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Seeking Jobs, Finding Training

There are many resources in our area for those looking for work or seeking further job training. Here are some of them. At the end of the article is the contact information for all the organizations mentioned. If you want further information or wish to check out resources in Greenwich and the surrounding area, give Community Answers a call or go to our website.

RESOURCES AT COMMUNITY ANSWERS

Community Answers Job Board. Individuals between the ages of 17 and 50 (those younger are covered by Student Employment Service and older by Utilize Senior Energy) may post jobs they are seeking, or employers may post jobs available on the Job Board. These postings are not screened by Community Answers and users are responsible for giving or checking references. The Board is visible through the window beside our office door at any time when the Greenwich Library is open.

Community Answers maintains several specialized files and notebooks. Two continuing education files have catalogs and brochures from various academic and vocational schools in the Greenwich area that offer job training courses in many subjects. *The Computer folder* lists places teaching word processing, spreadsheets, internet, and other computer skills. *The ESL folder* has information for people who want to learn English. *The Tutors' Notebook* has resumes and fliers from local tutors teaching a variety of subjects, and the *Cottage Industries Notebook* lists small businesses in local homes, offering house and dog sitting, etc.

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Community Answers News Flash

Pat on the Back for Community Answers!
Comparison of our services and those of 211
See results on page 10.



"Get the Job You Want"—Free Seminars
offered by Jewish Family Services, see page 11.



Community Answers presents ***Comedy Night Lite***

An evening of laughter, friends, and wine
Saturday November 14 at 7:30 pm
Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library.
Call 622-7979 or email
communityanswers@greenwichlibrary.org



Fall Highlights

Senior Health Fair

Flu Shots Available

Tuesday, October 20, 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich
(203) 622-7854

Enchanted Forest

Junior League of Greenwich
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 21 & 22, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
Hyatt Regency Greenwich

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
Garden Education Center, Greenwich



To list your event in the next

Newsletter Calendar (February through May 2010),
email us details of the event to
cacalendar@greenwichlibrary.org
no later than January 5, 2010.

Thank you.



INSIDE: The full Community Calendar for OCTOBER 2009 through JANUARY 2010.
To answer your questions: call Community Answers (203) 622-7979 or go to www.communityanswers.org

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GREENWICH LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER

Applying for a job has changed dramatically in the past few years. Most employers require not only basic computer skills but also computer training as part of an employee's skill set. The Greenwich Library Technology Center offers free monthly training programs to help people develop or improve basic computer and internet skills. At least one program per month at the main library or the branches focuses on jobs and careers.

The Drop-In Computer Lab offers weekly hands-on assistance with resume writing, internet job searching, filling out online applications, etc. There is also instruction on how to use the library's databases and free internet web sites. Some of the major ones that can help those seeking employment are listed below:

Vault database: This comprehensive career resource includes Vault guides, company profiles, industry and occupational profiles, career advice articles and more.

LinkedIn.com: A free online network that helps business professionals build connections, search jobs, and control their professional identity online.

Indeed.com: A search engine that pioneered a radically improved approach to job search and gives job seekers free access to millions of jobs from thousands of company websites, job boards, newspapers, blogs, etc.

The "Career Coach" parks on the second Tuesday of each month at the West Putnam entrance of Greenwich Library. There are several workstations connected to the internet. An instructor teaches workshops on topics such as resume writing, internet job searching, MS Word and MS Excel. Call to register or register online by clicking on the Library Calendar.

CT DEPT OF LABOR, Bridgeport

This is our area state agency office for administering unemployment compensation benefits, enforcing minimum wage and other rules governing workers and employers. Using their resources, job seekers can learn to create resumes, brush up on interviewing skills, and find education or job training. Employers can develop customized job training and apprenticeship programs and conduct on-site screenings of job applicants.

CT DEPT. OF HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION CENTER

This is a telephone referral service that helps callers find in-state academic or vocational programs. It can provide information on short-term retraining programs for people who are presently unemployed. They advise

on training requirements for many occupations and institutions where the training is offered. The service can answer questions covering all types of educational programs: college, adult education, vocational, and private occupational school programs.

CTE, INC.

