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Dear ECA Community:

As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to invite you to join us for the many events that showcase our students' artistic growth throughout the year.

Please see the list of upcoming performances and presentations scheduled for the remainder of the year.

A few weeks ago, we shared the [Panorama School Surveys](#) from ACES. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the survey by accessing the link [here](#). The deadline for completing the survey is **tomorrow, May 20th**. We are dedicated to making ECA the best it can be, and your input helps us achieve this goal. If you have any additional feedback or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kevin or Amy.

As a reminder, our graduation celebration for ECA seniors is scheduled for June 10th at 1:15pm outside on Audubon Street. In case of rain, the event will be moved indoors. Due to space limitations, we are able to provide seating for our graduating seniors and four guests outdoors, and three guests indoors. The ceremony is a special opportunity for us to celebrate the many accomplishments of our graduates and showcase their artistic skills one final time at ECA. A detailed schedule of the afternoon, parking information, and maps for the graduation ceremony, performances, and presentations will be sent in a separate message to all families next week. We hope you can join us for this celebration of the Class of 2024!

Finally, the last day for ECA students will be on Thursday, June 13th. Please check with your school district regarding transportation, as we are aware that this will align with final exams or, in some cases, the beginning of summer breaks from your sending high schools.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. We look forward to celebrating with you all soon!

Kevin & Amy



ECA COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 23rd
The Labor Project
2 & 6:30pm ECA Arts Hall

Thursday, May 30th
Spring Concert
6:30 pm Little Theatre

Thursday, May 30th
Visual Arts Exhibition
5:00 - 7:00 pm

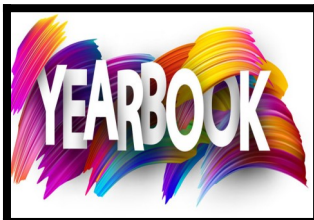
Tuesday, June 4th
Creative Writing Readings
2 & 6:30pm Little Theatre & Theatre Studio

Wednesday, June 5th
Senior Dance
Project Performance
6:30pm ECA Arts Hall

Thursday, June 6th
Senior Dance Project
Performance 2 & 6:30pm
ECA Arts Hall

Thursday, June 6th
Music Department Recital
1:30 pm Neighborhood
Music School

Monday, June 10th
Graduation Day 1:15 pm
Audubon Street Plaza



THE ECA YEAR-BOOK IS BACK!

We are excited to announce that, for the '23 - '24 school year, ECA will be providing a school yearbook in a digital format to all students and families. In addition to this, families will have the option of purchasing a hard copy of the yearbook.

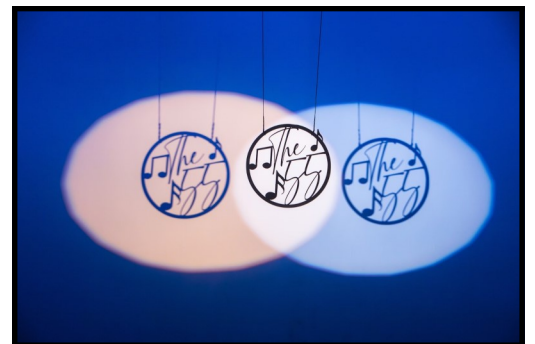
Further information on purchases will be made available to all families in our next newsletter. STAY TUNED for more details on how to secure your copy of this memorable keepsake.

Over the past few weeks, ACES ECA has had some wonderful televised features. Please take a moment to view the following clips which highlight our work as a school and our upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, October 4th:

[Principal, Kevin Buno on Fox 61 "Live. Work. Play."](#)

On Friday, May 3rd, our ACES ECA Music Department presented their "Jazz Live at the 55" performance where they transformed the Arts Hall into a club atmosphere with light refreshments for the audience. Congratulations to our ECA Jazz Collective, ECA Studio Singers, ECA Jazz Ensemble, and special guests for their wonderful performances.

A special thank you to ECA Music Instructors, Will Cleary and Yiran Zhao, Assistant Principal, Amy Christman, and our many ECA Music parents for all of their hard work in providing this event to our attendees!



From Monday, May 6th to Thursday, May 9th, ACES ECA celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by paying tribute to the heart and soul of our community. Our school is better because of our wonderful and dedicated instructors. **A special THANK YOU to PACE** for providing our community with a special lunch and treats on Wednesday, May 8th to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of our entire staff. We are grateful for the love and support!

