

Meet The Partner Orgs of 2011-2012!

Artspace

Artspace's mission is to connect artists, audiences and resources, to catalyze artistic activity, and to redefine art spaces.

We are excited to be able to deepen Artspace's connection to the rich and diverse community, both in New Haven, and through the Public Allies network, to Connecticut as a whole.

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, Inc.

BNT's mission is to strengthen neighborhoods by embracing a holistic revitalization approach through advocacy, education, investment, and technical support. To meet this challenge BNT develops affordable housing, creates healthy homes, and provides comprehensive homeownership counseling for low-income families.

This is our 3rd year of a BNT/ Public Ally Partnership. It has worked out very well historically and all the Allies assigned to BNT have proved to be a tremendous asset to the organization. BNT is therefore excited about the prospect of working with yet another Public Ally over the next 10 months who will be working at a Housing Counseling Assistant to the Director of its Homeownership Education Program to assist with program delivery, data base management, marketing and outreach as well as manage a caseload of clients who are potential first time homebuyers.

Bridgeport Public Library

We believe that libraries change people's lives. They are cornerstones of democracy. The Bridgeport Public Library provides opportunities for residents to learn, enjoy, and achieve. To accomplish that mission, the Bridgeport Public Library offers free and open access to a relevant collection, staff knowledge, and modern facilities.

We had a Public Ally working with our volunteers the year before last, and he made a significant contribution. In these next ten months we are excited about our Ally helping us expand the way we utilize volunteers and help us initiate new programs, such as our use of our bookmobile.

Connecticut Association for Human Services

Founded in 1910 and staffed since 1970, the Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS) is an independent, nonprofit public education, research and policy development organization that works to end poverty and engage, equip, and empower all families in the state to build a secure future.

CAHS has worked with Public Allies in the past and is confident that an Ally will provide the energy and community based knowledge needed to reach the EITC populations in each region. The Ally will serve as a much needed point of contact with clients who are involved with the VITA program and collaborate with a large network of partners to integrate those clients with the Connecticut Money School and Bank-On initiatives.

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Common Ground – New Haven Ecology Project

Common Ground is a center for environmental learning and leadership located at the base of New Haven's West Rock Ridge. Our mission is to cultivate habits of healthy living and sustainable environmental practice among a diverse community of children, young people, and adults. We accomplish this mission through three connected efforts: 1) An environmental education center, offering summer camps, children's programs, weekend workshops, festivals, youth employment, and other programs. This year, more than 8,000 community members join in our programs; 2) The nation's first environmental charter high school, preparing students for college success and environmental leadership. For four straight years, our students have made some of the state's largest test score gains, and more than 90% of our students have moved on to college; and 3) An urban farm and 20-acre site, modeling sustainability and contributing 5,000 pounds of fresh, local produce to the community. *We have seen the impact of Public Allies over the last five years -- as a host for past allies, a site for a Team Service Project, and as an active member of the New Haven community. We know that Public Allies adds enormous value to Common Ground's work, and helps create real results for our city as a whole. We are excited and eager to host an Ally who is a steady advocate for educational equity, who will bring a huge amount of capacity to our organization, and who we will help to grow into an even stronger community leader.*

Community Alliance for Research and Engagement / Yale School of Public Health

To improve the health of New Haven residents through engagement, collaborative transdisciplinary community-based research, and dissemination of findings.

Public Allies allows us to cost-effectively expand initiatives that we offer to the New Haven community – all towards the mission of improving health in New Haven!

Community Renewal Team

Preparing our community to meet life's challenges.

CRT made the decision to continue the partnership with Public Allies based on the previous experiences with PACT, particularly in the 2010-2011 year. The staff who will continue working with the incoming Ally are most excited about building on the work and accomplishments of last year's Ally.

Domus

Since 1972, Domus has helped thousands of our region's most vulnerable youth and their families experience success. The love, structure, and support we provide at our charter schools, residential programs, and community programs enable our kids and families to reach their full potential. Our approach focuses on key life transitions - moving from elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and high school to skilled work, college or vocational programs - which are critical to future success but are also when youth are most vulnerable. Our vision: No child shall be denied hope, love, or a fair chance in life.

Domus is thrilled to be working with enthusiastic and talented Public Allies who will help our middle school students in New Haven achieve academic success through increased attendance and participation and who will provide educational support to the youth in our residential programs in Stamford.

FSW, Inc. of CT

FSW's mission is to empower people to build a brighter future. Our holistic approach links flexible, innovative, collaborative programs to restore personal capability, develop skills, and build a pathway to economic self-sufficiency. We are our clients' champion. We listen to them, we teach them to change, we hold them accountable, we campaign on their behalf. They define the need. We develop the programs to meet the need. *Public Allies is an organization committed to building the leaders of the non-profit world. To be able to work with someone who envisions herself as a future leader is a wonderful opportunity. In addition, the exposure FSW will give this person will help launch their career on a solid footing and is an opportunity for us to have a positive impact.*

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Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program, Inc.

GBAPP's mission is to serve the Greater Bridgeport community through education, collaboration and intervention by empowering individuals to make informed healthy decisions. GBAPP works to reduce teen pregnancy; reduce the spread of HIV; increase access to care and supportive services; enhance positive relationships; and promote personal responsibility.