One of 14 community action agencies in Connecticut that serves as the doorway to self-sufficiency for unemployed, underemployed, and economically disadvantaged persons (handicapped, minorities, refugees, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers) in Stamford, Darien, and Greenwich. They help immigrants deal with immigration, health care, and other service providers; job readiness, training, and placement; assistance finding housing, fighting evictions or discrimination; energy assistance; and IDA (Individual Development Account) program.

RITE PROGRAM (Reaching Independence through Employment)

This is a program of the *Family Centers* in Stamford. It provides residents with comprehensive career counseling and with vocational training services. It also offers participants regular educational opportunities, referral services, resumé writing and interview assistance, as well as ESL/literacy classes and bilingual computer training.

UTILIZE SENIOR ENERGY

A no-fee, nonprofit, employment referral service serving residents of Greenwich and the surrounding area who are over age 50 and who are seeking employment. It serves both employers and employees. Located in the Senior Center on Greenwich Avenue, it is run entirely by volunteers. Jobs may be full or part-time, seasonal, or one-time. Among the many categories of job listings are bookkeeping, child care, companion, data entry, drivers (but not as pickups for children), handy-man, nurses aid, painters, proof-readers, security, word processor, and yard work.

YWCA NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM

A career readiness program for women in transition—divorced, separated, widowed, disabled, unemployed, or underemployed—who are entering the workforce or changing careers. There is a job skills training program to help those who have lost their major source of income to evaluate their situation and determine a future career plan. Courses cover writing resumes and letters, interviewing tips, and team building skills.

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Community Answers

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 2010

To view the full calendar on line, go to www.communityanswers.org

Calendar compiled on September 3, 2009. Events are subject to change. For updated information, call sponsoring organization, or call *Community Answers* at (203) 622-7979, or visit our website at www.communityanswers.org. In order for your event to be listed in the next Newsletter Calendar (February through May 2010), please email us details of the event to cacalendar@greenwichlibrary.org no later than January 5, 2010.

The following organizations offer many interesting single session courses. We urge you to visit their websites to view their selection online.
Greenwich Arts Council, www.greenwicharts.org
Greenwich Continuing Education, www.greenwichace.org
Garden Education Center of Greenwich, www.gecgreenwich.org

OCTOBER

Oct. 1. Golf Tournament: Swing Into It.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children. The Stanwich Club. Noon tee off. (203) 899-0606 Ext. 224.

Oct. 1. Breast Cancer Alliance Flag Raising: Breast Cancer Alliance.

Greenwich Town Hall. 9:00 A.M. (203) 861-0014. Free.

Oct. 2. Benefit: Cocktails & Dancing.

Arch Street Teen Center. 7:00-11:00 P.M. (203) 629-5744.

Oct. 2. A Southern Belle Lives to Tell: A Musical Autobiography.

Christ Church, Greenwich. 6:30 P.M. Patron's Reception. 7:30 P.M. Show. (203) 869-6600.

Oct. 2. Film: Lovers & Lollipops.

Friends of Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 3. Concert: Greenwich Symphony.

G.H.S. Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 869-2664 or www.greenwichsym.org.

Oct. 3. Oktoberfest.

United Way of Greenwich. Greenwich Civic Center-Old Greenwich. 6:00 P.M. (203) 869-2221 Pat.

Oct. 3. Go Wild at Night.

Greenwich Land Trust, Polo Fields. 6:00 P.M. (203) 629-2151 or www.gltrust.org.

Oct. 3. Annual Tag Sale.

New Lebanon School. Byram. 8:00-9:00 A.M. Early Bird. 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. email: eslise@aol.com.

Oct. 3. Getting Started in Genealogy.

Greenwich Historical Society, Education Center. 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Oct. 3. Gimbel Sanctuary Hike.

Audubon Greenwich. Meet at Gimbel parking area on Sherwood Avenue, near Nutmeg Drive. 2:00-3:30 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 230.

Oct. 3. Family Breakfast & Hike.

Audubon Greenwich. 9:00-10:30 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 239.

Oct. 3. Volunteer Day: Audubon Greenwich.

Audubon Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221. Free.

