationship formed. Unfamiliar with the issues around youth homelessness, Ernie took interest and action. He quickly promoted our work on social media and coordinated a drive for donations of much-needed goods for our youth. His ongoing commitment, with the help of his staff and clients, is resulting in YC receiving weekly contributions of essential items – from non-perishable food to hygiene products to diapers. They are also now participating in Rock to Rock, helping riders feel better! Thank you, Ernie, and everyone at Revive Physical Therapy!



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