The week of May 6th, we also celebrated National Nurses Week with a special tribute to our very own Marsha Guglielmino.

Marsha entered our building in October and implemented incredible support for our community. Our school could not run without her and we're grateful for her unwavering care for our students and staff.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS (cont.)

On Thursday, May 9th, our ACES ECA Theatre Department first-year students performed their extraordinary production of "Dreamscapes." Students used documentary theatre and autobiographical storytelling techniques intertwined with text from August Strindberg's "A Dream Play," to transport our audience into their collective narrative of self-discovery. Bravi to Director and ECA Theatre Instructor, Liz Daingerfield, Assistant Director/Musical Director, Forest Van de Flor '24, and Technical Director, Seth Harris for their leadership, creativity, and guidance!



On Monday, May 13th, the AMO Brass Quintet visited ACES ECA Music Department to provide a masterclass experience with our student brass players prior to providing a performance for the department titled, "Hear Now, Here Now." This visit was supported by the Connecticut Office of the Arts & National Endowment of the Arts.

On Friday, May 17th, ACES ECA brought the prom event back to our school community, designed by our students, the theme focused on "The Roaring 20's." Our junior and senior students gathered to celebrate, eat, take pictures, and DANCE with peers & staff as they celebrate a successful school year. For our seniors, it was a special memory as they initiated their closure here at ECA. A special THANK YOU to Assistant Principal, Amy Christman, our student leaders and families for helping to coordinate this event.

FINALLY, please review the materials, below, from the office of ACES Family and Community Engagement.



Creative Writing

Beloved Poetry Instructor Bruce Cohen will be retiring from ECA teaching in June. The fact that Bruce has commuted an hour each way to teach at ECA for the past eleven years is a testament to the great energy that he gives and receives from our young poets and their engaging work. Bruce will be missed, and we wish him well in his new chapter. We are also excited to welcome a new writer to our faculty in the fall.

As we look forward to this year's final collections and the public readings, we are also starting to think about next year and all the exciting new things we will offer, including a brand-new collaboration between our writers and the printmakers in Visual Arts as well as our ongoing collaboration with Dance, Music, and Filmmaking.

Saul Fussiner, Department Chair

Dance

2024 Senior Choreography Showcase June 5 & 6 @6:30 pm

Seniors are in their last few weeks of rehearsals for their senior pieces. Soon they will work with Seth Harris, ECA's technical director, to put their dances on stage with lighting and costumes in technical rehearsals. It's an exciting time! Our seniors: Ayla Yildiz, Eliana Velazquez, Julianna Trudden, Alondra Perez, Sophia Perrone, Ava O'Kelley, Yazia Luna, Isa Garcia and Danielle Duarte.

Senior Day

Dance department juniors are planning our Senior Day festivities. Senior Day is for celebrating our senior class and is always filled with fun, food, speeches and a few tears.

Guest Artist

We are excited to welcome back choreographer Maria Cherniske. Maria is a fabulous teacher and a favorite guest artist of all the dancers. She will teach a master class in street jazz on Wednesday, June 12th.

Mariane Banar Fountain, Department Chair



ACES/ECA DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Music

Our "Jazz Live at the 55" was a success! Thank you to all who helped to support this special performance. Pictures taken by ECA Music parent and photographer extraordinaire, Chris Volpe. Thank you, Chris, for capturing these special moments!

The AMO Brass Quintet visited ACES ECA Music Department this past Monday and provided a masterclass with our student brass players. Students had the opportunity to receive live coaching on music they are preparing for the end of the year as well as an opportunity to explore new repertoire. Later that day, the Music Department was able to watch a performance from AMO titled, "Hear Now, Here Now." This visit was supported by the Connecticut Office of the Arts & National Endowment of the Arts. To learn more about AMO Brass, please visit their [website](#).

Congratulations to our AP Music Theory students who recently sat for their exam this past Wednesday. We're proud of their hard work and dedication to their studies. And we're grateful to Music Instructor, Oliver Homann, for his instruction, guidance, and mentorship of our students as they furthered their musicianship in this class and prepared for their exam.

Upcoming Music Department events include the **Spring Concert**, Thursday, May 30th at 6:30 pm in the Little Theatre and the **Music Department Recital** Thursday, June 6th at 1:30 pm at the Neighborhood Music School)

Amy Christman & Kevin Buno, Co-Chairs



ACES/ECA DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

Theatre

The Theatre Department is honored to have Ms. Barbara MacKenzie-Wood as a guest artist in residency for two weeks in the ECA Theatre Department. Barbara will instruct students in a Constantine Stanislavski technique called "Active Analysis" that combines intense script analysis with physical action. She will also give a professional development workshop to the Theatre faculty.