Oct. 4. Concert: Greenwich Symphony.

G.H.S. Auditorium. 4:00 P.M. (203) 869-2664 or www.greenwichsym.org.

Oct. 4. Garden Benefit Concert & Luncheon.

Family Re-Entry. Bydale Estate. 12:30-4:00 P.M. (203) 838-0496 Ext. 100 Valerie Wells.

Oct. 4. Memory Walk.

Alzheimer's Association. Calf Pasture Beach, Norwalk. 9:00 A.M. Registration. 10:00 A.M. Walk. (860) 828-2828 Mary Mackey.

Oct. 4. Go Wild: 10th Anniversary.

Greenwich Land Trust, Polo Fields. 3:00-6:00 P.M. (203) 629-2151 or www.gltrust.org

Oct. 4. Flea Market.

Knight of Columbus. Horseneck parking lot, across from ferry. 10:00 A.M. (203) 622-4136. Free entrance.

Oct. 4. Sailboat Regatta.

Old Greenwich-Riverside Community Center. Binney Park, Old Greenwich. 1:00 P.M. (203) 637-3659. Free.

Oct. 5, 7, 9, 13, and 15. Tutor Training Workshops.

Literacy Volunteers—Stamford/Greenwich, Inc. First Presbyterian Church. 9:30 A.M.—Noon. (203) 324-5214 or email: lvc@lvsg.org. Free.

Oct. 5. Golf Outing.

Rotary Club of Greenwich. Milbrook Club. Noon tee-off. (203) 869-4848 Ext. 2214 Jim Vivier.

Oct. 5. Business Etiquette: Greenwich Library.

Meeting Room, Greenwich Library. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 625-6560. Free.

Oct. 6. Bus Trip: Brooklyn's DUMBO Landmark District.

Garden Education Center, Greenwich. 9:00 A.M. depart. (203) 869-9242 or www.gecgreenwich.org

Oct. 7. Connoisseurs' Dinner.

Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County. Stamford Yacht Club. 6:00 P.M. (203) 358-8898.

Oct. 7. Bob Smith's Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice.

Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library. 7:00 P.M. (203) 622-7972. Free.

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28. CareGiver Circle: Six week program.

Commission on Aging, GADC, Junior League, American Red Cross, GADC. 11:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. (203) 622-0079 Lauren Ferraro or email: LFerraro@gadc.org. Free.

Oct. 7. Day Trip: Greenwich Historical Society to Hudson River Museum.

Greenwich Historical Society. Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY. 9:00 A.M. bus departs from Historical Society. Return at 3:00 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Oct. 8. Light The Night.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Connecticut Chapter. Calf Pasture Beach, Norwalk. 5:00–5:30 P.M. Registration. 6:30 P.M. Walk. (203) 379-0445.

Oct. 8. First Debate: First Selectmen.

League of Women Voters. Meeting Room, Town Hall, Greenwich. 7:00–9:45 P.M. (203) 637-9244 Jara Burnett. Free.

Oct. 9. Organ Concert Series.

Christ Church Greenwich. 7:15 P.M. Talk by performer. 7:30 P.M. Concert. (203) 869-6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin Small. Free. Good will offering.

Oct. 9. Senior Disaster Education

Classes: American Red Cross. American Red Cross, Greenwich Chapter. Noon–1:00 P.M. (203) 869-8444 Ext. 104. Free.

Oct. 9. Film: Garrison Keillor: The Man on The Radio with The Red Shoes.

Friends of Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 10. 5K Run.

Habitat for Humanity, Seaside Park, Bridgeport, CT. 8:00–9:15 A.M. Run. (203) 333-2642.

Oct. 10. Autumn Migration Bird Walk: Fairchild Sanctuary.

Audubon Greenwich. Fairchild parking area on North Porchuck Road, Greenwich. 7:00–8:45 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221. Free.

Oct. 10. Family Pond Exploration.

Audubon Greenwich. 2:00–3:30 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221.

Oct. 11, 2009. Susannah's Run: Threads & Treads.

Tod's Point, Old Greenwich. 9:00 A.M. (203) 661-0142 or www.threadsandtreads.com.

Oct. 11. Broadway Sing Along.

