

**God's Glorious Girls, Inc.** was founded in April 2010 by Garland Higgins. Through the practical application of God's Word, *God's Glorious Girls, Inc.* is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to leverage awareness and life-skill education to identify, prevent and combat teenage dating violence. *God's Glorious Girls* is dedicated to empowering women and girls to wholeness and greatness in order to "be the change they want to see in the world".

**The Costen Cultural Exhibit** - An avid archivist and collector, Mr. Costen created "The Costen Cultural Exhibit" entitled "To God Be The Glory" which is a unique collection of rare photographs, ephemera, memorabilia and collectibles that has been custom designed as a traveling exhibit to show the accomplishments of Americans with an emphasis on African Americans throughout history. Topics address the interests of all age groups and include Slavery, Civil Rights, Invention & Science, Athletics & Sports, Harlem Renaissance, Aviation & Military (NASA, Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen), Music & Entertainment. It has been exhibited at Fundraising Events, Educational Institutions, Museums, Historical Societies, Churches, Community Organizations and Corporations.

**The McGivney Center's** mission is the education of youth in Bridgeport. The Center works to provide a safe, creative environment where youth can explore educational and recreational activities. The goal is to nurture the intellectual, spiritual and physical growth of youth so they can be successful in all of their endeavors.

**All Business Consulting LLC.** - Today's Talents are Tomorrow's Stars. All Business Consulting LLC. Is a Talent Scout/Coaching and Mentoring Promotions Network. It researches, locates, nurtures, develops and provides exposure for individuals with gifts and talents who might not otherwise get discovered. All Business Consulting LLC prepares trains, provides the tools and places talent before desired audiences. Also works with individuals to set Goals and to work towards reaching those goals. Whether it is writing a book, storytelling, poetry, writing or playing music, singing, etc. Keeping the Dreams of others alive is what All Business Consulting LLC is all about.

**The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Southern Connecticut Inc.** mission is to provide education, screening, counseling and support services to persons affected with sickle cell disease and the trait. The goal is to ensure a network of partners dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for patients with sickle cell disease.

**National Council of Negro Women, Inc. of CT** mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. NCNW Inc. fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, programs on health and wellness, education, economic empowerment in the United States and Africa. This organization also develops on-going partnerships and provides volunteer services for various community outreach organizations on the local and national levels.

**Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc.** - More than 100,000 Americans are living with Sickle Cell Disease. The impact of this hereditary disorder reaches beyond those individuals to their families, friends, and communities. As a community organization Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc. work tirelessly to ensure that people with Sickle Cell Disease get their voices heard in all aspects of care. By focusing on increasing opportunities for trait counseling and screening in our community, ensuring all individuals with SCD receive coordinated care, and working with emergency departments throughout Connecticut to develop exemplary pathways to care for all individuals with SCD.

**Gardner's House** is a haven where cancer patients can receive both physical and emotional support through practical services that focus on the needs of the person during the process of regaining their health after their cancer diagnosis. We recognize that the person is often left behind when impersonal agencies attend to the Patient. Gardner House focuses on the needs of the Person and on maintaining the unity of the family by offering real world services and referrals. In this way, the healing process can proceed with positive support and with minimum stress.

**City of Hartford - Health and Human Services** - The mission of the Health and Human Services Department is to work towards a "Healthy Hartford" by pursuing the elimination of health disparities and inequities through the application of best practices, effective collaboration with partners and community members, promotion of a healthier living environment and being a resource for healthy living.

**Interval House** is dedicated to providing services to prevent and break the cycle of family and intimate partner abuse; they strive to reach all persons at risk and bring about social change. Domestic violence occurs in an intimate relationship when one person maintains power over the other by using a pattern of controlling and abusive behavior. Since 1977, Interval House has made a positive difference in the lives of nearly 164,000 women and children who experienced emotional, psychological and physical abuse at the hands of an intimate partner. All services are provided in the strictest confidence, and at no cost.

**Job Corps** is free for low income youth/ young adults that provides education and training that helps young people learn a career (insurance and finance, certified nurses assistant, clinical medical assistant and advanced manufacturing), earn a high school diploma or GED and find and keep a good job. For eligible youth at least 16- 24 years of age, Job Corps provides the all-around skills/ up-to-date training needed to succeed in a career and in life. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Job Corps please call (800) 733-JOBS or (800) 733-5627. To reach a local Outreach & Admission counselor please contact Ms. Sakiya Davis (860) 952-1744 (direct line).

**The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)** works to change social conditions through policy advocacy, public awareness, technical assistance and education. CCADV is the recognized leading voice for victims and those who serve them in Connecticut. CCADV is a social change organization, working at the state and national level to create and implement policy changes to strengthen Connecticut's response to domestic violence.