To provide a nonprofit environment learning experience for a young leader and reap the benefits of having an individual join our team with a fresh perspective on how to improve our services.

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.

Hands On Hartford has a history of working with AmeriCorps service members. We've worked with the Public Allies program and individual Allies over the last few years and have had amazing experiences each time. We are excited to work with young, energetic, service minded people.

Hartford Food Systems

The mission of the Hartford Food System is to fight hunger and improve nutrition for disadvantaged members of our community through sustainable, non-emergency strategies. To this end, we will implement programs that improve access to nutritious and affordable food, help consumers make informed food choices, and advance responsible food policies at all levels of government.

Working with Public Allies is a good opportunity for both the organization and the Ally. For Hartford Food System, it is a chance to partner with a respected source of young talent to help build community. For the Ally, it is a chance to work with a nonprofit organization that has been established in the community and the field of food security and food justice for many years. I look forward to bringing those two opportunities together for the benefit of Hartford's residents.

Hartford Public Library

To provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration.

This is our second time with Public Allies and we had a great experience the first year. We were attracted to Public Allies because of its mission to build communities and develop leaders, two things in which the Library is very interested. Over the next ten months we look forward to working with our new Public Ally on a variety of programs and activities aimed at making Hartford a better place, and to her adding her own energy and creativity to what the Library is doing.

Hartford Public Schools, Office of Institutional Advancement

Hartford's system of schools exists to provide all students with access to participation in a global economy through attainment of Academic Standards of the State of Connecticut and readiness for post-secondary education.

Public Allies provides the addition of a talented young developing professional to our team and provides them with a comprehensive package of leadership and personal development training and supports. We look forward to helping the growth of a future leader and to growing as an organization through the unique talents and perspectives of our Public Ally.

Hope Dispensary of Greater Bridgeport

Our mission is to create a healthier community through increased access to affordable medication for a population in need.

We have partnered with Public Allies in the past to establish our charitable pharmacy. We are looking forward to increasing our outreach into the community and making more area agencies and businesses aware of our services.

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Husky Sport

Husky Sport students and staff work to positively engage with members of the Hartford, CT and UConn communities through the development of right relationships with youth, their adult family members, college students, and community organization collaborators. Through efforts in schools, after school and weekend programs, Husky Sport aims to be a continuous part of the lives of children and families in Hartford's North End. Consistent engagement within Husky Sport's growing community of role models, mentors and mentees, allows for a reciprocal process of personal and social growth. This process occurs as Husky Sport looks to both reinforce and teach the making of positive life choices in the following four areas: Healthy Nutrition, Relevant and transferable life skills (e.g., respect, communication, leadership), Exposure to varied sports and physical activities, and Academic opportunity and excellence.

Husky Sport had positive interactions with members of the 2010-2011 PACT class as well as had former Husky Sport staff members applying to be Public Allies. We were impressed by the program and felt it was a great fit for our organization. We are excited to learn from our Allies and from the entire PACT program over the next ten months.

Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)

The mission of IRIS is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, regain hope, and contribute to the vitality of CT's communities.

IRIS has benefitted for many years from the energy, experiences, and dedication of Public Allies, and is looking forward to working with another Ally to welcome and resettle refugees. Allies bring to our organization the skills and community connections that they make during the other components of their Public Allies experience, and enrich our work because of what they are learning.

New Haven Academy

New Haven Academy provides a rigorous education that prepares all students to succeed in college and become active citizens able to make informed decisions about their lives and their communities. We work to build a racially, ethnically and economically diverse student body, provide individual attention for every student, and guide students through the difficult transition from middle school to high school. New Haven Academy graduates will be independent thinkers who ask critical questions and who develop and defend their own ideas. In order to achieve this vision, New Haven Academy is a learning community in which all members--staff, students and parents -- know each other well.

New Haven Land Trust

The New Haven Land Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to land conservation, environmental education and community vegetable gardening in New Haven. The New Haven Land Trust achieves its mission by: assisting neighborhoods in the development and maintenance of approximately 50 gardens with materials, supplies, utilities, technical assistance and neighborhood outreach; by preserving and protecting open space, conducting educational programs, distributing newsletters; nature walks, and outreach to schools and neighborhoods; and by educating the public about the environment, nature, land and gardening.

Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT NOFA)

CT NOFA is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the practices of ecologically sound farming and gardening, and to the development of local sustainable agriculture. Our efforts give consumers increased access to safe and healthy food. CT NOFA is a growing community of farmers, gardeners, land care professionals, businesses and consumers that encourages a healthy relationship to the natural world. We had a great experience with our Public Ally last year! We look forward to working with another enthusiastic, talented Ally to increase our outreach efforts, improve our marketing materials and much more.

Northwestern Connecticut Area Health Education Center

Our mission is to inspire and enable disadvantaged youth to pursue rewarding careers as a health care professional.

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Operation Hope of Fairfield, Inc.

