So Every Child Believes in Tomorrow
Dear friends,

At a recent meeting of our senior management team, the leaders were asked to choose one word to describe the current state of their work. There was incredible similarity in their choices: opportunities, challenges, possibilities, change, etc.

Their thoughts are also reflective of developments on the state and national levels, as the federal government works to create a more effective and cost-efficient health care system. In Connecticut, children’s mental health was a hot topic this past year as an advisory committee drafted a Children’s Behavioral Health Plan for the state. Other discussions have taken place about how to provide services to children and families in a more seamless way. Nonprofit leaders, advocates and people affected by mental illness all participated.

In many of these discussions, leaders from The Village shared our knowledge and expertise, based on over 200 years of serving vulnerable children and families and as a highly regarded provider of effective treatment models.

Within all of this swirling change, and talk of change to come, The Village continues to help children heal from trauma and others with social, emotional and behavioral issues learn the skills to thrive in school, at home and in their community.

We also continue to expand our services to parents and families – because we know that a stable family helps children flourish. Parents have come to rely on our support in our family centers in schools and the community – help with financial empowerment, connections to social services, and guidance with parenting. And, we’re exploring ways to better coordinate and integrate services – both within The Village and with other providers – so that families are well served.

Because when a child is suffering – or a family is overwhelmed with concerns about basics like housing, food, and clothing – they need the right kind of help right away.

Change can be good – and in this case, we’re hopeful it will mean that children and parents will have more places to turn when they need it most – like The Village. And, for us at The Village, it means that we will continue to grow and do whatever it takes so that Every Child Believes in Tomorrow.

Andrea Barton Reeves
Board Chair

Galo A. Rodriguez, MPH
President and CEO
Every parent can attest that raising healthy, capable children is a difficult role – but also the role that has the most impact. As Neil Postman wrote in the introduction to *The Disappearance of Childhood*, “Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.”

When parents face the stress of finding food, shelter, heat and clothing each day, parenting can take a back seat, or worse. Certainly not all children who grow up poor are at risk of a bad outcome. But poverty is a major stressor for families, and too often can lead to child neglect and sometimes, abuse. And the number of children living in poverty in the communities The Village serves is high. In Hartford, 47.6 percent of children under 18 live in poverty compared to 14.5 percent statewide.

Poor children and teens are at greater risk for poor academic achievement, behavioral and socio-emotional problems, including anxiety and depression, physical health problems, and suicide, according to the American Psychological Association.

Other stressors, that can occur in families of all economic levels, including domestic violence, violence in a neighborhood, depression, and substance abuse – also interfere with a parent’s ability to protect and nurture a child.

How important is this? Researchers know that young children who are exposed to repeated trauma, or who lack adequate protection and support from adults on a continual basis, are at increased risk of suffering lifelong health and social problems.

“The Village cannot eliminate all stress that parents face – and we certainly can’t eradicate poverty in the neighborhoods we serve,” said Galo Rodriguez, “but we can, and do, help parents be the best parents they can be.”

Several programs of The Village support parents whose children are either at-risk of or have been abused or neglected. The families are referred to us by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). For example, our Intensive Family Preservation program helps prevent children from being removed from their home.

The guiding philosophy is that families have the capacity for appropriate parenting and, when guided by skilled professionals, can learn the techniques necessary to remain together. Staff are available 24/7, and help connect the families with needed services such as access to food and clothing.

Similarly, through our Reconnecting Families program, staff provide intensive support for Hartford-area families whose children have been removed from their home by DCF when the goal is to reunify the child with the family. Through in-home visits, 24/7 support, and links to community resources, Village staff help the parents build their parenting skills and strengthen the bond with their child. The goal is to enable the child to return home.

Other Village programs that support parents include our home-visiting programs for new parents – including those who are considered “at-risk,” our fatherhood program for young fathers, and even our preschool program, which help parents bond with and promote their child’s healthy development.

Two newer programs have taken The Village even further along this path. The Community Support for Families and Family Financial Stability Initiative are strengthening families so they can be better equipped to raise strong, healthy children. And parents are grateful.

Community Support for Families

In Connecticut, as in the nation, the vast majority of children who are maltreated experience neglect rather than abuse. But traditionally there has been limited funding for state and community agencies to provide services to keep families intact after a report of neglect or abuse has been filed, according to a report by Casey Family Services.

