

Summer 2025 E-Newsletter

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

At the June board meeting Eric Wolff (pictured, below left) was elected Board Secretary, taking on responsibilities including advising on best governance practices, supporting committees and serving as a liaison between the board and executive leadership. In addition, Steven Baker (pictured, below right) was appointed to Board

Treasurer and is overseeing financial management and reporting, taking over responsibilities held by John Burditt who still serves as a director. The staff and the board are grateful for their guidance, leadership and support, and for stepping into these important roles.



HOUSING JOB CORPS YOUTH

Last month news broke that Job Corps across the country were closing, posing serious concerns for the youth they serve and house. Quickly connecting with both Hartford and New Haven Job Corps locations, YC staff identified programs and spaces where youth could be relocated to stay safe and off the streets. Fortunately, a hold was placed on the nationwide shutdown, and youth have been able to maintain their housing. Conversations between YC and local Job Corps will continue to ensure when a decision is made, young people have a safe and stable place to turn.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Youth in YC's ***Transitional Living Program*** are making great progress! With case management and life-skills learning, young people are achieving their goals.

Some accomplishments include * graduating high school * getting a driver's license * earning a pharmacy technician certificate * enrolling in an accelerated electrician program at Porter & Chester (test is scheduled for October!).

These achievements are happening while youth attain and maintain jobs! TLP Youth are employed locally at establishments such as Burlington, Restaurant 99, Amazon, Chipotle, and Girl Scouts of America, among others.



This is just a sampling of successes!
With inclusive and engaging activities such as honoring youths' heritage, game nights, holiday and birthday celebrations as well as acknowledging accomplishments, our young clients are gaining the skills and confidence needed to move out of homelessness.



IN THE NEWS

Student homelessness is on the rise - did you see the article including

Youth Continuum in the
CT Mirror
and *Stamford Advocate*
on May 23? Read it here:

[Student homelessness in CT sees record-level rise:
'Invisible crisis'](#)

Youth Continuum was nominated for Best of the Shoreline and placed in the top three in the non-profit category! Winners will be listed in the Oct. 2 issue of

On the Shoreline and will be posted on zip06.com after Sept. 23.

YC is grateful for the nomination and excitedly awaits the results!



VOLUNTEER & DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

YC thanks all our partners helping to prevent and address youth homelessness!

We're happy to showcase some recent activity involving our caring community.

(Follow us on

[Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

@youthcontinuum for more!)

Members of *Wolf & Shore Law Group*

volunteered their time and talents to make the grounds at Crisis Housing beautiful! They spent hours weeding and planting an array of colorful flowers to brighten the outdoor space as youth enter the safe overnight space. They also provided a delicious chicken dinner for the residents!



To celebrate their 200th anniversary, *Liberty Bank* selected area nonprofits to receive a special contribution and invited customers to vote for their favorite — and Youth Continuum was selected as the New Haven winner!



YC is grateful for the nomination and votes! We want to extend special thanks to Paula Caron and Tony Rossley from Liberty Bank (pictured) who presented YC with a generous donation of \$1,825 in honor of the occasion. We're proud to be recognized alongside 48 local nonprofits and deeply grateful for Liberty Bank's continued commitment to community impact.

Business Network (BNI), a global networking group connecting entrepreneurs and businesses, has a Nutmeg State Chapter whose members consistently support Youth Continuum. The group made a visit to Winthrop Manor, bringing contributions of much needed goods while touring program sites and learning more about our detailed work preventing and addressing youth homelessness.

We are grateful for their collective and continuing support!



EVENT RECAP

Rock to Rock

YC participated for the second time in Rock to Rock, raising funds for bus passes for our youth - over \$2,200!

We want to extend our gratitude to all of our supporters, and the volunteers who assisted during the event –
Joan Campbell and board members
Steyfanie Hudgens &
Jillian Fernandes





Extra special thanks to the cyclists who spent endless energy riding, especially those who *completed the metric century - over 62* – riding to Branford and back!

Sean Langberg, Paul Santamaria, and Lauri Ongley's efforts were integral in raising these much-needed funds and we are grateful.



The Great Give

The online fundraising event through The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven was a great success, almost \$43,000 raised in May to support youth experiencing homelessness! We applaud our board of directors and the

Lewis G. Schaeeneman Family Foundation for providing matching gift incentives and appreciate everyone who supported The Great Give event to help our youth.

SAVE THE DATES

August

2 (Saturday) - Impact '25

Connect with YC at the Impact '25 event hosted by NeighborWorks New Horizons! Bringing the community together, this event showcases nonprofits and partners working to improve lives and neighborhoods. Visit YC's table from 10:00AM-3:00PM at Quinnipiac River Park, 73 Front Street, Hamden (off Grand Ave.). (Rain date: Aug. 9.)

August

5 (Tuesday) - National Night Out

From 4:00-7:00PM, you can attend Hamden's National Night Out and visit the YC table! Taking place at Villano Park, this community event brings together residents, local organizations, and public safety personnel for an evening of fun, connection, and neighborhood pride.

October

22 (Wednesday) – Family and Community Engagement Kick-Off

Join YC at the Family and Community Engagement event, hosted by Aces. Schools, nonprofits and community organizations will be in attendance helping community members connect to make impacts. The event takes place at the SDA Building- 205 Skiff St. Hamden, CT, from 3:00-6:00PM.

YOU are Youth Continuum.

You make a difference.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!