

Community Service



Community Pride



COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK SITES NOVEMBER 2003

- November 3 Albany Avenue
- November 4 Lime Street, Brook Street, Mahl Avenue, Hebron Street, Mather Street
- November 5 Park Street, Capitol Avenue
- November 6 Washington Street
- November 7 Foodshare (Mahoney Village, Golden Age Senior Center, Smith Towers)
- November 10 Washington Street
- November 11 Closed for Veteran's Day
- November 12 Weston Street, West Service Road
- November 13 Granby Street, Brook Street, West Service Road, Weston Street, Lyme Street, Albany Avenue
- November 14 Garden Street, Charlotte Street
- November 17 Affleck Street, Washington Street
- November 18 Brown Street, Preston Street, Otis Street, Bushnell Avenue
- November 19 Jefferson Street
- November 20 Putnam Street
- November 21 New Britain Avenue
- November 24 Brownell Street, Preston Street, School Street
- November 25 Refuse clean up at various sites
- November 26 Main Street, Capen Street
- November 27 Thanksgiving
- November 28 Russ Street, Brookfield Street, Hillside Avenue, Sherbrook Street

COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMED AT MERCY HOUSING & SHELTER AND THE EBONY HORSE WOMEN STABLES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CHRIS MENA, CPA,

COMMUNITY COURT SESSION AT HARTFORD COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

GOODBYE & HELLO

The Community Court would like to wish a fond farewell to Mediation Specialist Melissa Hurley (Top Left) of the Hartford Area Mediation Program. She leaves to work with kids in the juvenile detention program and pursue a degree in graphic design.



"Melissa worked hard and was able to help countless parties resolve their differences through mediation," Judge Simón said. "She will make a big difference in the lives of the kids at juvenile detention and I would like to wish her well on behalf of the entire staff at the Community Court."

Conversely, we would like to welcome back Bail Commissioner Stephanie Mann (Bottom Left) and Marshal Gordon Blanchette (Below Right) after extended absences.



"Stephanie and Gordy are not only outstanding professionals, they are enjoyable people to work with," Judge Simón stated. "It is nice to have them back with us at the Community Court."



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MY INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

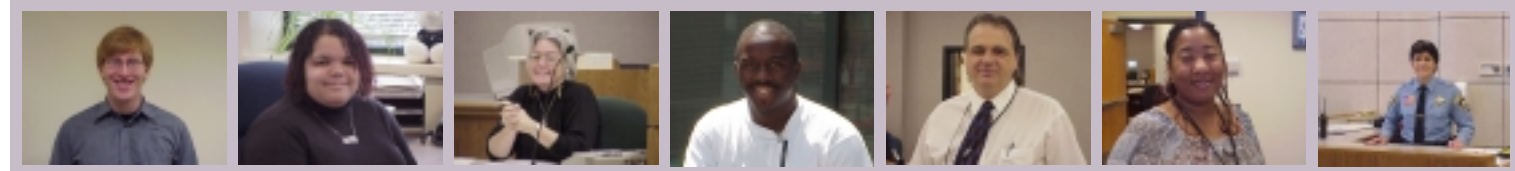
By Rhonda Bezio



In August 2003, I started my internship at Hartford Community Court, as a requirement to graduate from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. I have only been here for only a couple of months, but this experience has already had a huge impact in my life. I have had the privilege of interacting with the wonderful staff of the Hartford Community Court. This internship allows me the opportunity to participate in a wide range of duties. I have worked with people in the Community Court's social services team. I also helped supervise a crew of Community Service participants, as a result, I am more aware of the proceedings that happen in a typical day in the courtroom. I have come to appreciate the concepts put forth by the Hartford Community Court. Knowing that there are individuals out there, wanting to help the people of their community, gives me a tremendous feeling of satisfaction.

I have learned an incredible amount in my short stay here that I would not have received in any classroom. Not only did I learn how the Court runs, but I also learned how to conduct myself in a professional manner. I feel I am more prepared to go out there and tackle the future that lies ahead. I would like to thank Chris Pleasanton for accepting me as the Courts intern, and showing me the ropes. This was a tremendous experience, and thank you all for letting me participate.

FACES OF COMMUNITY COURT



MONTHLY COMMUNITY COURT STATISTICS NOVEMBER 2003

Hours of Community Service	2982
Total Number of Cases Processed	625
Number of Human Services Referrals	89
Referrals to HAMP (Hartford Area Mediation)	55



TOTAL COMMUNITY COURT STATISTICS as of NOVEMBER 30, 2003

Hours of Community Service	154,047
Total Number of Cases Processed	38,946
Number of Human Services Referrals	11,626
Referrals to HAMP (Hartford Area Mediation)	2,011

Statistics Compiled From November 10, 1998

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Mayor Perez' remarks



We were honored by the distinguished presence of speakers including (l to r) Mayor Eddie Perez, City Manager Lee Erdmann, Hon. Angelo DelSantos (Housing Court), Asst. Chief of Police Kevin Jones, HPD



Judge Pellegrino's remarks



Judge Pellegrino issues a special recognition plaque to Dana Geter



Chris Pleasanton, Chris Watler of New York's Center for Court Innovation, Chris Mena, and Manny Negron

**Community Court Session in Hartford
Fifth Anniversary Celebration**
By Michael Musczynski
Judicial Branch, External Affairs Division

State and local officials gathered on Monday, November 10, 2003, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Community Court Session in Hartford.

The Community Court in Hartford was established in 1998 to address the "quality of life crimes" that have contributed to the corrosion of our communities. The Hartford Community Court is committed to restorative justice, for both the community and the defendant. This is accomplished through an in-house social services team that responds to the needs of the defendant and a community service program that gives back to the community.

The Honorable Jorge A. Simón, Presiding Judge of Community Court, gave opening remarks and introduced the several dignitaries who were present — Chief Court Administrator Judge Joseph H. Pellegrino; Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez; Hartford City Manager Lee Erdmann; and Hartford Assistant Police Chief Kevin S. Jones. Each speaker noted the success of Community Court, and what it has meant for both the state and the city.

"Who benefits from all of this? Everybody," Judge Pellegrino told the audience. "The defendant benefits because of the effort to address the problems behind the behavior. The City benefits because of the service that is given back. The State benefits because Community Court eases the pressure on GA-14. And as it should be, the ultimate beneficiaries are all of the citizens within the Hartford Judicial District."

Judge Simón also gave special recognition to members of the staff who have served at the Community Court since its opening on November 10, 1998. The honorees also received plaques.

Among the first of its kind in the nation, the Hartford Community Court has handled more than 38,000 cases since it opened. The total number of community service hours performed by defendants is 151,065, and 11,537 human services referrals have been issued. An additional 1,956 cases have been referred to mediation.



Assistant Chief of Police Kevin S. Jones, HPD



Glenn Kaas



Eddie Hernandez and Judge Simón



Jack Goldberg, Judge Simón and Tom Grodecki



Doug Edwards receiving congratulations



Judge Simón and Chris Mena



Judge Pellegrino and Mamie Bell



Judge Norko and Gordy Blanchette