Operation Hope provides the opportunity for individuals and families to experience transformative change. By addressing basic needs for food and shelter, as well as offering long-term solutions to hunger and homelessness including affordable housing, life skills training and personalized clinical support, we help people reach their potential in an environment where compassion inspires dignity and hope.

We have enjoyed working with our past Allies and look forward to teaching as well as learning with our new one.

Our Piece Of The Pie, Inc.

Helping urban youth become successful adults.

We have always thought of the Our Piece of the Pie/Public Allies relationship as one of mutual benefit. Non-Profits are always attempting to address capacity building via different lenses. Public Allies has always identified young innovative talents that bring a sense of passion, dedication and eagerness to impact the communities that are identified for support. Our Piece of the Pie also welcomes the opportunity to be a development & personal growth environment for the Allies during their year of service. Over the next service year we will collectively continue to facilitate positive impacts on the communities we are tasked to serve!

Solar Youth, Inc.

The mission of Solar Youth is to provide opportunities for young people to develop a positive sense of self and connection and commitment to others through programs that incorporate environmental exploration, leadership and community service.

We have been a partner since they came to CT. We love the energy and enthusiasm that Allies bring to our organizational team.

Squash Haven

Squash Haven believes that a focused and disciplined approach to both academics and athletics, in a team environment, allows boys and girls the best chance to reach their full potential and, in doing so, enrich their lives. We provide motivated and committed New Haven public school students with training in competitive squash, academic support and enrichment, assistance with high school placement, and college preparation.

We decided to partner with Public Allies Connecticut after several compelling interactions with members of the 2010-11 class. Our kids did two service projects with Allies in different local placements and our Executive Director Julie Greenwood participated in an ED forum with all of the Allies. In every interaction, we were struck by the strength, passion, and professionalism of the Allies pool as well as the Allies staff. When we interviewed candidates, we were similarly impressed. We look forward to hosting a talented future non-profit leader over the next ten months and have no doubt her work with Public Allies will strengthen us as a staff and as an organization.

St. Luke's LifeWorks

To break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve - and maintain - permanent housing and stability in their lives.

Public Allies come in to the organizations in the not-for-profit realm with positive attitudes, great skills and the drive to help those in need. We're excited to continue our relationship.

Southwestern Connecticut Area Health Education Center

Southwestern Area Health Education Center's (AHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality primary and preventive healthcare in Southwestern Connecticut by linking students, providers and families through education, workforce development, and community collaborations. This is accomplished by connecting students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health.

We decided to partner with Public Allies CT because we have had good experiences in the past, and the Allies are focused and have a personal interest in non-profit work. We need to have more young people supporting non-profits.

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The Diaper Bank

The mission of The Diaper Bank is: 1) to ensure that families living in poverty have an adequate supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers; 2) to raise community awareness that “basic human needs” include diapers and that these needs are not being met for children living in poverty; and 3) to advocate for policy reform so that diapers are included in the definition of and provision for the “basic human needs” of families.

This is our second year working with Public Allies! Our Public Ally will be doing important work building our diaper drive program and raising awareness throughout Connecticut about diaper need.

The Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport (HACB)

The Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport is committed to providing quality, affordable housing and services in an efficient, effective and creative manner. HACB serves its residents by providing affordable housing opportunities in safe environments; revitalizing and maintaining neighborhoods; and forming effective partnerships to maximize social and economic opportunities. This mission is accomplished by a fiscally responsible, ethical, and professional organization committed to excellence in public service.

HACB is delighted to partner with Public Allies, a program that came to our attention through Operation Hope, a partner agency. We believe that, through our Resident Services Department, HACB can offer an enriching and varied experience focused on community service and organization that will be mutually beneficial to both programs. We are particularly excited to make operational a Resident Advocate Liaison position to assist the HACB Resident Advocate in her work with developing our Councils and resident leadership.

The Village For Families And Children

To build a community of strong, healthy families who protect and nurture children.

We have partnered with Public Allies CT for four years and have always been pleased with the level of dedication and expertise of the Allies placed at our agency. We are very excited to have a second year Public Ally for the very first time!

True Colors, Inc.

True Colors works to create a world where youth, adults and families of all sexual orientations and gender identities are valued and affirmed. We challenge all forms of oppression through education, training, advocacy, youth leadership development, mentoring and direct services to youth and those responsible for their well-being. *Our partnership with Public Allies helps us provide programming that would otherwise not be possible. Our apprentice provides leadership in our work with school gay/straight alliances.*

Youth Rights Media, Inc.

Youth Rights Media (YRM) is a New Haven-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth to know, protect and advance their rights. YRM builds youth power and leadership by teaching young people video media production and community organizing, equipping them with the skills, tools and strategies for affecting change within themselves and their communities.

Everyone at Youth Rights Media feels inspired to work with Public Allies, whose ideas about fostering leadership and creating lasting social change strongly align with ours. We truly look forward to working with our Ally over the next ten months, as we believe his passion for social justice and strong skill set in media studies will help evolve our youth programming.

YWCA Hartford Region

YWCA Hartford Region is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace justice and dignity for all.

We have had great success for the past two years partnering with Public Allies and the program is in line with the work we do at our agency particularly our Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC). We look forward to continuing our partnership and serving as a resource to a young adult.

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