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**Building Hartford through Community Action!**

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## Building Leadership & Organizing Capacity (BLOC)



At BHCA, we believe that in order to create transformative change in individuals and communities, we must engage and continuously build the leadership capacity of young people in communities most affected by injustice. BHCA is pushing this work forward with the help of the BLOC initiative [Building Leadership and Organizing Capacity].

We began this year's BLOC team with three new youth leaders who joined after being introduced to youth organizing through our summer organizing training program. To date, they have participated in the BLOC Fall Retreat for a weekend of training, planning, and team building at Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center in Litchfield, CT, organized a Halloween-themed teens-only movie night, and is regularly attending leadership development trainings with fellow cohort members in New Haven. The team is currently engaged in a listening campaign to identify issues amongst their peers and planning their first membership meeting in February.

## COMMUNITY BASED

## CRIME REDUCTION

The Community Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) initiative is quickly gaining momentum in its efforts to be a catalyst for reducing crime in the northeast neighborhood of Hartford, by means of community improvement and leadership development. Fresh from their 10 week intensive Community Organizing training, the CORE (Community Organizers for Residential Engagement) Team members have been attending various community meetings and events throughout north Hartford.



This quarter the CORE Team members attended the Community Health Fair and launch of the Envision Center at Parker Memorial Center. They took part in the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) training with the Hartford Police Department.

## BHCA GALLERY OPEN HOUSE:



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Program Managers Gabriel  
Boyd & Kelvin Lovejoy.



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**BHCA NEW LOCATION**  
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Starting in February 2020 the CORE Team members will recruit local residents to join the Northeast B.L.O.C. (Building Leaders and Organizing Community) Association. The B.L.O.C. Association is designed to train residents who live in the northeast neighborhood how to identify issues of concern, that directly their families and community (i.e. crime, blight, trash etc.). Members of the B.L.O.C. Association will be taught community organizing strategies that allow them to come together in a collective manner make changes in their community and improve their quality of life.

For more information on the Northeast B.L.O.C. Association please contact the Organizing Department at BHCA at (860) 560-7360 ext. 300.

## Dr. Fichman receives an Appreciation Award plaque from BHCA

BHCA Executive Director Vicki Gallon-Clark and BHCA Board President Victoria Fennell presented a plaque of appreciation and expressed gratitude, to former BHCA board member and area physician, Dr. Richard Fichman on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Manchester, CT location of the Fichman Eye Center.

Dr. Fichman was recognized for his generous donation of BHCA's new location at 410 Homestead Avenue in Hartford, CT (the former Webster Bank building). The new building will enable BHCA to serve the community through the expansion of the organization's programs, reaching beyond the Blue Hills neighborhood while benefiting the entire City of Hartford at-large.

Many thanks Dr. Fichman!



## BHCA RECIEVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT



**Hartford  
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BHCA would like to give a special thank you to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. In December 2019, BHCA was awarded funding to implement projects in the strategic technology plan developed through the Hartford Foundation's Nonprofit Support Program. The Strategic Technology Program offers nonprofit leadership teams an opportunity to create a multi-year plan to support their mission and strategic goals.

This grant will enable BHCA to improve the ability to deliver on key elements of its mission. We will be able to track data and generate independent reports, as well as chart measurable gains, and broaden BHCA's brand.



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Our Youth with  
Information Technology  
Specialist Jodian Daley,  
BHCA supporter Yvette  
Moore, and our Executive  
Director Vicki Gallon-  
Clark.



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Weaver High School  
Principal Glynis Richardson  
and BHCA Executive  
Director Vicki Gallon-Clark



Interim Hartford's Police Chief Jason Thody and Hartford's Mayor Luke Bronin at BHCA's Open House on December 14, 2019. Mayor of Hartford, Luke Bronin and our Youth interact.

Our **BHCA Open House** was a great success! Many from the community, our Youth, dignitaries all came out in support of a growing organization where we are ***"Building Hartford through Community Action!"***

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