Barbara MacKenzie-Wood taught at Carnegie Mellon's University Acting/Music Theatre option for thirty-seven years where she headed the program for thirteen years. As a long tenured Professor at Carnegie Mellon she has been honored with the University's Hornbostel Award, given for teaching excellence in the College of Fine Arts. She has taught and directed internationally at the Drama Center in London and at Royal Welsh College for Music and Drama in Cardiff.

Ms. MacKenzie-Wood began her professional acting career playing opposite Raul Julia in the title role of: The Hide And Seek Odyssey Of Madeline Gimple, directed by Lloyd Richards, at the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Center.



As a professional actress she has appeared in more than 65 roles in New York and regional theater, stock and film. She is a founding member, actor, director and current member of the board of trustees of the Irondale Ensemble Project. Ms. MacKenzie-Wood has worked with leading theater directors, Paul Sills, Jacques Levy, Joanne Akalitis, and Jacques Lecoq. She played the central role in How To Make A Woman, the American representative at the International Theatre Festival in Wroclaw, Poland.

Ms. MacKenzie-Wood created the theater program for Global Camps South Africa, a pioneering, international venture fighting the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS on children in South Africa. She has taught and directed in Moscow for Moscow Art/CMU graduate Acting Program and in London at the Drama Center.

She is author of the Game Guide: Experimental Strategies for the Classroom and is featured in the book, Acting Teachers of America: A Vital Tradition which offers interviews with "fifty of the most influential acting teachers in the United States."

She is a certified master teacher in the Meisner Technique. She trained under Joanna Merlin in the Michael Chekhov Technique. Ms. MacKenzie-Wood holds a B.F.A. degree in Acting from Boston University and an M.F.A. in Directing from Carnegie Mellon University.

Ingrid Schaeffer, Department Chair

Visual Arts

ECA Visual Arts students are in the process of preparing for their Spring Show and Senior Exhibition on Thursday, May 30th from 5-7 pm in the ECA Gallery, ECA 5th floor & CAW Gallery Spaces. Please save the date!

Johanna (Hanni) Bresnick, Department Chair

ACES ECA SOCIAL MEDIA

ACES ECA continues to celebrate accomplishments, provide information on upcoming events, and promote educational opportunities through our Facebook Page. We want to remind all who follow our social media that this is a platform used for informational purposes only. If there are any concerns, social media related or otherwise, we encourage you to reach out to Principal Kevin Buno via email (KBuno@aces.org) or phone (203-777-5451) at any time.

Our door is always open!

The Labor Project

Directed by Benjamin Curns

Thursday, May 23

6:30 PM

Arts Hall

Tickets:

\$15.00



Pay Online



PACE Parents for Arts-Centered Education



ACES ECA PACE (Parents for Arts-Centered Education) held its final meeting for the '23-'24 school year on Wednesday, May 15th. Our families meet with administrators to continue conversations on their vision for the school and opportunities to support our students in their artistic endeavors. Please consider joining this wonderful organization for the '24-'25 school year which provides immense support to the ongoing needs of our school.

To indicate your interest in PACE and to join the mailing list, we invite all ECA families to complete [this short form](#).

A special **THANK YOU** to our '23-'24 school year PACE officers: **Sara Armstrong, president (parent of ECA Visual Arts/Theatre student '24 & Theatre alumnus '21), Kitty Clemens, vice president (parent of ECA Music student '25), Nick Perrone, secretary (parent of ECA Dance student '24), and Lisa Leamon, treasurer (parent of ECA Creative Writing student '25 & Theatre alumna '23).**

And, a warm welcome to our PACE officers for the '24-'25 school year: **Ali Parmelee, co-president (parent of ECA Visual Arts student '27) Amy Graver, co-president (parent of ECA Dance student '25) Eva Geertz, secretary (parent of ECA Creative Writing student '26)**

To learn more about the organization and becoming involved, please email PACE at pace.eca@gmail.com.