Connecticut Playmakers. First Congregational Church. 3:00 P.M. (203) 977-8627 Peggy de la Cruz. Free.

Oct. 13. Resume Writing Fundamentals.

Greenwich Library & Career Coach. Career Coach parked at the West Putnam Avenue library entrance. 10:00 A.M.—Noon. (203) 625-6533. Free.

Oct. 13. Internet Job Search.

Greenwich Library & Career Coach. Career Coach parked at the West Putnam Avenue Library entrance. 1:00–3:00 P.M. (203) 625-6533. Free.

Oct. 14. Bus Tour: Tour our State Capitol, Hartford!

League of Women Voters. Bus depart from Greenwich. (203) 637-1079.

Oct. 14. Phone Interview Workshop.

Greenwich Library Meeting Room, Greenwich Library. 6:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 14. Bob Smith's Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice.

Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library. 7:00 P.M. (203) 622-7972. Free.

Oct. 14. Bus Trip: Maya Lin's Wavefield Installation

Garden Education Center, Greenwich. Storm King Art Center. 8:00 A.M. depart. (203) 869-9242 or www.gecgreenwich.org

Oct. 15. Mystery of the Unknown Man E: A Murdering Mummy?

Archaeological Assoc. Bruce Museum. 8:00 P.M. (203) 661-4654.

Oct. 15. Opening Reception and Concert: Su-Hua Chen Low.

Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 862-6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Oct. 16. Greenwich Symphony Wine & Cheese Festival.

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra. Richards, Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich. 7:00–9:30 P.M. (203) 637-2143 or [email: MorrisLJ@optonline.net](mailto:MorrisLJ@optonline.net).

Oct. 16. Greenwich Awesome Tree Contest: Second Annual.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy & Town of Greenwich. Trees publicly or privately owned in Greenwich. (203) 869-1464 or [email: treeconserv@optonline.net](mailto:treeconserv@optonline.net). Free.

Oct. 16, 17, 23, & 24. Monster Mash.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children., Norwalk, CT. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 899-0606 Ext. 247.

Oct. 16 & 17. Greenwich Chamber Variety Show: Greenwich Has Got Talent.

Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. T.B.A. 7:30 P.M. (203) 273-2293 or www.greenwichchamber.com.

Oct. 16. Film: Bridesmaid.

Friends of Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 17. Gala: Hunter Pace Gala.

Greenwich Riding & Trails Association. Indian Harbor Yacht Club. 6:30 P.M. (203) 661-3062.

Oct. 17. AmeriCares Airlift Benefit.

AmeriCares. Westchester County Airport, Hangar E, White Plains, NY. 6:00–11:00 P.M. (203) 658-9500 or www.americares.org.

Oct. 17. Pumpkin Patch.

Old Greenwich School PTA. Old Greenwich School. 11:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 637-0150. Free entrance.

Oct. 17. Apple Festival.

North Greenwich Congregational Church. 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 869-7763. Free Entrance.

Oct. 17. Autumn Migration Bird**Walk: Fairchild Sanctuary.**

Audubon Greenwich. Fairchild parking area on North Porchuck Road, Greenwich. 7:00–8:45 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext 221. Free.

Oct. 17. Trip: Hook Mountain Hawk Watch.

Audubon Greenwich. Hook Mountain. 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 230.

Oct. 17. Antiques Show.

Kiwanis Club of Greenwich. Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center, Old Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M. (203) 869-4250.

Oct. 18. Putting on the Dog.

Adopt a Dog. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 629-9494 or www.adoptadog.org.

Oct. 18. Family Day.

Bruce Museum. 1:00–4:00 P.M. (203) 869-6786 Robin Garr.

Oct. 18. Annual Fundraiser.

Pathways, Inc. Greenwich Country Club. 5:30 P.M. Cocktails. 7:00 P.M. Dinner. 8:15 P.M. Show. (203) 869-5656 Iris.

Oct. 18. Walk in the Park:**Abilis.**

Tod's Point. 10:30 A.M. Registration and activities begin. (203) 629-1880 www.abilis.us.

Oct. 18. 2009 Antiques Show.

