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GREATER HARTFORD ARTS COUNCIL RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM UNITEDHEALTHCARE TO SUPPORT “ARTS & WELLNESS” GRANT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 26, 2016) – The Greater Hartford Arts Council received \$10,000 from UnitedHealthcare to support the 2017 “Arts & Wellness” grant program, which funds artistic programs that use creativity as a tool to enrich lives and enhance the health and well-being of adults with physical disabilities and their families.

The grant program will support four local arts organizations in producing programs to engage adults with physical disabilities in creative therapy, as well as highlight inspirations found when art is incorporated into therapeutic services. Grants may be awarded in any of the artistic genres, including dance, visual arts and music.

Intent to Apply forms are due Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, and recipients will be announced in January 2017. Grant recipients will present their programs throughout 2017. For more information on the Greater Hartford Arts Council or to apply for an “Arts & Wellness Grant,” go to www.LetsGoArts.org/wellness.

“The Arts Council believes strongly in the powerful connection between the arts and health, which is why we continue to offer the Arts & Wellness grant program to support the well-being of our friends and neighbors with critical health care needs,” said Cathy Malloy, CEO, Greater Hartford Arts Council. “We thank UnitedHealthcare for its continued support of this important program and for its commitment to enhance people’s health and quality of life.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to support the Arts Council’s ‘Arts & Wellness’ grants, which help fund arts-related programs to help support people’s physical, mental and emotional well-being,” said Elizabeth Winsor, CEO of UnitedHealthcare National Accounts.

UnitedHealthcare has more than 5,000 employees in Connecticut, with more than 2,000 employees in the Hartford office. The company serves 500,000 people in Connecticut with a network of 45 hospitals and more than 21,000 physicians and other care providers statewide.

About the Greater Hartford Arts Council

The Greater Hartford Arts Council is the central voice for the cultural sector in our region. The organization secures community resources and responsibly reinvests those dollars through a stringent grant-making process into a wide array of organizations and programs that keep our community strong. The Arts Council promotes the arts as a regional asset and connects citizens to the arts. To learn more about Arts Council programs and services, as well as the United Arts Campaign, visit www.LetsGoArts.org or follow @letsgoarts_org on Twitter.

About UnitedHealthcare

[UnitedHealthcare](http://www.UnitedHealthcare.com) is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for [individuals](#), [employers](#), military

service members, retirees and their families, and [Medicare](#) and [Medicaid](#) beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1 million physicians and care professionals, and 6,000 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of [UnitedHealth Group](#) (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at uhc.com or follow [@myUHC](#) on Twitter.

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