

Hands On Hartford's Sponsorship Opportunities

Assistance & Advocacy Program

Thanksgiving Opportunities

Fixings and Boxes – During the Thanksgiving season we provide 150 families with turkeys and all the fixings for a meal. We are in need of 150 boxes (copy paper sized) and staples such as stuffing, rice, canned veggies, potatoes, onions, cornbread mixes etc. and additional turkeys to meet the growing demands.

Security Deposit Opportunities

Every year, we receive approximately 15 applications monthly for security deposit assistance. We are able to meet the needs of 7-8 applicants per month with an award of \$300 per household. Your contribution can help keep individuals/families off the streets.

Food Pantry Opportunities

Monthly, we provide close to 350 families with \$65-\$85 worth of groceries/hygiene products. We accomplish this by purchasing the items through Foodshare at a cost of \$4-\$7 per household.

Backpack Program

Bags for kid-friendly Meals

During the 2010-2011 school year, we distributed nearly 3200 kid-friendly weekend meals via the Backpack Program. Each year around June, we purchase 500 new bags at the cost of \$2.39 and start the cycle over.

Backpack Food Drive Opportunities

Although we do purchase items for the children in this program, many of the items are donated. Consider organizing a food drive specifically for this program. We are always in need of juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, oatmeal packets, macaroni & cheese, soups, etc.

Adopt A Backpack Opportunities

Nearly 3200 meals were distributed last year, to approximately 200 students at multiple schools within Hartford. On average, each filled backpack costs us \$6. Consider sponsoring 10, 20 or some other number of bags for a month, quarter, or a school year.

Community Meals

Holiday Meals Opportunities

Community Meals offers 10 annual holiday meals, which are more expensive than typical meals because items are purchased at BJ's rather than Foodshare. **A summer holiday meal for 150 costs an average of \$294 with paper products and a winter holiday meal (Christmas) for 250 costs approximately \$952.**

Weekday Lunch Opportunities

On a typical day, we serve approximately 100 persons a nutritious meal that even includes dessert. We spend an average of \$.20 per meal, without paper products, and \$.34 per meal with. For as little as \$20 you can sponsor a daily lunch.

Client Paperwork Opportunities

In addition to providing clients with meals, we assist them with obtaining important paperwork such as copies of birth certificates. The paperwork is necessary to obtain jobs and benefits. The costs associated with this service ranges from \$15-\$40 per individual.

Dominoes Tournament Opportunities

On any given day at Community Meals you are bound to witness many of our clients engaging in a game of dominoes. Consider organizing a group of your employees and sponsoring an event with prizes.

Senior Community Café Program

Weekend Meal Opportunities

Every weekend we serve approximately 100 senior clients meals at two housing complexes. We deliver between 450-500 congregate meals each weekend at a cost of \$10 per person to 49 of our clients and a cost of \$9.28 to 49 homebound elderly. Consider sponsoring half or all of our senior clients for a weekend or more.

Bingo Prizes Opportunities

Bingo is integral to the clients in Senior Community Café. It enables seniors, who many not otherwise socialize, to interact with volunteers, other seniors and to obtain much needed items that would enable them to stretch their fixed incomes. We are always in need of prizes such as toiletry items. Bingo is played every weekend with the distribution of approximately 4-6 prizes per event.

Holiday Gift Bags

During the holidays (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) we distribute gift bags for our clients containing essentials such as socks, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, thermals, soap, etc. Consider purchasing gift bags, essentials for 100 and assembling them for distribution to program clients.

Peter's Retreat Program

Resident's Room Opportunities

Peter's Retreat has 24 single rooms requiring a fresh coat of paint every couple of years new flooring and furniture (dresser, end table, lamps, mattress/box springs and linens) every several years. It costs an average of \$700 to furnish a room.

Meal Opportunities

Peter's Retreat relies heavily on volunteer groups to purchase/prepare dinner and brunch on weekends. This is not the case on weekdays. A typical brunch costs the agency between \$50-\$75 and dinner \$75-\$100. Consider sponsoring a brunch or a dinner for approximately 30 people monthly, quarterly etc.

Recreational Activities

Consider sponsoring health and/or enrichment related memberships for our residents to the YMCA museums, etc.

Vegetable Garden Opportunity

During the spring the garden of Peter's Retreat comes alive with planting of herbs and vegetables. The garden serves a dual purpose – it enables the chef to provide the residents with fresh and healthy produce and engages some of our residents in the gardening process. Consider sponsoring the garden and all of the components of it.

Contact Tricia at thyacinth@handsonhartford.org to find out more about how you can sponsor our programs