Child welfare workers had limited options other than foster care, to keep children safe. And removing children from their families can, in and of itself, have lasting negative effects on a child.

In 2012, the Department of Children and Families adopted a new approach to serving those families, called “differential response.”

In a differential response system, DCF, after a report of suspected abuse or neglect, may determine that certain families do not need further investigation or monitoring.
When families are referred to the program, they’re often “lost and confused,” says Danielle Zaugg, a family support specialist. “They’re unsure what the future holds,” says Alyssa Skewes, a parent navigator with KIDSAFE, The Village’s partner.

Danielle and Alyssa team up to assist the families in resolving their problems, but also to become independent and learn the skills to handle future crisis on their own. “They come to us with all types of needs,” said Danielle.

The list is indeed long. Danielle and Alyssa quickly identified over 25 issues that were distressing families, from lack of housing and a job to being unable to afford diapers for their babies. Families are dealing with lack of transportation to and from work, doctor’s appointments and shopping. They have trouble affording heat, food and clothing, including their child’s uniforms for school. Parents sometimes cope with custody issues and protective orders against a spouse, as well as domestic violence in their home. Like all parents, they worry about whether their child is developing properly and what to do when they have trouble in care or in school. The myriad problems they face can be overwhelming.

“Many of them are relieved that we are here to help them,” said Danielle. “They need support, reassurance and guidance.”

How are we helping these families? “We know what services are available and we help them connect to them,” said Danielle. “We might set up a meeting for them, but we model for them how to make that phone call and to reach the right person, so that they can do it for themselves.”

Of the 300 families served by the program so far, most have needed help with “resource management” and basic human needs, such as food assistance. The thorniest problem has been finding affordable housing, which is critical for a family’s stability and safety, and a parent’s ability to nurture her children. Staff have also helped parents build their parenting skills and further their education.

And it’s paying off. Seventy percent of the families served have met their treatment goals. Only five percent needed to be placed under DCF’s supervision. “It’s amazing to see how much a family can accomplish in the 6-6 months they’re with us,” said Danielle. “They go from living in a shelter to living in an apartment. They get their first job in years.”

“They smile!” added Alyssa. “Some don’t even smile when we first meet them.”

They can finally breathe easier, says Danielle. Danielle and Alyssa are proud to know what a difference they’ve made in a family’s life. Danielle still keeps on her phone a text from one of their clients to remind her:

“Thank you for helping me get out of the hotel and get an apartment. I’m so happy for my son. Love you.”

One year ago, Anne-Marie Archambo, mother of three children, was completely deaf. She had never heard her one-year-old son’s voice. Her nine-year-old daughter had become her translator, and in many ways, her protector. “She’d alert me to dangers and sounds I needed to pay attention to…she was acting much older than her age because her mom was deaf,” said Anne-Marie. And her middle daughter would cope with all the stresses by “zoning out.”

Then, Anne-Marie was connected with The Village through the Community Support for Families program. And things began to change – for the better.

“We had a lot of counselors and other providers in our lives – and that was good – but it got very confusing and hard to keep up with,” said Anne-Marie. Danielle, family support specialist with The Village, arranged for all of the therapists and providers to come together with Anne-Marie and the children for regular meetings, so, as Anne-Marie put it “everyone could be on the same page. That way everyone knew what our goals were and where we were in the process.”

Danielle also connected her with the Department of Rehabilitation Services and worked with them to provide various tools to alert her to dangers and sounds – such as phone alerts, flashing lights for a fire alarm, etc. That way her daughter didn’t need to be on high alert all the time.

Then, when Anne-Marie decided to have cochlear implants to enable her to hear, Danielle helped her throughout the process of recovery and adjustment as she began to be able to hear. “It took nine months of rehabilitation, but it was worth it – a lot has changed since then!” said Anne-Marie.

In addition to being able to hear and communicate with her children, Anne-Marie says one of the biggest changes as a result of her participation in the Community Support for Families Program is that she’s able to find support groups and “good people to keep around me. I had bad people in my life before and didn’t realize it.”

“‘When I make a decision I always think of you. You, without knowing, have made such a life-lasting impact on my life that I’m forever in debt to you. You two have been the Guardian Angels I had asked God and dad to send me. Thank you so much. I hope you have a sense of accomplishment every day no matter how your day goes because even when you don’t see it, you have changed someone’s life in a positive way.’

