



Our Piece of the Pie,[®] Inc.

2021 CHAMPIONS OF YOUTH

November 4, 2021

5:30pm–9:00pm

The Society Room of Hartford

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Our Piece of the Pie[®]

*Empowering youth to succeed in
education and employment.*

Welcome



Hector M. Rivera Jr., MSM, MBA
President & CEO, OPP

Dear OPP family,

Please accept my heartfelt welcome to our second Champions of Youth celebration. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the numerous accomplishments of our youth and honor the contributions made by all, but specifically the efforts of Mayor Luke Bronin and the City of Hartford, Dalio Education, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, The Hartford, Travelers, Newman's Own Foundation, and Aetna.

On behalf of the Our Piece of the Pie®, Inc. Board of Directors, Staff, Youth and Volunteers, I want to extend a warm thank you for your commitment to making this celebration successful. Please know that our partnership with you is vital to the success of our youth. Together we are empowering youth to succeed in education and employment.

Together, we must continue to build an OPP that exceeds the needs of our youth; a local organization that is innovative, yet supportive; one with global perspective; providing degrees of value and instilling lifelong ideals. Through this shared vision for our future, our possibilities are unlimited!

With gratitude,

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Hector Rivera
President and CEO



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PROGRAM

5:30PM- 7:00PM- NETWORKING (6PM DINNER)

7:00PM- RENEE DININO, EMCEE IHEART MEDIA

OPP PRESIDENT AND CEO
HECTOR RIVERA

OPP YOUTH SPEAKERS
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7:45PM- CHAMPIONS OF YOUTH AWARD HONOREES

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MAYOR LUKE BRONIN

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THE HARTFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC GIVING
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ANDY BESSETTE

NEWMAN'S OWN FOUNDATION
SAMANTHA BURGAN

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8:15P- CLOSING REMARKS

8:30PM- SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

8:45PM SILENT AUCTION CHECK OUT


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Najay Myles

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Najay, your OPP family is so proud of you! We are so happy you are a part of The Hartford Youth Service Corps and are taking advantage of all the services OPP provides! We can't wait to see all the amazing things you do in your future here at OPP and beyond!

Itzaraely Rosario-Rosado

Determined ● Brave ● Motivated

Itzaraely, your tenacity and determination are inspiring! YOU worked so hard when you came to OPP. Learning to speak English in THREE months is not an easy task but, YOU DID IT. We are so proud of the young woman and mother you are! The sky is the limit for you, Itzaraely!



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2021 CHAMPIONS OF YOUTH



Honoring key partners of the HYSC:

*The City of Hartford and Mayor Luke Bronin
Dalio Education*

*The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
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Hartford Youth Service Corps has provided over 1,400 Hartford youth with an opportunity to earn a paycheck while strengthening neighborhoods. Youth receive yearlong, part-time employment with flexible scheduling. HYSC members have the opportunity to obtain academic support, to reengage in high school and/or to pursue post-secondary opportunities. They also have access to all of OPP's wraparound services including the development and support for their own personal, academic and professional goals.

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The Honorable Luke Bronin
Mayor, City of Hartford

Luke Bronin was sworn in as the 67th mayor of the City of Hartford on January 1, 2016, and was reelected to a second term in November of 2019. Mayor Bronin is a husband, a father, a veteran, and an attorney, and he is committed to building a stronger Hartford for all of the city's residents.

After taking office in 2016, Mayor Bronin led Hartford through the biggest fiscal crisis in city's history, working to put Hartford on a path to fiscal stability. In addition to promoting economic development and investment, his administration has focused on building opportunity for Hartford residents through key initiatives like the Youth Service Corps and the Reentry Welcome Center. He has also worked to position Hartford as a center of innovation and establish Hartford a leader in environmental stewardship.

Prior to becoming mayor he was appointed by then-Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy to serve as General Counsel. He served in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, as the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, as an international affairs fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, and as Chief of Staff to the President of Property and Casualty Operations at the Hartford Financial Services Group, one of the capital city's largest employers.

Mayor Bronin served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was a member of the military's anti-corruption task force during his deployment to Afghanistan from September 2010 to April 2011. He earned his B.A. and J.D. from Yale University and his M.A. from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

He and his wife Sara live in Hartford with their three young kids.

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The education team within Dalio Philanthropies under the leadership of Barbara Dalio is focused on our home state of Connecticut. For more than a decade, we've been collaborating with schools, non-profit organizations, and communities across the state to support educators and to help young people achieve positive outcomes, with a particular focus on supporting young people who are at risk of dropping out of high school or have already done so.



Adhlere Coffy

Portfolio Director, Connecticut Opportunity Project

Adhlere is a Portfolio Director for the Connecticut Opportunity Project at Dalio Education, where he works collaboratively with grantee partner organizations to help improve their organizational capacity and performance management practices so that they can positively impact young people who are disengaged or disconnected.

He also plays a key role in developing the Opportunity Project's pipeline of prospective partners. He joined the Opportunity Project in March 2020. Adhlere has worked in philanthropy as a Data Scientist for over five years, most recently at Fairfield County's Community Foundation, primarily developing data systems used to conduct impact analysis as well as data used for organizational performance management – including social media and web analytics, fund and financial analysis, program effectiveness, and donor management. In this role, Adhlere has supported several organizations in conducting program assessments and outcome evaluations in support of capacity building and organizational development. Rounding this out, he has also designed and constructed IT environments for organizations providing frontend support and training to staff.