Kiwanis Club of Greenwich. Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center, Old Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 869-4250.

Oct. 18. Concert: David Grover & the Big Bear Band.

UJA Federation of Greenwich, Young Families Division. Greenwich Reform Synagogue, Greenwich. Noon–2:00 P.M. (203) 552-1818. Free.

Oct. 18. Theater Trip: Finian's Rainbow. NYC.

Greenwich Theatregoers. Bus departs Julian Curtiss School 11:30 A.M. (203) 629-2297 Mary Ruth Allen.

Oct. 18. Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic.

Saint Catherine of Siena Church. 8:30 A.M.–Noon. (203) 274 7896 Preventa Health.

Oct. 18. Halloween at Bush-Holley.

Greenwich Historical Society. Bush-Holley Historic Site. Noon–4:00 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Oct. 18. Concert.

The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony. Round Hill Community Church. 4:00 P.M. (203) 622-6611.

Oct. 18. Trip: Cove Island Park Bird Sanctuary.

Audubon Greenwich. Cove Island Bird Sanctuary, Stamford. 8:00–11:00 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221.

Oct. 19. Concert.

The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony. Bruce Museum. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-6611.

Oct. 20. Senior Health Fair.

Town of Greenwich. Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Fair. Flu shots until 2:00 P.M. (203) 622-7854. Free entrance.

Oct. 20. Green Homes:**Geothermal Energy Systems.**

Audubon Greenwich. 7:30–10:00 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 239.

Oct. 21. Fall Homecoming Luncheon.

Christ Church Greenwich. 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist. Noon Luncheon. (203) 869-6600. Free.

Oct. 21. Lecture Series with Stephen Berk, Three Part.

JA Federation of Greenwich. Bruce Museum. 7:30 P.M. (203) 622-1434 Pam or Alice.

Oct. 21. Bob Smith's Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice.

Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library. 7:00 P.M. (203) 622-7972. Free.

Oct. 22. Luncheon & Fashion Show.

Breast Cancer Alliance, Junior Committee. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. (203) 861-0014 or www.breastcanceralliance.org.

Oct. 22. Forum: Money Talks II, The Movers and Shakers: Women on Wall Street.

Greenwich Historical Society, Japan Society of Fairfield County. Bush-Holley Historic Site. 6:30–8:30 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Oct. 23. Film: Frost/Nixon.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 24. International Day of Climate Action.

350.org & Christ Church Greenwich. Tucker Hackett email: tucker@hacketts.com or Abby Bates email: ebates@.robertsbates.com.

Oct. 24. Cocktail Party.

Sole Sisters, United Way of Greenwich. Private home, Greenwich. 6:00 P.M. (203) 869-2221.

Oct. 24. Annual Gala.

UJA Federation of Greenwich. Old Oaks Country Club, 3100 Purchase Street, Purchase, NY 10577. 7:00 P.M. (203) 622-1434.

Oct. 24. 22nd Annual CF Bike Tour.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Sherwood Island State Park, Westport, CT. 8:00 A.M. Registration. (860) 257-6907.

Oct. 24. Annual Fall Festival.

Parkway School. Noon–3:00 P.M. Contact Kristin Addison email: kla-hawk@aol.com. Free entrance.

Oct. 24. Autumn Migration Bird Walk: Fairchild Sanctuary.

Audubon Greenwich. Fairchild parking area on North Porchuck Road, Greenwich. 7:00–8:45 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221. Free.

Oct. 24. Autumn Foliage and Wildlife Food Walk.

Audubon Greenwich. 1:00–3:00 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221. Free.

Oct. 25. Chamber Concert Series, Christ Church Greenwich. 3:00 P.M. (203) 869-6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin-Small. Free.**Oct. 25. Trip: Allen's Meadow's, Wilton.**

Audubon Greenwich. Meet at Audubon Greenwich to carpool to Wilton. 8:00 A.M. for carpool or call ahead and meet in Wilton. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 221.

Oct. 26. The Politics of Food.

League of Women Voters. Cos Cob Library. 1:00 P.M. (203) 352-4700. Free.

Oct. 28. Seminar: Get the Job You Want

Jewish Family Services. Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich. 6:30–9:00 P.M. (203) 622-1881. Free.