Anne-Marie

Oretha Harris, program manager for our Community Support for Families program, with Danielle Zaugg, family specialist, and Alyssa Skewes, parent navigator for programs. “It fits with our beliefs that to make lasting change in a child’s life we need to provide support to the parents, and that the best programs are built upon a family’s strengths.”
Helping Families Move Forward Financially

The Family Financial Stability Initiative has a long name but its goal is simple: “It’s another barrier we can remove – a source of stress – that keeps families from being successful,” says Theresa Fairnot, financial educator.

The fact is that many people simply do not know how to budget, says Laura O’Keefe, program coordinator. “And that leads to issues of bad credit, and keeps families from having stable finances.”

Now in its second year, the Financial Stability Initiative has helped 151 women in Hartford, with incomes less than $50,000 a year better manage their finances and work toward achieving their financial goals. Funded by United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and the Women’s Leadership Council, it’s an example of an innovative program that, in the words of one of our clients, “works!”

“With this program we’re not tackling the larger systemic issues of generational poverty, racism or other structural inequalities that contribute to families not being financially stable,” says Tammy Freeberg, senior director of grants and program development, “but we are helping people take positive steps to improve their lives – and the lives of their children.”

Erica Davey agrees. A bad credit report and a lack of saving were keeping Erica from achieving the goals she had for herself. A single mom, Erica says, “We didn’t have everything. I had to make sacrifices to raise my kids and I got into a lot of debt.”

After participating in budgeting classes, and one-on-one coaching with Eileen Burgos-Rosa, family financial educator, Erica was able to contact the companies listed on her credit report and negotiate a plan to remove her debt. There were things listed on my report that I had no idea existed!” she said.

“Eileen taught me how to save, cut coupons, bargain, and keep track of what I spend,” she says. She began budgeting and foregoing purchases she would normally make without thinking. Now, Erica says with pride: “I could walk into a store now, apply for credit and I’d get it!”

“We help take the fear out of budgeting and saving,” said Theresa. “The women trust us – we speak the same language and they can come to us as they are.”

“Let’s face it, changing behavior is hard – for everyone,” says Laura. “But when the women are working toward goals that they set and know that we’re there to help them reach those goals, they get excited. They begin to believe that change is possible.”

Another motivator is the matched savings component. A match is available for qualified Hartford women, helping them achieve their goals sooner.

“Most women I coach tell me they don’t make enough money to save, that they have too many bills and obligations,” says Eileen. “I show them that it is possible and how to do it.”

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Participants open an Individual Development Account to begin building their savings to purchase things like school uniforms for their children, a computer, or sometimes larger-ticket items like a down payment on a house. Priscilla Garcia took advantage of the match to purchase a car. A single mom, Priscilla was having a difficult time keeping up with all of her daughter’s school, sports and extracurricular activities and her own two jobs, without a car. Priscilla began saving through the IDA and was able to purchase a car.

Extremely grateful, Priscilla says, “I am a strong person, with drive and determination, but I needed some education and help in reaching my goals. On behalf of my children, thank you so much for helping me achieve them!”

Priscilla isn’t finished moving forward – she’s now attending Springfield College full-time, pursuing a bachelor’s degree in human services. So far, she says “it’s been an awesome experience!”
After working for 15 years with the State of Connecticut, Adrienne Trice had to make a tough choice.

Stay and continue working or move to Georgia to care for her ailing parents. She chose her parents. After her parents got well, they moved to Philadelphia where she met and made a life with a man and together they had Laila, “her pride and joy.” But her relationship with Laila’s father soured and Adrienne made another tough choice…to leave home with Laila.

“It was the day before Christmas and we had nowhere to go.”

So, they returned to Connecticut to stay with family. “It was difficult and depressing,” said Adrienne. It was during the Recession so finding a job wasn’t easy; the State wasn’t hiring. She took a part-time job in retail and found child care for Laila. It was a first step but she still felt unsettled.

“Then, a friend told me about The Village, and I called right away,” she said. “I spoke with Carmen [director of the Early Childhood Learning Center] and she invited me to meet with her and see the program.”

