

TOGETHER WE THRIVE




Rolando, participant at
the Hartford Reentry
Welcome Center.



2021

ANNUAL REPORT



Rolando a participant at the Hartford Reentry Welcome Center, has two jobs and an apartment he loves.

REBUILDING TRUST BY BECOMING BETTER

Trust was what motivated Rolando to make a change. He didn't trust that people would stick by him because of the things he had done. Rolando came to realize that he had to rebuild the trust of others so his life could become better. Rolando knew he'd have trouble finding housing and employment because of his record. So, when Rolando learned about Community Partners in Action's Hartford Reentry Welcome Center, he signed up.

The day he was dropped off at the Center, Rolando was welcomed by Amy, his case manager, who gave him a reentry backpack and cell phone with pre-paid minutes. Amy immediately arranged emergency housing for Rolando until a permanent home could be found. With a lot of hard work and Amy's assistance, Rolando began rebuilding people's trust in him. Today, he has two jobs and an apartment he loves.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE REFORM

During the 2021 legislative session, Connecticut passed an unprecedented number of bills that continue the state's efforts to reform its criminal justice system. Community Partners in Action actively supported the advocacy efforts and leadership of the many organizations instrumental in getting those bills passed. The criminal justice bills passed include:

- Clean Slate: Erasure of certain convictions after 5 to 10 years.
- Providing free phone calls from prison.
- Restoring voting rights for people on parole.
- Recognizing human trafficking as a form of domestic violence.
- US Census counting people incarcerated in their hometown instead of the prison's location.
- Executive order limiting the use of solitary confinement.
- Redefining the size of drug-free zones.
- Raising the arrest age for youth.

Participant using forklift simulator.



TRAINING YOUTH FOR VOCATIONAL CAREERS

Our REGIONS Residential Treatment Program in Hamden opened an on-site Vocational Center this year. Created by our educational provider ACES, the youth in residence can explore a variety of careers, including forklift operation, barbering, music studios, culinary arts, and technology. They also can earn industry-recognized certifications, such as ServSafe and OSHA-10. In addition, the youth are donating the food they grow during their hydroponic gardening training to food banks and homeless shelters.

Our Hamden and Hartford REGIONS Residential Treatment Programs are for male youth ages 14-18. The programs use a therapeutic approach to reducing the youths' risk factors to help prevent them from transitioning into the adult criminal justice system.

VOLUNTEERS PREPPING NEW WATERBURY REENTRY CENTER

We are grateful to the United Way of Greater Waterbury for coordinating a Day of Caring at our new Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center. Located at the Opportunities Industrialization Center, students and faculty from Post University worked over three days to help prepare the program for its December 2021 opening. Volunteers did landscaping, washed windows, cleaned bathrooms, and cleared out storage spaces.

The new Reentry Welcome Center in Waterbury is modeled after our successful center in Hartford. It serves people returning to Waterbury from prison at the end of their sentence. We thank Post University and look forward to continuing our new partnership.



Post University volunteer at the Waterbury RWC.

WORKING TOGETHER TO THRIVE

José began as a reluctant participant at our Manchester Alternative in the Community Program (AIC). He didn't want to talk to staff, participate in groups, or anything. He wanted to find services on his own. But Mary Jane, his Employment Specialist, was patient. She convinced José to continue with the program to meet his probation requirements.

Over time, José realized that working with AIC staff gave him the structure and guidance he needed to thrive. He told Mary Jane, "I don't think I really knew what structure was before." With his manufacturing background, Mary Jane connected José with several certification training programs that he successfully completed. Those certifications helped José to be accepted into the Pratt & Whitney Apprenticeship Program.



A manufacturing background and completed certification training programs landed José in the Pratt & Whitney Apprenticeship Program.



A self-expression collage project from the Juvenile Detention Enrichment Program.

ENRICHING YOUTH IN DETENTION CENTERS

Enrichment activities provide youth with an outlet for physical and emotional expression. They teach social skills and promote positive interactions. Through our long-term relationship with the CT Juvenile Detention Centers, Community Partners in Action and our enrichment partners already provide youth with art and music therapy, African drumming, yoga and mindfulness, and physical fitness.

We recently tripled the amount of time youth spend in enrichment activities by adding TaiChi and Qigong, pet therapy, performing arts, and life skills. In addition, our Enrichment Program added Family Nights that allow families and caregivers to interact with the youth during an enrichment project or performance.

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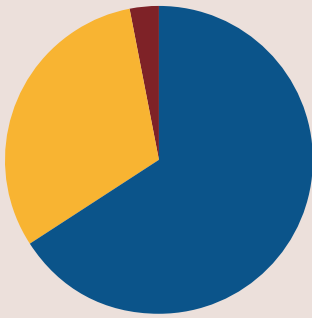
AUDITED, FY 20-21 ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Community Partners in Action's partnerships with State agencies fund 93% of our services.

- ▶ Total Revenue: \$15,252,361
- ▶ Total Expenses: \$12,431,104
- ▶ 88% of our revenue supports direct services for participants.

FUNDRAISING SOURCES

GIVING FY 20-21



- \$278,233 GRANTS
- \$132,558 DONATIONS
- \$11,008 EVENTS

IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

FY 20-21

2,560 adults and youth participated in our **13 programs***



1,426 people were helped with housing & basic needs



250 PRISON ARTS PROGRAM supply packages delivered to **134 ARTISTS** while the prisons were closed to the public

200 people given clothes and shoes from the Community Service Program at Hartford Community Court



267 PEOPLE completed evidence-based interventions supporting behavioral change

204 adults were helped with employment and enrolling in school

**The temporary shutdown of Community Partners in Action's Community Service Program resulted in significantly lower numbers of people served in FY20-21.*

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

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