**The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program** works to ensure HIV positive individuals are linked to care, including identification of individuals who are currently out of care. Care includes, but is not limited to, Ambulatory Medical Care and Medical Case Management. MAI works to ensure that clients are educated and connected to a medical health plan such as the Connecticut Aids Drug Assistance Program (CADAP), which covers prescription medication; and the Connecticut Insurance Premium Program (CIPA) which is a program to reimburse eligible clients up to \$1500 per month toward an approved health insurance premium. MAI staff members are highly trained bilingual and multicultural individuals who will screen clients for these services as well as walk them through the process of the CADAP and CIPA eligibility process.

**Charter Oak State College Women in Transition Program** - Moving women to self-sufficiency. The Women in Transition Program helps working single mothers earn an Associate and/or Bachelor's degree with the assistance of student financial aid. The online courses offered at Charter Oak State College allow mothers to earn their degree from the convenience and comfort of their homes. The program is funded by donations and grants.

**Parkville Senior Center** brings together older adults who want to be engaged in their communities and with their peers. It provides the services older adults need to be healthy, happy and as independent as they can be. At the center you can have a meal, make friends, get fit, take classes, be creative, get a ride, get help, have fun, help out and more. The center creates an environment that encourages seniors to interact with others and enjoy themselves.

**The Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital** is a nationally-recognized center for the treatment of patients with cancer, and one of the largest of its kind in the Northeast United States. It houses not only teams of many talented and experienced medical specialists and support personnel, but the latest in technologic equipment to provide cutting edge, state-of-the-art care. In 2007, it was named by the National Cancer Institute as an NCI Community Cancer Center, one of 16 in the US and the only one of its kind in Connecticut. The Outreach Program at the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer offers free screening exams in the Hartford region. The program focuses on breast, prostate, colorectal and cervical cancers. A diverse population has been served, ranging from uninsured recent immigrants, to senior citizens in their housing communities, to employees of large corporations at their worksites. The Cancer Center offers the only mobile mammography program in central and northern Connecticut. For more information, please call Hartford Hospital's Cancer Connect Line at 860.545.6000."

**American Diabetes Association** - Diabetes is one of the most serious health problems that the African-American community faces today. Compared to the general population, African-Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes. To address this growing epidemic, the American Diabetes Association created program and materials to increase awareness of the seriousness of diabetes and its complications among African-Americans

**Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Comprehensive Breast Health Center** - African-American women are less likely than white women to be diagnosed with breast cancer. However, they are more likely to die from it than any other race and more likely to be diagnosed at an advanced stage. The Breast Health Center at Saint Francis helps women navigate the sometimes complex journey that the treatment of breast cancer can involve. Expert clinicians, evidence based treatment plans, same-day mammogram test results, and personalized guidance by a nurse navigator and licensed clinical social worker comprise the comprehensive care available through the Breast Health Center. Patients feel safe, valued, and uniquely special during the course of their care.

**Curtis D. Robinson Men's Health Institute** - Doctors at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center are acutely aware of the prevalence of prostate cancer, and particularly the racial disparities in healthcare when it comes to prostate cancer among African-American men. Saint Francis has partnered with 30 faith-based and community organizations serving the community at large and developed The Curtis D. Robinson Men's Health Institute at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The goal of the Men's Health Institute is to provide free services to the uninsured and the underinsured, and to address the racial disparities that affect the community. The program focuses on patient education, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment for men at risk of prostate cancer. The goal of the Men's Health Institute is to address the health disparities and barriers to care that affect our community, especially for the uninsured and underinsured.

**American Red Cross** - While African-Americans comprise nearly 13 percent of the United States population, they represent less than 1 percent of blood donors. Increasing African-American donations is vital because blood types O and B, the blood types of about 70 percent of African-Americans, are the blood types most in demand. More African-American donors are needed to ensure that blood is available when needed, especially for patients with sickle cell disease. Being reflective of the communities we serve, The American Red Cross is asking all eligible donors of all types to donate blood to help strengthen the community's blood supply.

**The Sawyer School** - The mission of The Sawyer School is to provide specialized vocational training by blending educational and career-related atmospheres so that students may develop marketable skills in the shortest possible time. The objective of The Sawyer School is to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to secure successful and financially rewarding careers in both Business and Allied Health Careers.

**Leslie Frances Manselle** is a performing artist specializing in voice, drama and movement. Leslie sings with jazz, soul, inspirational and praise groups and as an individual performer. Ms. Manselle's program, "Self-Esteem Through Performance" was created to help students and adults work through life issues, while enhancing academics and skills through utilizing the arts. Her Dance/Exercise classes (Zumba Gold) are designed for mature adults, people who need a modified exercise program, or for those who haven't exercised in a while. Leslie's mission is to bless, enlighten, educate and entertain through music, words and movement.

**K & D Novelties** – A novelty shop that sells purses, shoulder bags, Obama memorabilia, hats, scarves, gloves, body oils, shea butter, readers, and much more....