She loved it. Fortunately, there was one slot open. “It was like that one spot was for me and Laila,” she said.

Laila started right away and soon began making friends, learning songs and increasing her vocabulary. “I started feeling better about myself but I still wanted our own space. I felt I was ready to be on my own; I just didn’t have the resources…a place, a security deposit…”

“We were able to connect Adrienne with resources – both within The Village and other organizations we work with,” said Carmen. The Hartford Larrabee Fund Association, which provides financial assistance to needy women and families who live in Hartford, provides The Village with a grant each year to help qualified clients.

“Adrienne was a perfect candidate for their assistance,” said Carmen.

Carmen then reached out to Village donors, staff, friends and colleagues, who quickly responded with offers of household goods for the apartment that Carmen located for Adrienne just two blocks from the preschool.

When they moved in, “Laila was so excited!” said Adrienne. “She had wanted her own room, her own space to play with her dolls and that’s what she has now. She’s happy. And there’s nothing like being a parent and seeing your child happy.”

With help from the teachers at the preschool, counseling from a Village psychologist to help her deal with the transitions in her life, and her own space, Laila was able to focus on other things – making friends and learning.

On a beautiful sunny day in August, Laila graduated from the preschool “with all her friends and her teachers by her side. I tried to hold back the tears,” said Adrienne, “but it was so hard.”

And now, Laila is going to kindergarten. “I’m happy because she’s moving on in life, but I’m sad because we’re leaving The Village.”

“They made it so easy for me and my daughter to move forward. We have our own space. We have our own key to our door. Everything’s just wonderful.”

To see and hear a video of Adrienne and Laila, visit our website at www.thevillage.org/story/forward.
“I feel like I won the lottery twice,” says Susan, describing how it feels to be the mom of two adopted girls. “They are the two best gifts I’ve ever received.”

Susan, a financial executive for an international firm, says she had thought about adoption since she was in college. “It was just something that always appealed to me,” she says.

After a period of living and working abroad, she returned to the US and was getting settled into her new home when she heard an ad on the radio from The Village about adoption. She decided it was the right time to make the call. She spoke with the director of the adoption program and then began working with one of The Village’s social workers.

“They were great,” she says. “I did my home study and parenting classes and while I learned that adoption is not without risk, the staff at The Village reassured me by telling me that in any prospective adoption case they would always share whatever information was available and that if at any step in the process I didn’t feel comfortable, I could always say no.”

Susan completed the process, and then waited as a year went by. “Then on a Friday afternoon, I got the call,” Susan recalls. “There was a baby in the hospital and I was asked if I wanted to come get her. I cannot describe all of the joy and excitement that followed. I did not stop smiling for months.”

Two years later, Susan decided she wanted to adopt another child. She went through the recertification process, and a similar thing happened.

“One year went by without even a phone call,” Susan says, “and then three weeks before Christmas I got a call at work about a baby girl who had been born on Thanksgiving Day and the next day we were able to bring her home with us.

I have a beautiful photo with my older daughter sitting in front of the Christmas tree holding the baby like it was the best Christmas present ever.”

“It’s just an incredible joy to form a family,” Susan says. “I’m knocked out by how much light these little people bring to my life. Well, at least most of the time” she adds with a chuckle. “My daughters are 12 and 9 now and we have so much fun sharing new adventures together. I continue to feel blessed each and every single day.”

“Every child should be entitled to have a family and The Village is working to make that possible. It helps children of all ages and in so many ways,” she adds. Susan expresses her gratitude by giving generously to The Village.

We’re thankful for people like Susan – and all of the foster and adoptive parents and mentors, who give their time, love, guidance and home to a child in need.

Our goal is to help children succeed academically and socially, help parents succeed with effective parenting skills, and empower families to become independent and able to prevent and manage crises.
Outcomes

Our impact lies in the thousands of children and families who have overcome enormous challenges and are now building brighter futures for themselves with help from the treatment, services and advocacy of The Village.

The children we serve are of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds, although many live in poverty. They are at risk for physical and emotional abuse, or neglect or are members of families struggling with many challenges. Our wraparound approach of services includes individual and family counseling; group home, residential and outpatient treatment; school-based support programs; and in-home family strengthening. Our goal each day is to do whatever it takes to improve the health, well-being and success of children and families.