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 Friday, 31st May, 2024


 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM


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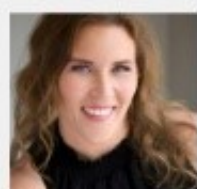
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PRESENTER LINEUP





**PRESENTER 1**
9-10:30AM
Jane Clark, MPA, CPS, CPSS
Connecting the Continuum:
How Prevention & Treatment Fit Together

**PRESENTER 2**
11AM-12:30PM
Jessica Love Jordan, MHS, CADC
Emerging Adults

**PRESENTER 3**
1:30-3PM
Thea Wessel, LPC, LAC, MAC, NCAAC, ADS
Research Chemicals:
The Market of Unregulated Substances Legal to Sell & Use

**PRESENTER 4**
3:30-5PM
Fredrick Dombrowski, PhD, LMHC, MAC, CASAC
Supporting Young Adult Veterans and Their Families

LIVE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



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With funding from Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) with the support of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with Wheeler Clinic



2024 SUMMER WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- PARTICIPATING YOUTH MUST BE IN THE 9TH GRADE OR HIGHER AT TIME OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION
- MUST BE AT LEAST THE AGE OF 14 - MAXIMUM AGE OF 21
- MUST BE A FULL-TIME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT (INCLUDES ADULT EDUCATION)
- MUST RESIDE IN NEW HAVEN AND/OR ATTEND A NEW HAVEN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE STUDENTS

- MUST BE A FULL-TIME MATRICULATED STUDENT
- TRADE SCHOOLS ARE ACCEPTED IF FULL TIME STATUS IS DOCUMENTED
- MUST BE A NEW HAVEN RESIDENT
- MAXIMUM AGE IS 21 YEARS OLD



APPLICATIONS ARE
OUT NOW!
SCAN HERE TO APPLY



MADD YOUTH INSIDER UPDATES



EDUCATION

The youth department travelled to Old Saybrook last week to present Power of ME to over 100 middle schoolers, speaking about smart decision making and being a safe rider!

FAMILY FUN DAY

MADD CT hosted Family Fun Day on the Branford Town Green this past weekend. We had lots of fun activities such as mini golf, Italian ice, face painting, and a mini petting zoo!



MOCK CRASH

We attend the mock crash held at Fairfield University this week. The experience involved a live mock impaired driving crash and our MADD volunteers, Larry & Erin, who shared the impactful story of their son Kyle.



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If you are interested in hosting a youth program or speaking with our youth department, please contact Noelle.Swift@madd.org



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SUMMER CAMP 2024 LIST

SUMMER CAMPS 2024 websites*	TOWN	Ages or Grades	Address	PHONE
Soundview Family YMCA Day Camps	Branford	Ages 5-16	628 East Main Street	203-481-9622
Treehouse Players	Centerbrook	3-15	109 Main Street	860-581-0143
Holiday Hill	Cheshire	4-10	43 Candee Road	203-387-2267
Camp Hazen YMCA	Chester	4-13	204 West Main Street	860-526-9529
Bulldog Rowing Campus -Yale University	Derby	14-18	280 Roosevelt Drive	203.687.7829 or 203.494.8149
Fairfield Tennis Club	Fairfield	Grades 3-10	210 Old Dam Road	203-254-0440
Missoula Children's Theatre	Fairfield	Grades 1-12	1073 North Benson Road	203-254-4242
Summer Cabaret Workshop	Fairfield	Ages 7 and up	Check website for locations	203.259.1036
New Era Gymnastics	Hamden	5-17	1180 Sherman Avenue	203-281-1826
Hamden-North Haven YMCA	Hamden	5-12	Check website for location	203-248-6361
Bushy Hill Nature Center Summer Day Camps	Ivoryton	Check website for specific programs	253 Bushy Hill Road	860-767-2148
Day Camp at Deer Lake	Killingworth	5-14	101 Paper Mill Road	203-421-8484
Camp Claire	Lyme	Grades K-8	15 Oakland Avenue	860-434-0368
Camp Laurelwood	Madison	6-16	463 Summer Hill Road	203-421-3736
Monroe Summer Day Camp	Monroe	3 years old - students entering 8th grade	34 Church Street	contact info on website
Mystic Aquarium Summer Camp	Mystic	K-5	55 Coogan Boulevard	860-572-5955
Mystic Seaport Camps (includes sailing and other fun optoins)	Mystic	3-16	75 Germanville Avenue	888-973-2767
Camp Playland	New Canaan	4-16	802 Ponus Ridge	203-966-2937
Audubon Arts at Neighborhood Music School	New Haven	3-14	100 Audubon Street	203-624-5189
Foote School Summer Theatre Camp	New Haven	Grades 7-12	Check website	203-777-3464
Foote School Summer Adventures	New Haven	5 years and up	Check website	203-777-3564
Hopkins Summer School	New Haven	4-14	986 Forest Road	203-387-1001
Schooner: Exploring Our Coast	New Haven	Grades 7-12	60 South Water Street	203-562-6655
Elm Shakespear Teen Troupe Summer	New Haven	Ages 13-18	Check website for locations	203.392.8882
Elm Shakespeare Players Camp	New Haven	Ages 7-13	Check website for locations	203.392.8882
Shubert Summer Theater & Arts Camp	New Haven	6-12	247 College Street	203-624-1825
Two Coyotes Wilderness School	Newtown	Grades 6-8	197 Huntingtown Road	203-843-3112
Crystal Theatre	Norwalk	0-15	66 Bayview Avenue	203-847-4850
Maritime Rowing Club	Norwalk	4-18	3 Jennings Place	203-854-5492
Oak Hills Tennis Club Camp	Norwalk	5-18	165 Fillow Street	203-838-9110
Kate's Camp for Kids	Old Saybrook	5-17	90 Main Street	860-767-0026
Bright Horizons at Yale West Campus	Orange	5-10	117 West Campus Drive	203-795-3564 ext. 0
Camp Argo	Orange	4-14 years	886 Mapledale Rd	203-799-2746
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Giggline Pig	Shelton, Milford,	ages 4-16 years	Check website for locations	203-919-1153

