

Community Wish List

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**JEWISH
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
OF GREATER HARTFORD



This newsletter highlights activities you can partially or fully fund to keep our community strong and vibrant. Thank you for your support!

OUTREACH

Shabbat Your Way

UConn Hillel

UConn Hillel wants to give students opportunities to connect with Shabbat outside of traditional service options; ideas include yoga, hiking, music and a community service project. Your grant would support these ideas and the cost of hiring musicians, yoga instructors, and transportation.

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Challah and Hangout

UConn Hillel

The Challah Bake every Friday morning at UConn Hillel allows students to connect more deeply and creatively with this Jewish tradition. Your grant will support this important initiative, including the purchase of baking supplies and UConn Hillel aprons for participants.

\$2,000



ARTS & CULTURE

Connect Students with Local History

Jewish Historical Society (JHS)

The JHS wants to teach students at area religious and day schools about our rich local history. Your grant will allow the nonprofit to develop and deliver engaging learning activities about local Jewish heroes, such as Beatrice Fox Auerbach, Louis "Kid" Kaplan, Annie Fisher, Harold Rothstein, and others whose actions demonstrate Jewish values.

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Yiddish Theater Project

Jewish Historical Society (JHS)

Help the JHS support a theater project that connects new audiences with the local history of Yiddish culture. Please consider a grant to fund printing costs for a lobby display about Yiddish theater and Sophie Tucker in Hartford during the run of the play "Indecent" at Playhouse on Park in 2023.

\$500



Office Renovations

Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford (JFS)

With limited office space and an increased demand for mental health services, JFS must move some administrative staff to make room for new clinicians to have private offices. Your grant will help JFS install specialized sound dampening cubicles that allow for shared space among staff.

\$3,000

Holocaust Survivors

JFS

Although JFS has made great strides toward meeting the needs of Holocaust survivors, there is still a dire need to provide for their homecare. German government reparations do not cover the full cost of homecare, and limiting this essential need could mean the risk of falls and other dangerous living conditions. Your grant would help ensure vital homecare for those who have endured so much.

RECEIVED \$3,000, BUT COULD USE MORE FUNDING

Educational Arts Theater Experience

Chabad Friendship Circle

Your grant to Chabad Friendship Circle will cover the costs of bringing renowned NYC theater performers to West Hartford for a live show. Performers will use life-size puppets with disabilities to build awareness and acceptance, spark questions and teach community inclusion. Children will examine attitudes surrounding disabilities and differences while fostering empathy and acceptance.

\$3,000

Purim in the Tropics

Chabad Friendship Circle

Chabad Friendship Circle will host a fully inclusive holiday celebration for families. Your grant will create a supportive, nonjudgmental environment in which children with disabilities and teenage volunteers can feel the JOY of Judaism with tropical animals, smoothie making, Hamantaschen and Hulas.

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Post War and Trauma Support for Teenage Ukrainian Refugees

Schoke Jewish Family Services of Fairfield County (Schoke JFS)

Schoke JFS will introduce trauma-informed, psychosocial support for Ukrainian refugee teenagers fleeing war and grappling with all they saw, lost, and long for far from home. Your grant will help fund mental health support groups and one-on-one counseling to eight individuals initially, as Schoke JFS helps these teenagers adapt to and build their new lives.

\$3,000

Holocaust Survivor Services Isolation Reduction Programs

Schoke JFS

To connect and support Holocaust Survivors throughout CT and across the country, Schoke JFS will introduce wellness programs online and in-person including yoga, brain fitness, socialization, and special interest programming. Your grant will support these initiatives and reduce isolation for more than 100 survivors.

\$2,500

Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL)

Therapeutic horseback riding is proven to be a great therapy modality for people with disabilities; benefits include an increase in balance, sensory input, increased responsibility, and improved motor skills. Please consider recommending a grant to JCL for residents to enjoy the many benefits of horseback riding.

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HUMAN SERVICES

Community Garden

JCL
A grant to support a garden plot at one of JCL's local community gardens will give residents a chance to learn how to grow their own produce. Gardening has many benefits such as managing stress, promoting motor and cognitive skills, and increased socialization with peers. Thank you for your consideration.