8,783 clients served

51% males
49% females

Ethnicity

30% African American/Black
9% Caucasian
52% Latino
9% Other

Age

14% Under 6
31% 6 to 11
30% 12 to 17
10% 18 to 24
9% 25 to 39
6% 40 and over

Prevention, Community Support & Early Intervention

Providing at-risk children and families with the help and support they need before problems escalate is a priority for The Village. Providing supportive services where children and families already are is often the most impactful. Our school and community-based programs include: early childhood development, after-school and truancy prevention programs for children and youth, financial stability classes and coaching, and parenting education and support for parents.

Outpatient Behavioral Health/Trauma Center

The Village helps children, teens and their families process trauma and learn to cope with life’s challenges. We provide treatment services to families and children at various sites, including our clinics, Hartford Public Schools, and in their homes.

Intensive Community & Residential Treatment

We have a range of treatment programs for children with severe emotional, behavioral and mental health issues, from short-term residential programs for children in need of 24/7 care and treatment to in-home services.

Therapeutic Foster Care, Adoption and Family Preservation

The Village places children aged 6 to 18 who are in need of special therapeutic care in foster homes that provide stability and a sense of security. We also provide intensive in-home services to families whose children are at imminent risk of placement outside of the home.

Children in our intensive community program were not hospitalized and 86% did not need to go to the Emergency Department.

Children from our sub-acute unit went to a less restrictive environment.

Children were reported by their parents to have improved functioning at discharge from our sub-acute unit.

Children from our Safe Home went to a biological or foster home.

Children in our Extended Day Treatment programs did not require further hospitalization, intensive treatment or out-of-home placement while in the program.

Parents report improved functioning of their children at discharge from our outpatient Enhanced Care Clinic program.

Families were kept together through our family preservation program.
Partnering with United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and the City of Hartford, we helped 7,502 tax filers in the greater Hartford and Windham regions file their taxes for free and receive over $18.6 million in federal credits and refunds last year – an average of $1,890 per filer.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, or VITA, helps lower to moderate wage-earning individuals and families file their taxes for free, learn about credits they’ve earned, and access other services such as credit repair support or financial literacy programs. The money they receive is reinvested in our local economy, strengthening families and communities.

During the 2014 tax season, 18 VITA sites in the Greater Hartford and Windham regions helped 7,502 tax filers (up nearly 9% from last year). Two of the VITA sites were located in Hartford Community Schools, John C. Clark and Alfred E. Burr, where The Village provides a range of services for students and their families to promote their academic success.

Noting Our Successes

Senators Blumenthal and Murphy visited two Hartford VITA sites to urge people to take advantage of free assistance from trained VITA volunteers.

Hector Glynn, vice president for programs, serves on the advisory committee that developed the Children’s Behavioral Health Plan. Produced with input from parents, community members, mental health experts, and others, the plan will guide the State’s efforts to build a comprehensive and integrated behavioral health system for Connecticut’s children.

“The plan is ambitious and lays out much more work that needs to be done to make sure that children and families have access to a system of services that truly meets their needs,” said Glynn.

The plan was submitted to the Legislature on October 1, 2014. The executive summary and full plan can be found at www.plan4children.org.

“Miss Kizzy taught me that I can make something of myself. In order to fulfill my dreams, I have to finish school.”

~ Zicalya, participant in our Teen Outreach Program at John C. Clark Elementary & Middle School in Hartford
Last year, we talked about how a new tool, which we helped to design and pilot, called a brief “mid-level developmental assessment,” or MLDA, was helping identify behavioral issues in young children and enabling them to receive the help they need before problems escalate.

Now, the MLDA is being disseminated more broadly across the state – with United Way’s Child Development Infoline serving as the point of contact to help families find providers that do the assessments, and to other states – through the Help Me Grow National Center/Office of Community Child Health at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

Its expansion is limitless. Our vice president for programs, Kimberly Martini-Carvell, was invited to present about the MLDA at the 2014 World Infant Mental Health Congress in Scotland this summer, where participants reacted with a great deal of interest.

Residents of Middletown and surrounding towns have a new resource to help them address their children’s disruptive emotional and behavioral challenges. The Village began offering its Extended Day Treatment (EDT) program in Middletown last spring.

