

The West End Civic Association (WECA) in response to the COVID - 19 pandemic is pleased to announce the following actions:

A series of grants that will go to support folks with food insecurity thru out greater Hartford.

1. A grant of \$1000 was made to Foodshare that services organization and clients throughout the region
2. In the West End, Foodshare provides support to the food pantry at the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church Food Pantry, 870 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, CT, every Wednesday: 11am-2pm. WECA also provided a direct grant of \$500 to this organization.
3. Foodshare mobile truck comes to the United Methodist Church of Hartford - 571 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT Every other Monday from 12:15 - 1:00 on April 13,27 May 11, and June 8,22. In addition in collaboration with Gifts of Love in Avon, the UMC host a food pantry on Thursday from 9AM to 3PM. Please call for an appointment -- 860.676.2323. WECA also provided a \$500 grant to support this operation
4. A grant of \$500 was provided to the First Church of the Living God at 70 Whitney Street for their food bank operation. Their hours of operation are: second Tuesday of the month from 3 to 5 PM and fourth Saturday from 10:30 to noon. No appointment is necessary and an ID showing Hartford residency is required.

Additionally, WECA has initiated a program with local restaurants to provide a \$10 gift certificate for every \$25 spent at the establishment. The first recipient of this program is Tangiers Market at 550 Farmington Ave. Other restaurants are being identified and will be announced in weeks to come.

Finally, WECA made a grant of \$250 to the Middlesex United Way for their masking making efforts.

Suzann Beckett, WECA President said: “WECA is pleased to be able to provide support to these deserving organizations to help those in need in our community. We will continue to seek out ways that WECA can be of service during these trying times.”