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To Secure a slot contact
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203-604-9009 ext 402

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Free



The purpose of our group is to provide a dedicated space for men to explore and address the unique challenges men face in relationships, work, and societal expectations. We aim to facilitate open and honest conversations that promote self-discovery, emotional intelligence, and personal development. Through shared experiences and mutual support, our purpose is to create a brotherhood that encourages authenticity, resilience, and positive transformation in the lives of our members.

Thursday at 7pm Once a Month



Free Naloxone Training

Naloxone is an FDA approved medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It can reverse and block the effects of other opioids, such as heroin, morphine, and oxycodone.

- Naloxone works in 2-3 minutes
- It can be administered by anyone
- It does not cause harm

Naloxone Saves Lives.



2024 Virtual Training Dates:

- ~~• Monday, March 11~~
 - ~~• Monday, April 8~~
 - ~~• Monday, May 13~~
 - Monday, June 10
- Classes are 6-7pm**
20 people per class

THE TRAINING WILL NOT BE RECORDED. ATTENDEES MUST ARRIVE BY 6:05 OR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ZOOM.



Scan the QR code to register!

THE HAMDEN



Food Pantry

2024 DATES

FREE FOR EVERYONE



~~Apr 10, 24 | May 8, 22~~ | Jun 5 | Jul 3, 17, 31

Every other Wednesday

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM / 306 Circular Ave.

St. Paul's Parish Parking Lot

For the full schedule visit www.ctfoodshare.org

Park/Walk-up - In parking lot across from Sapori



Don't forget to bring bags!

SNAP Education & Training Program



SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The SNAP Employment and Training Program prepares and assists students by offering vocational training, career activities, case management, and support services. The following certificates are **FREE** to eligible SNAP recipients - program descriptions can be found in this catalog.

Any student interested in enrolling in the SNAP & E&T Program **MUST** attend one mandatory orientation session and meet the following requirements:



- Receive SNAP benefits
- Have high school diploma/GED
- Do NOT receive TFA benefits
- Have not previously enrolled in a SNAP E&T program

To Register
Scan Here ➡



For more information contact
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CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- Bookkeeping Professional National Certificate
- Property & Casualty Insurance Certificate
- Central Sterile Supply Certificate
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Certificate
- Child Development Associate Credential
- Community Health Worker (CHW) Certificate
- Comprehensive Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) Certificate
- CompTIA A+ - Desktop Support Specialist
- Culinary Arts Certificate
- Drug and Alcohol Recovery Certificate
- Honda PACT Certificate Program
- Hospitality and Tourism Certification
- Medical Office Assistant Certificate
- Patient Care Technician Certificate
- Pharmacy Technician Certificate
- ServSafe Food Handler and Manager
- Professional Baker Certificate
- IT Certificate

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St. Luke's Services, Inc. (SLSI) has as its mission: a) the provision of wholesome and appealing meals, in a cheerful, no-questions-asked setting where men, women and children in need are welcomed; and b) the offering of varied additional support services to guests who choose to utilize them. In a land of great plenty for some and demeaning poverty for others, we believe that providing food for the hungry is a compelling necessity, but that meals alone constitute a "band aid" measure. We therefore feel responsible for addressing some of the causes of dysfunctional living as well, by making available a range of life enhancing opportunities.