Oct. 28. Bob Smith's Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice.

Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 7:00 P.M. (203) 622-7972. Free.

Oct. 29. Gallery Talk & Concert II: Su-Hau Chen Low.

Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 862-6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Oct. 29. The Enchanted Orchard & Animal Show.

Audubon Greenwich. 6:00–8:30 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext. 239.

Oct. 30. Film: To Be and To Have.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole

Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Oct. 31. Exhibit: Alexander Calder as Printmaker.

Bruce Museum. Museum hours. (203) 869-6786 or www.brucemuseum.org.

Oct. 31. Howl & Prowl.

Pet Pantry & Delamar. Greenwich Avenue. 1:30 P.M. (203) 629-9494 or email: info@adoptadog.org.

Oct. 31. Member Opening: Alexander Calder: Printmaker.

Bruce Museum. 7:00–8:30 P.M. (203) 413-6161 Jennifer Bernstein.

Oct. 31. Autumn Migration Bird Walk.

Fairchild Sanctuary. Audubon Greenwich. Fairchild parking area on North Porchuck Road, Greenwich. 7:00–8:45 A.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext 221. Free.

Oct. 31. Trip: Butler Sanctuary Hawk Watch.

Audubon Greenwich. Butler Sanctuary. 1:00–4:00 P.M. (203) 869-5272 Ext 230. Call office.

Oct. 31, 2009. Halloween.**NOVEMBER****Nov. 2. Election Day Plant Sale.**

Garden Education Center. 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. (203) 869-9242. Free.

Nov. 2. Holiday Gift Collection.

St. Luke's Life Works. All day. (203) 388-0103 or email: tmcalister@stlukeslifeworks.org. Free.

Nov. 3. General Election Day.**Nov. 4. Day Trip to the Museum of American Finance.**

Greenwich Historical Society Money Talks III: Women of Wall Street. Meet at the Museum of American Finance on Wall Street, NYC. 10:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Nov. 5. Flinn Gallery Art Opening.
Greenwich Library. Flinn Gallery, 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7947. Free.

Nov. 5. Antiquarius 2009 Patron Party.
Greenwich Historical Society. 6:30 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton or www.hstg.org.

Nov. 6. Book and Media Sale.
Friends of Byram Shubert Library. St. Paul Evangelical Church, Delavan Avenue, Greenwich. (203) 531–0426. Free.

Nov. 6. Concert.
Off Sounders. Belle Haven Club. 8:00 P.M. (203) 869–5815.

Nov. 6. Film: Sketches of Frank Gehry.
Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7900. Free.

Nov. 7. Annual Gala.
Hungarian Cultural Society. Italian Center, Stamford. 6:30 P.M.–Midnight. (203) 637-1680 Mary Radcliffe.

Nov. 7. Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show.
Stamford Mineral Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. 9:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 325–9415.

Nov. 7. Volunteer Day: Audubon Greenwich.
Audubon Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. (203) 869–5272 Ext. 221. Free.

Nov. 7. Trip: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.
Audubon Greenwich. Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. (203) 869–5272 Ext. 230.

Nov. 7 & 8. Book and Media Sale.
Friends of the Byram Shubert Library. St. Paul Evangelical Church, Greenwich. (203) 531–0426. Free.

Nov. 8. Beachfront Bushwhack
Threads & Treads. Tod's Point, Old Greenwich. 10:00 A.M. (203) 661–0142 or www.threadsandtreads.com.

Nov. 8. Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show.
Stamford Mineral Soc., Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M. (203) 325–9415.

Nov. 10. Senior Disaster Education Classes.
American Red Cross, Greenwich Chapter. Noon–1:00 P.M. (203) 869–8444 Ext. 104. Free.

Nov. 11. Santa 2009 Christmas Fair.
Greenwich Exchange for Women's Work. Round Hill Country Club. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 869–0229. Free.

Nov. 11. Veterans Day.

Nov. 11. Veterans' Day Ceremony.
American Legion, Greenwich Post 29. War Monument in front of the post office, Greenwich Avenue. 11.00 A.M. (203) 869–8837. Free.