When a child is suffering from emotional or behavioral challenges, a family’s resilience is put to the test. But, with support and appropriate intervention, children and families can learn to cope and avoid crisis. EDT is a successful 6-month after-school program that provides a structured environment to help children ages 5-12 develop and practice social and coping skills to build success in school, at home and in the community.

“We work with children to help them set goals, learn to express their feelings, and deal with conflict in healthy, productive ways,” said Melissa White, associate vice president for programs. “We also provide support and guidance to families – to connect them with other resources in the schools and community and build a foundation for success for their children.”

Since opening in April, the Middletown EDT program has reached maximum enrollment – 16 children—and has a waiting list of 10 children, according to program coordinator Karyn Riviere. Five have already successfully graduated from the program.
## Financial Report

### Program Funding

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“I give to The Village because I believe strongly that everyone should look outside of themselves and recognize the needs of others, especially where children are concerned. All any child wants is to feel loved and valued. The Village does an outstanding job of making sure that happens!”

Carol Baker, annual fund donor

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

~ Maya Angelou
The Village’s Holiday Giving Tree provided toys, presents, winter clothing and gift cards to 2,400 children and families. For two weeks, the gymnasium at our 1680 campus transformed into a version of Santa’s workshop where staff and volunteers met daily to collect, organize and distribute gifts to children and families. The donors of toys and gifts help create memories, and spread love, hope and comfort to children and families during the holiday season. “I am very grateful that I got something for Christmas from people who care,” said one of the children who received a gift.

Lincoln Financial gave over 100 gifts to the children served by our Community Support for Families program.
A $65,000 grant from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) will help us improve our programming for adolescents with serious emotional and behavioral issues by providing trauma treatment training for staff.

Virginia Thrall Society $100,000+

ORGANIZATIONS
Child First, Inc.
The Hartford Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Travelers
Travellers Foundation
United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

Augusta Williams/Gray Lodge Society $50,000+

ORGANIZATIONS
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
Glastonbury Auxiliary of The Village
Simsbury Auxiliary of The Village
Suffield Auxiliary of The Village

Alison Gill Lodge Society $25,000+

ORGANIZATIONS
Bank of America
Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, Inc.

President’s Society $10,000+

INDIVIDUALS
Anonymous (1)
Ms. Linda Carlson
Mr. and Mrs. Colin H. Cooper
Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Lombardo
Mr. Liam McGee and Ms. Lori McGee
Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. Reilly

ORGANIZATIONS
Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation
Cox Charities of Northeast Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation
Enworth Charitable Foundation
Hartford Larrabee Fund Association
Lincoln Financial Group Foundation, Inc.
Red Sox Foundation
University of Connecticut Health Center

Brainard-Goodwin Society $5,000+

INDIVIDUALS
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Bailey, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Curt A. Cameron
Mr. and Mrs. David R. Epstein
Mr. Richard M. Kaplan, Esq.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Klippe
Mr. Barry N. Lautra and Ms. Alison G. Coolbrith

ORGANIZATIONS
Aetna Foundation Marching Gifts Program
All Waste, Inc.
Asylum Hill Congregational Church
Fairview Capital Partners, Inc.
Fisher Foundation, Inc.
Thomas Hooker Brewing Company LLC
KPMG LLP
SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc.
The Warrington Foundation
Webster Bank – Waterbury

Hartford Trolley Barn Society $2,500+

INDIVIDUALS
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“I can’t thank you all enough for what you have done for me and my daughter. Because of you and everyone who helped us, I felt my voice was finally heard. I really feel there is now hope for my daughter to move forward.”

~ Mother of a seven-year-old girl helped by our Enhanced Care Clinic

FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES
City of Hartford
Connecticut Department of Children and Families
Connecticut Department of Social Services
Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority
Connecticut State Department of Education
Hartford Board of Education
State Education Resource Center/Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center
US Department of Health and Human Services

A $65,000 grant from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) will help us improve our programming for adolescents with serious emotional and behavioral issues by providing trauma treatment training for staff and evaluation to improve program effectiveness.
As part of Subaru’s “Share the Love” campaign, Mitchell Subaru of Canton donated over $4,200 to The Village to support programs and services to vulnerable children and families in the Greater Hartford area.

“You have to be tough, but also make it not so serious all the time. I want him to know that he deserves special things. They feel so thrown away as it is.”

