

2020 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
SUBMISSIONS AND OVERVIEW

1. **Bartlett Brainard Eacott – Project Names:** Bartlett Brainard Eacott is submitting four projects and nominating their employees for the success of all projects.

“Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Light the Night October 2020”

“Hartford Habitat for Humanity September 2020”

“Foodshare Turkey and Thirty November 2019”

“CCMC Holiday Toy Drive December 2019”

Submitted by: Marko Kaar, Director of Safety Operations

Nominating: Bartlett Brainard Eacott Employees

Overview: Bartlett Brainard Eacott (BBE) has been a contributing member to the Greater Hartford Community since 1921. BBE believes that building communities goes well beyond building construction and this is demonstrated by their participation in numerous charitable events throughout the course of any given year. Bartlett Brainard Eacott is highlighting four “projects” that their employees contributed both time and resources to.

“Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Light the Night October 2020” - A Virtual Happy Hour and Walk was held in October 2020 and with 40 team members and generous business partners, \$25,000 was raised for the cause. BBE was named the corporate fundraising leader in Hartford County.

“Hartford Habitat for Humanity - September 2020” – BBE’s Build Day was Saturday, September 19, 2020. There were eight (8) volunteers who assisted in the reconstruction of a multi-family home in the Vineland Terrace section of Hartford. In addition, BBE contributed \$800 to the cause.

“Foodshare Turkey and Thirty – November 2019” - BBE employees participate every year in this program to help meet the needs of those less fortunate. The campaign encourages donations of turkeys to ensure local families are able to celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving meal, plus \$30.00 to support Foodshare’s efforts to fight year-round hunger. The BBE employees delivered 28 turkeys, 4 bags of non-perishables and a monetary donation of \$492.

“CCMC Holiday Toy Drive - December 2019” - This was the 5th annual toy drive held by BBE in support of the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. The employees donated over 1,000 toys, books and gift cards, as well as, over \$3,000 in monetary donations in support of the CCMC Foundation.

2. **Connecticut Water Company – Project Name: “2020 School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program”**

Submitted by: Thomas Negrelli, Compliance Administrator

Nominating: Connecticut Water Company

Overview: This program was created and funded by Connecticut Water’s Charitable Giving Program. Connecticut Water encourages the use of tap water to reduce plastic waste in our landfills and eliminate the environmental costs associated with bottling and transporting packaged water. With this philosophy in mind the “2020 School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program” was launched in early 2020, and opened to schools served by Connecticut Water.

It was not long after the inception of this program early in 2020 that the COVID-19 pandemic struck, making it more important than ever to offer the benefits of touchless stations for refilling water bottles. Connecticut Water Company purchased the touchless stations and delivered them to schools across the summer, giving them time to install the touchless stations prior to reopening in the fall.

This program provided touchless water stations to 15 schools in 8 districts. There was such tremendous and overwhelming positive feedback from the schools and community that Connecticut Water Company is planning to continue this program in 2021.

3. **Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. – Project Name: - “2020 Loureiro Community Service Project”**

Submitted by: Sarah Burkhalter-Sweeney, Senior Project Geologist

Nominating: Employees of Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc.

The employees of Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. chose to dedicate their time and efforts towards improving the property and surrounding landscape at Living in Safe Alternatives, (LISA) Inc. located in Plainville, CT. LISA is a non-profit organization established to support teens in the custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) with the goal of helping these struggling children towards a healthy and happy adult life.

Loureiro reached out to LISA in the beginning of the year to identify a number of much needed renovations and improvements. On October 17, thirty Loureiro employees and their families rolled up their sleeves, determined to improve the facilities and thereby the quality of life and well-being of those in need. They began work on the LISA facility sealing cracks and painting interior walls, improving the condition of the exterior patio, power-washing around the facility and performing landscaping services.

Members of the Loureiro Community Service Committee followed up the following week after completion of the project to ensure there were no outstanding tasks. As a result of

the work performed, the LISA building is now an aesthetically pleasing, comfortable and welcoming environment for the children.

4. **Manafort Brothers Incorporated – Project Name: “UConn Senior Design Project Sponsorship”**

Submitted by: Jesse Garuti, Senior Project Manager

Nominating: Justin Manafort, Sr., Vice President

Overview: Starting in 2019 and continuing today, Manafort Brothers Incorporated (MBI) partnered with the University of Connecticut Civil and Environmental Engineering Program (UConn CEE) to sponsor the “UConn Senior Design Project Sponsorship”. This is a senior design project and is a requirement for all students in the UConn CEE program. This program is designed to provide the students with a real-world simulation on project estimating and management. All students in the UConn CEE program are assigned to a team consisting of 4 to 5 students.

In working with the team, Manafort Brothers Incorporated utilized a real project which they publicly had bid on and completed. The student team was provided with the original bid documents from MBI and had to prepare a cost proposal for the project as if it was a real public bid. During this process, MBI acted as the owner, issuing addenda and responding to Request for Information (RFIs). Once the overall bid process was completed by the team, the team prepared the upfront submittals to start the project.

The curriculum is designed to give the students an opportunity to simulate a real-life project cost proposal, bid process, estimating and facilitating a project startup. Manafort Brothers Incorporated met with the student team on a weekly basis either in person or via virtual meetings to discuss and review the progress and provide support.

This experience provides the student team with an opportunity to experience challenges associated with active work and helps prepare them for the real-world requirements of competitive bidding and project deliverables.

5. **O&G Industries, Inc. – Project Name: - “KidsPlay Children’s Museum”**

Submitted by: Seth Duke, Director of Marketing

Nominating: Kenneth Merz, Corporate Secretary

Overview: The concept of creating the “KidsPlay Children’s Museum” began in 2012-2013 in Torrington, CT with a donated building and a benefactor coming forward offering seed money to create a museum for children. Kenneth Merz became the driving force behind this project. To Ken, it was obvious that there was nothing educational for young

children to experience and with that in mind, Ken saw the possibilities. Ken and his team members met with museum consultants and exhibit builders to explore ideas on how the museum could have a great impact on the area.

Keeping in mind that this space for “the little people” held great potential to nurture not just children but families the concept of building and creating the museum took off. Phase One (2012 – 2013) opened with “homegrown” exhibits, Phase Two (2014 – 2016) added a world-class Literacy Tree House, Phase Three (2015 – 2017) included a purchase of an adjacent former department store and renovation of the space to create the North Gallery with exhibits tailored to older children. Phase Four began in 2019 with the acquisition and repurposing of a 9,000 SF adjacent space and is scheduled to open in 2022.

Today, the “KidsPlay Children’s Museum” partners with the Torrington Public Schools’ Outreach Program and the Community Family Learning Center. The interactive exhibits encourage children ages 1 through 10 to learn cooperative play habits. In addition, the educational programming sparks curiosity, problem solving, science, arts and literacy while helping parents and caregivers enhance their parenting skills and relationships with their children.