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**Day of Caring and Sharing Event Honors Hartford's Homeless**

HARTFORD, Connecticut (November 19, 2013) – In honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and in collaboration with community partners, Hartford Public Library will host *A Day of Caring and Sharing* on Friday, November 22, recognizing and supporting city residents facing hunger and homelessness. From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Library's Center for Contemporary Culture, guests will enjoy live performances, experience moving firsthand accounts of the struggle with homelessness, and engage in a dialogue addressing critical social issues in Hartford's communities.

"Hunger and homelessness are serious issues that require our awareness, community support, and intervention," said Library CEO Matt Poland, "We're pleased to partner with organizations providing essential services for affected residents and families, and to help create meaningful dialogues about how to create change."

Presented by Hands On Hartford, Faces of Homelessness-CT, Beat of the Street at the Charter Oak Cultural Center, Journey Home, and Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, this free event will feature a performance by SeaTea Improv, a poetry slam, open mic, gift bags, a raffle and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public.

Representatives from community agencies that provide assistance to people struggling with housing and food insecurity will be present to provide helpful resources. In an effort to spread awareness around the issues of hunger and homelessness and the resources available, all members of the Greater Hartford community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit [center.hplct.org](http://center.hplct.org) or call 203-673-2730.

**About National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week**

November 16-24, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2013 is sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, many take time to consider what they're thankful for and donate time, attention and resources to those less fortunate. In this spirit, each year communities across the country set aside the week prior to Thanksgiving to organize projects and events aimed at engaging the public. For more information, visit:

[www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/awareness](http://www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/awareness)

**About [Hartford Public Library](#)**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations and a Library-on-Wheels in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) and the library's new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://blogs.hplct.org).

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