~ Odell Martin, talking about her experience as a foster parent

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“You don’t have to be a teacher to run an after-school activity. You could start a Lego club, or bring a bunch of board games. These kids just need positive interaction and support in a nurturing environment.”

~ Carrie Firestone, volunteer at our Family Resource Center at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Hartford
1809 Society

The 1809 Society, named in honor of our founders, is a devoted group of donors who have named The Village as a beneficiary in their estate plans. Their generous bequests will enrich, sustain and preserve our services, protecting and nurturing children today and for generations to come. These gifts establish an enduring legacy of caring, protection and support for the children and families we serve. We are honored to be the guardian of these meaningful contributions.

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A CHARITABLE FORCE

The Auxiliaries of Glastonbury, Simsbury and Suffield collectively raised $240,000 for The Village. Proceeds are generated through the Auxiliaries’ completely volunteer-run Second Chance Shops in these towns. After relocating its shop to a new location, the Glastonbury Auxiliary raised $92,000 – its largest gift ever! All of the Auxiliaries work hard to support The Village – they contributed more than 43,000 hours of their time – a value of over $900,000! A portion of the Auxiliaries’ contribution supports a holiday party for children in foster care.

Senator Dante Bartolomeo visited our Early Childhood Learning Center and learned how it is a gateway to many other early intervention and supportive services for children and their families. She also had some fun with the kids!
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331 Wethersfield Avenue  
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(including RAMBUH Family Center)  
105 Spring Street  
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One Regency Drive  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

**Extended Day Treatment Locations**

The Village Main Campus  
300 Parker Street  
Manchester, CT 06042  
282 Main St Ext.  
Middletown, CT 06457  
117 Lincoln Street  
Meriden, CT 06451

**Group Home**

Alison Gill Lodge  
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A strong endowment is a critical component of an institution’s financial strength. Gifts to endowment provide program support for the families we serve today and for future generations. Gifts also generate steady and predictable income for daily operations. We are grateful to the donors who established these lasting gifts.

The Robert I. Beers Memorial Fund  
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“With the advice and support that Triple P provided to my family, we are now able to communicate and respect each other better.”  
— Jose Pratts, participant in the Positive Parenting Program at our Family Resource Center at SAND school in Hartford

You can help us transform the lives of vulnerable children and families by sharing your gifts of time, talent or financial support. To learn how, contact Liana Garcia Fresher, Vice President for Development, at lfresher@thevillage.org or 860-297-0545.

This report reflects gifts received from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The compilers have carefully reviewed the names that appear. If your name is listed incorrectly or is missing, please accept our apologies, and let us know so we can correct the mistake (call 860-297-0544 or email sbaker@thevillage.org.)

**About The Village**

The Village provides services in these Hartford schools:

- Alfred E. Burr Community School  
  400 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford
- America’s Choice at SAND School  
  1750 Main Street, Hartford
- Asian Studies Academy at Bellizzi Middle School  
  215 South Street, Hartford
- Bulkeley High School  
  300 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford
- Burns Latino Studies Academy  
  350 Putnam Street, Hartford
- Dr. Michael D. Fox Elementary School  
  470 Maple Avenue, Hartford
- Hartford Public High School  
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  330 Clark Street, Hartford
- Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School  
  75 Clark Street, Hartford
- OpPortunity High School  
  100 Washington Street, Hartford

(cClockwise from top right) Keeping The Village’s many campuses groomed and tidy is no easy task. We are grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who help us each year, like these groups from Cigna, VOYA Financial and Travelers.
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**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LICENSES**

- Child Care Facility to provide Group Home Services
- Child Care Facility to provide Safe Home Services to Children
- Child Care Facility to provide Temporary Shelter Services
- Child Placing Agency and Foster Care and Adoption Services
- Extended Day Treatment
- Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children
- Residential Treatment

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSES**

- Child Day Care Center for Preschool Services
- Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults
- Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons

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- American Psychological Association
- Council on Accreditation
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

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- Connecticut Department of Education
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**OUR MISSION:**

to build a community of strong, healthy families who protect and nurture children
"The Rambuh Family Center and fatherhood program at The Village helped me and my family grow to where we are at a really great place. I know I couldn’t have done it without them. As a result of being in this program, my son had a head start in school and reads way above his grade level."

- Demetrius Chamblee