# YOUR IMPACT IN A CHANGING WORLD





2020 ANNUAL REPORT



# **GIVING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX**

**ROBIN GILMARTIN AND DIANE MACK** heard about our Resettlement Program on NPR and wanted to learn more.

"The reentry population is dear to my heart," said Robin. When she worked for the VA, she saw veterans face similar struggles experienced by people released from prison. Robin and Diane's visit to CPA's Hartford Reentry Welcome Center sparked their idea to give "outside the box." Their gifts paid for no-contract smartphones that enabled participants to find jobs.

But, when COVID-19 shutdown most in-person support, these phones became the only way for participants to access critical services. Diane said, "This pandemic is so isolating for people. We are thrilled these phones are a lifeline."

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**2020 WAS A YEAR** that no one could have ever predicted. We are deeply grateful for the amount of support we received from all of you. We applaud our government and private partners working together to continue services and protect participants and staff.

During the pandemic, our residential programs continued providing on-site services 24 hours a day. Our other programs quickly shifted how they provided services to a combination of in-person, virtual, and mail communications. Housing and basic needs became a top priority with the dramatic increase of people released from prison.

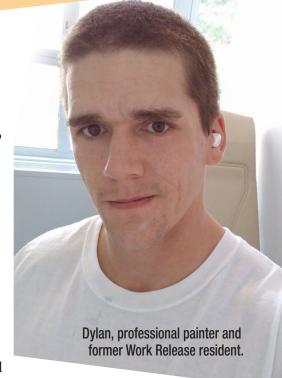
CPA also opened two REGIONS Residential Treatment Programs in Hartford and Hamden. These programs expand our ability to address youth's needs in the juvenile justice system. The programs provide therapeutic residential services to help teen boys successfully return home to their families and communities.

We could not have done it without all of you.

# WHEN AN EMPLOYER IS MORE THAN A BOSS

WHEN DYLAN TRANSFERRED from prison to our residential Work Release Program, his record made it hard for him to find a job. He is an experienced painter, so we hired Dylan to paint our new REGIONS Program. Dylan did a phenomenal job, so we recommended him to Painting and Decorating, Inc.

To get to his interview, Dylan took two buses from Hartford to Plainville, then walked the rest of the way. That impressed Jane Carney, owner of Painting and Decorating, Inc. "I believe everybody needs a helping hand at some time in their lives. Dylan's determination told me that he would be a good fit." Jane even helped Dylan find an apartment after he completed our program.



The pandemic shut down Painting and Decorating, Inc. for months. But Jane stood by Dylan and kept him on part-time, so he could keep his apartment. Dylan is very busy now. He even worked on other CPA projects, but now as an employee of Painting and Decorating, Inc.

# **REACHING OUT TO THE HOMELESS**

**THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM** at Hartford Community Court is our only program to stop operations during the pandemic. But our staff continued outreach to people who needed help.

They assembled care packages using in-kind donations from CPA staff and judges, attorneys, and employees at the Court. Bags were filled with snacks, PPE, and hand sanitizers. Between April and June alone, over 250 care packages were passed out to homeless people at shelters, mobile food sites, parks, and under bridges

throughout Hartford.



Charles with Deb Barrows, Community Service Program Manager.

"Untitled" by Michael Iovieno, part of "Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art PS1.

# LIVING THROUGH ART

IN PRISON, "ART did my living for me," said Michael Iovieno, an alumni artist of the Prison Arts Program.

When he left Connecticut's prisons in 2004, he moved to Maine and kept making art. Showing his work every month in Portland's "First Fridays," his art became the way to meet and connect with other people.

2020 and COVID-19 have taken this away, for now. "I really look forward to traveling again and showing my work." While he waits for those days

to return, his artwork is, again, living for him.



Michael's work is presently on view in the NY Museum of Modern Art PS1 through April 2021. This is his second museum exhibition in as many years. "Prison Arts really helped me in prison, and it helps me now. Creativity keeps me from getting caught up in negativity, wherever I am. And, it has kept me out of prison."

## MAKING PROGRAMS SAFE FOR SERVICES

THE HARTFORD FOUNDATION for Public Giving has been a leader throughout the health crisis by enabling non-profits to continue serving the community. With support from their COVID-19 Response Fund, CPA prepared our non-residential programs to shift to a hybrid of virtual and in-person services.

We reconfigured our facilities for in-person services by purchasing partitions, spacing floor signs, thermometers and deep cleaning of our facilities. For our virtual services, we expanded from one

employees who have been working remotely, using only their phones, were switched from desktop to laptop computers.

CPA Staff Troy Moran, Jenn Staples, and Sandra Bradford-Jennings at the **Manchester AIC** 



#### **FINANCIALS**

#### AUDITED, FY19/20 ENDING JUNE 30TH

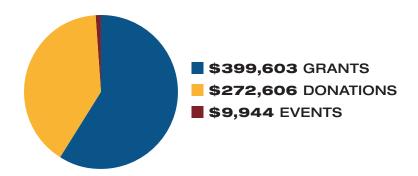
Community Partners in Action's partnerships with Connecticut state agencies fund 88% of our programming.

▶ Total Revenue: \$11,184,991▶ Total Expenses: \$9,526,598

▶ 98% of our revenue supports direct services for participants.

## **FUNDRAISING SOURCES**

**GIVING FY 19-20** 



# **IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT**

FY 19-20

4,412 adults and youth participated in our 12 programs





**30,000** people viewed **PRISON ARTS PROGRAM**'s artworks

669 people continued receiving services during the pandemic



adults were helped with employment and enrolling in school





# DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT (JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020)

Thank you for your generosity and believing in the potential for people to change their lives for the better.

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