

## **2010 Community Funding – Six Donations of \$500.00 each**

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### **AIDS Interfaith Network, Inc.**

AIDS Interfaith Network, Inc. (AIN) is an agency where clients and their families affected by HIV/AIDS receive free and confidential care and services. They recently developed a new program called the AIDS Interfaith Network Peer Educator Program. This summer teens signed onto the AIDS Interfaith Peer Educator program to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS. The students educate other teens about sexually transmitted diseases and urge them to get tested.

### **The Network Against Domestic Abuse of North Central CT, Inc.**

The Network operates a confidential, 24-hour crisis hotline seven days a week. Assistance includes information, referrals, crisis intervention, counseling and requests for shelter. The Network maintains a 15-bed emergency shelter for women and children involved in a domestic violence crisis. The counselors women and their children with shelter, support, information and referrals. Women and children can stay up to 60 days.

### **The New London Community Meal Center, Inc.**

The New London Community Meal Center, Inc. was established in 1985 in the New London area. It was created to respond to the needs of New London's most vulnerable residents by providing nutritious meals in a kind, hospitable and clean environment. The organization currently provides lunch five days a week and dinner six days a week, including Saturday dinner served by a downtown New London church.

### **Feed the People Food Pantry**

Feed the People Food Pantry is an Outreach Ministry of Claytor's Ministry. Educational workshops are focused on empowering residents to make changes in their spending habits. Information on budgeting, menu planning, shopping tips and nutrition are covered. They teach the residents of Bridgeport and its surrounding towns the importance of eating healthy.

### **Roslyn Milstein Meyer LEAP Community Center**

The healthy cooking classes that are being taught at the Roslyn Milstein Meyer LEAP Community Center currently has 27 students, ages 7-12, enrolled. The classes teach the children food preparation, cooking skills and menu planning. In addition, they are also encouraged to try new foods and to make healthy food choices. The children will also contribute to a LEAP cookbook at the end of the program session.

### **Freshplace**

Freshplace is a new fresh food pantry serving Hartford's Upper Albany neighborhood. They provide fresh produce, dairy, meat and other staple items to low-income families, as well as comprehensive intake and referral services to address the root causes of the need for hunger relief.