The sustaining philosophy of our work is the time-honored belief that there is God in every man, woman and child. Translated into soup kitchen terms, this challenges us to share respect consistently among lunch guests, paid and volunteer staff, and professionals. Not always an easy task where intensely difficult life issues often make for a precarious balance of tempers. However, respect works! Women express their appreciation for the special St. Luke's atmosphere, and - very importantly- give us their trust, thus enabling us to assist them with services which range from pastoral counseling to children's programs.

It has been 22 years since St. Luke's Services fed its first six luncheon guests. The lunchroom doors were opened June 1989 and a full course meal was prepared by the late William Johnson. In 1994 St. Luke's Services, Inc., was incorporated as a non-profit organization, governed by its own board of directors and separate from St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The two maintain an active and valued relationship by parishioners who continue

to serve on the Board.

In 2010 St. Luke's Services distributed 2,531 meals in our friendly "no questions asked" environment. The mutual respect found in this lunchroom opens opportunity to lend a hand in a variety of ways. By that, St. Luke's Services operates a food pantry, diaper bank and clothes closet. Each year, students of the Hopkins School assist "Santa" by sharing their bounty with families from St. Luke's Services along with the parish of St. George Catholic Church in Guilford, Connecticut. Thanksgiving baskets are provided to needy families. The items included assure a full thanksgiving meal with the trimmings. We are grateful to St. George Catholic Church which continues to provide generous support in this area.

Submitted by Yvette Barnard, SLSI Secretary/Treasurer

St. Luke's Services Weekly Operations:

Diaper Bank: every First Tuesday of the month, 10a.m.-12 noon

Women & Children Lunch Program: 12 noon -1p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays

Wednesday Breakfast Program: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet: Thursdays 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry: every First and Third Friday of the month, 10a.m.-12 noon

EAST ROCK RANGER PROGRAMS 2024

CLIMATE EDUCATION

- Get outdoor lessons and programming that support new CT state mandates for climate education in K-12 public schools (HB 5282)
- Understand the ecological and social issues that cause climate change & how New Haven will be affected
- Including...
 - Social Justice
 - Indigenous History & Knowledge

RECREATION

- Promote physical health by having fun in the outdoors!
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change by engaging in active transportation
- Including...
 - Biking
 - Nature Hikes
 - Snow shoeing

HEALING ACTIVITIES

- It is proven that spending time outdoors improves mental health & wellbeing
- Build stronger relationships with the outdoors & your community by participating in...
 - Mindfulness Hikes
 - Recovery Yoga
 - Support Groups

*Programs can be tailored towards the needs and interests of the group participating.

VOLUNTEER/INTERN

- Need to complete community service hours or hands-on projects? Join us at the park as we take care of our ecosystems, remove invasive species, and maintain our trails!



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Email: Kcordaro@holisticbhwc.org

Question's about the program
contact Dr. La'Shondra da Cruz at
Ldacruz@holisticbhwc.org

www.holisticbhllc.com





**Announcing the Family Assistance & Social Determinant Fund
Providers!**

**Do you know a family that needs financial assistance to pay for
mental health and/or substance use intervention, treatment, or
medication for their child(ren) ages 0-18?**

For a limited time, funding assistance is available for those that qualify*.

Completed referrals can be sent to:

The Family Assistance & Social Determinant Fund
FAX: 833-370-8773 or E-mail to FASD@carelon.com

Funding may be accessed for services rendered for a child, ages 0 up to 18,
needing:

- ✓ Mental health and/or substance use treatment or prescribed medications
- ✓ Adolescent psychiatric services, intensive in-home or intensive outpatient or other recommended community-based service

AND

The family has been unable to access that care because:

- ✓ The family has sought but been denied coverage or reimbursement by their health carrier or have exhausted their benefits,
- ✓ The family is unable to bear the cost of the intervention due to financial hardship.
- ✓ The family has encountered barriers based on social determinants of health such as discrimination, poverty, housing or food insecurity, unemployment/underemployment, adverse early life experiences, or other social determinants related to mental health.

QUESTIONS? Contact Carelon Behavioral Health at: FASD@carelon.com

*Funds are made available for a limited time by the CT Department of Children and Families through the American Recovery Plan Act. Funds may apply for services rendered up to 120 days prior to the date of the request.