Prior to entering philanthropy, Adhlere worked as an Aerothermal Design & Analysis Engineer. In this position he designed and analyzed the performance of various propulsion and power generation systems for clients ranging from Siemens to the Department of Defense. As a result of his engineering work, Adhlere has patents in mechanical design and heat transfer analysis methods.

Adhlere holds a Master's degree from NYU in Applied Urban Science & Informatics and a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding towns. Through partnerships, the Foundation seeks to strengthen communities in Greater Hartford by putting philanthropy in action to dismantle structural racism and achieve equity in social and economic mobility. Made possible by the gifts of generous individuals, families and organizations, the Foundation has awarded grants of more than \$849 million since its founding in 1925. For more information, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.



Joel Hicks-Rivera

Senior Community Impact Officer

As a Senior Community Impact Officer, Joel is responsible for evaluating grant proposals and providing funding recommendations to the Community Impact leadership team. His areas of focus include; youth economic mobility, higher opportunity neighborhoods, and arts connected to opportunity youth engagement. His career highlights contain significant achievements in workforce development, including the direction of the development and implementation of Hartford Working Cities for the United Way of Central and Northeast CT. Joel earned a bachelor's degree from Bradford College, and Masters of Science degrees from Mercy College (Organizational Leadership) and Central Connecticut State University (Professional Counseling).

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Andy F. Bessette

**Executive Vice President and
Chief Administrative Officer**

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Samantha Burgan
Communications Director

Samantha Burgan is Communications Director for Newman's Own Foundation. In this role, she manages projects, provides creative direction for print and online materials, and collaborates with grantee partners on communications outreach. Additionally, she serves as Assistant Secretary to the Newman's Own Foundation Board of Directors. Samantha joined Newman's Own Foundation in 2009. She has close to 30 years' experience in communications, marketing, and graphic design, having previously worked for WTIC Radio, University of Connecticut Division of Athletics, Manchester Community College, and CheckerBee Publishing. Samantha earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Connecticut and an Associates of Science in graphic design from Manchester Community College. She has served on the boards of The Suffield Players and New Reach. More recently she has volunteered for the Seymour Oxford Food Bank and Westport Playhouse and serves on the Derby Democratic Town Committee.

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At The Hartford, we're committed to advancing economic, educational and workplace opportunities, which are critical to the safety and security of individuals and communities. Headquartered in our namesake city for more than 200 years, we have a deep desire to improve educational outcomes and employment for Hartford's youth. We are proud to partner with Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) and the City of Hartford to support Hartford Youth Service Corps, an initiative designed to help young people earn a paycheck while strengthening the community. In concert with the youth development and education services offered by OPP, participants gain the skills and capacity to secure meaningful employment, which we believe is a critical pillar in achieving equity in our capital city.



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HARTFORD YOUTH SERVICE CORPS



From 2016-2021, Youth Service Corps has enrolled a total of 1405 youth between the ages 16-24 years old.

309

Justice Involved Youth enrolled over 5 years.



86%

DEMONSTRATED POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL CHANGE.

Positive behavioral change is tracked by goal progress attainment and increased service learning project performance evaluations.

YSC partners with City of Hartford departments, Community-Based Organizations, and schools.



1,395

Community Service Projects Completed

235

Community Service Project Partners



GRADE PROMOTION

71%

PROMOTED TO NEXT GRADE LEVEL
In-School Youth.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

83%

RE-ENGAGED IN HIGH SCHOOL
Out-of-School Youth without Diploma that have re-enrolled into traditional or alternative High School settings.

62%

TRANSITIONED TO POST-SECONDARY
Out-of-School Youth with a Diploma or GED have enrolled in a post-secondary or certification program.



\$5,112,266 *includes 10% fringe
Wages earned by YSC members.

06105 • \$462,319
06106 • \$1,030,636
06112 • \$1,343,129
06114 • \$777,377
06120 • \$915,358
06103 • \$12,913
Other • \$105,800*

*Consists of exceptions, DCF youth and youth originating as Hartford resident.



97%

COMPLETED CAREER COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

*Professionalism, Communication, Financial Literacy, Customer Service, Time Management, Problem Solving, Leadership, and Resume Writing.

74%

EMPLOYMENT ATTAINMENT

Out-of-School Youth with a Diploma or GED secured unsubsidized employment.





Empowering youth with the key competencies needed to overcome barriers and succeed in education and employment.

Youth Development

Young people need support to Develop & Succeed

- Personal, Academic, and Employment
- Goal Setting - Barrier Reduction
- Life Skills - Financial Capabilities

Academic Achievement

Young people need options to Learn & Progress

- Alternative Education Opportunities
- Tutoring and Homework Help
- Post-Secondary Certificates
- Credentials/Degrees

Workforce Readiness

Young people need the skills to Earn & Thrive

- Career Competency Development
- Training - Service Learning Projects
- Internships - Job Placement



Our Piece of the Pie re-engages youth and helps them remove barriers to life-long success.



With your support, OPP serves hundreds of youth who are earning their high school diplomas, working hard toward their post secondary and higher education goals, finding stable employment, and developing positive life skills.

Together, we are making our community better.



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