\$1,000

SENIORS

Painting for Seniors

Federation Homes

Some of the residents at Federation Homes love to paint. Your grant will let residents continue their craft through weekly watercolor painting classes, which are guided by professionals. Participants are provided with painting supplies during classes including canvas, brushes and paint. Over the past three years, these classes have developed a devoted following!

\$2,000



Keeping Patients and Staff Safe

Hebrew Senior Care

Connecticut Behavioral Health Hospital serves the most vulnerable older adults coping with mental illness. Being able to monitor patients with cameras from the nursing station 24/7 will enhance their safety and security. Please consider a grant for Hebrew Senior Care to add cameras in its behavioral health hospital and overall facility.

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Only an Industrial Vacuum Will Do

Hebrew Senior Care

Hoffman SummerWood is a senior living community with 104 apartments and common areas with hundreds of people walking throughout the building. Housekeeping is responsible for cleaning the entire SummerWood community, but they need extra power! Your grant will help Hoffman SummerWood purchase three commercial vacuums and keep the facilities pristine.

\$3,000

COMMUNITY BUILDING/SOCIAL ACTION

Trunks of Hope

Voices of Hope (VOH)

VOH wants to create a portable Trunks of Hope exhibit. Each trunk will have a theme and tell the story of one of our local survivors. Your grant will support this exhibit as it travels to schools and allows students and educators to work directly with artifacts of Holocaust survivors and related materials.

\$3,000

March of the Living

VOH

VOH will host a March of the Living trip to Poland and Israel in April 2023. Your grant will defray the cost of one educator or journalist from the local community to join the trip and learn firsthand about the history of Holocaust and the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING/SOCIAL ACTION

Expressive Arts for Healing

Mandell JCC

Art can be beneficial to your health and contribute to happiness and mental well-being. Adding an Expressive Arts program to the Mandell JCC facility will engage members and encourage creative expression to help alleviate anxiety, depression and stress. Please consider a grant to support this program including the cost for an art cart, supplies, and consulting hours for project ideas.

\$3,000

Mandell JCC Art Collection Project

Mandell JCC

Since the mid-1950s, the Mandell JCC has been accumulating original art. More than 100 pieces have been inventoried and documented as part of a graduate student art project. Several of the paintings are damaged and need to be re-framed prior to being photographed for an online catalog and prior to being hung for display in the Mandell JCC. Your grant will defray the cost of this project.

\$2,500

EDUCATION

Pink Shabbat

JTConnect

JTConnect's Annual Pink Shabbat brings local Jewish teens together to raise awareness and support for breast cancer research/treatment/and the BRCA gene. All student/family donations will go directly to fund this cause. Your grant will help fund the event including a guest speaker, Havdalah, ice skating, hot cocoa, pizza, music and fun!

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Middle Schoolers Learn to Cook

Solomon Schechter Day School

Solomon Schechter's Middle School now offers a cooking elective! The class combines science, kashrut, real cooking techniques, and fun. However, the school kitchen lacks the right equipment for students: standard-sized pots, multiple sets of measuring cups and spoons, knives and cutting boards, an electric mixer, etc. Your grant will help Schechter purchase these important supplies and inspire America's next top chefs!

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Purim Party Bus

JTConnect

JTConnect's Annual Purim Party Bus is a big hit each year, bringing 80+ local teens together to celebrate Purim and hear the Megillah readings at local synagogues around the community. Teens show up in costume, and two large party buses equipped with decorations, music and food take teens on a tour of festivities around the area! Your grant will support this meaningful teen tradition.

\$2,000



Piano Keyboards for Kids

Solomon Schechter Day School

Music education is crucial to child development and overall happiness! In fun, hands-on music classes, Schechter students learn the basics of pitch, rhythm and tempo, and are exposed to recorders and percussion instruments. A grant to Schechter will fund the purchase of a set of electronic keyboards to help students learn about scales and chords – and create their own music!

\$1,000

The Foundation is pleased to share these funding opportunities with our donors and the community at large. For more information, please contact:

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