Nov. 11. Veterans Day Show: Keeping Score At The Movies.
Westchester Chordsmen. Westchester Broadway Theater, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford, NY 10523. 6:00 P.M. Dinner. 8:00 P.M. Show. (914) 592–2222 for tickets or www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Nov. 11. Northern Indian Classical Vocal & Music Concert
World on Stage. Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library 7:00 – 10:30 P.M. (203) 322-9862 Vrunda Patel

Nov. 12. Literary Lights Luncheon.
Greenwich Arts Council. Private home in Greenwich. Noon. (203) 862–6750 Kathy Fuhrmann.

Nov. 12. Literary Lights : A Book Festival.
Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:30 P.M. (203) 862–6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Nov. 12. Veterans' Day Parade.
Byram Veterans Association. Byram. (203) 531–6100 Lutz Spika, Commander. Free.

Nov. 13. Holiday Boutique.
Woman's Club of Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 869–2046. Free.

Nov. 13. Organ Concert Series.
Christ Church Greenwich, Greenwich. 7:15 P.M. Talk by performer. 7:30 P.M. Concert. (203) 869–6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin Small. Free goodwill offering.

Nov. 13. Film: Doubt.
Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7900. Free.

Nov 14 Comedy Night Lite
Community Answers, Cole Auditorium 7:15 P.M Wine reception 8:00 P.M Show (203) 622-7916 or www.communityanswers.org

Nov. 14. Annual Holiday Boutique
Woman's Club of Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 869–2046. Free.

Nov. 14. Greenwich Hospital Gala: My Kind of Town.
Greenwich Country Club. 6:30 P.M. Cocktails, Silent & Wine Auctions. 8:00 P.M. (203) 863–3863 Jackie Hvolbeck or email: JackieH@GreenHosp.org.

Nov. 14. Play: Noah's Ark.
First Congregational Church. 7:30 P.M. (203) 637-1791 Ext. 22 or www.fccog.org. Free. Preferred seating with contribution.

Nov. 14. Annual Holiday Craft Fair.
Diamond Hill Church. 10 A.M.–3:00 P.M. (203) 869–2395 Bonnie Morris. Free entrance.

Nov. 14. America's Annual Racing Pigeon Classic Show.
National Show Racing Pigeon Association. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. (717) 365–7777.

Nov. 14. Winter Birds and Project Feederwatch.

Audubon Greenwich. Audubon Greenwich. 1:30–3:00 P.M. (203) 869–5272 Ext. 221.

Nov. 15. Awards Ceremony: Greenwich Awesome Tree Contest.

Greenwich Tree Conservancy & Town of Greenwich. Garden Education Center. 3:00 P.M. (203) 869–1464 or email: treeconserv@optonline.net. Free.

Nov. 15. Play: Noah's Ark.

First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich. 10:00 A.M. during worship. (203) 637-1791 Ext. 22 or www.fccog.org. Free..

Nov. 15. Play: Noah's Ark

First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich. 4:00 P.M. (203) 637-1791 Ext. 22. or www.fccog.org. Free. Preferred seating with contribution.

Nov. 16. Speaker: Former Ambassador to El Salvador, Charles Glasser.

League of Women Voters. Cos Cob Library. 1:00 P.M. (203) 637-1079. Free.

Nov. 17. Lecture: Dutch Connections II: Russell Shorto.

Greenwich Historical Society. Cole Auditorium, Greenwich Library. 7:30–9:30 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 18. Free.

Nov. 17. Green Homes: Wind & Solar Energy Systems.

Audubon Greenwich. Audubon Greenwich. 7:30–10:00 P.M. (203) 869–5272 Ext. 239.

Nov. 19. Recent Travels in Iraq: An Archaeologist's Commentary.

Archaeological Associates. Bruce Museum. 8:00 P.M. (203) 661–4654.

Nov. 19. Lecture: Point of View with Bunny Williams.

Greenwich Historical Society. Private club, Doubling Road, Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.–12:15 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext.

14 Carol Matton or email: ematton@hstg.org.

Nov. 19. Luncheon with Bunny Williams.

Greenwich Historical Society. Private club. 12:15–2:00 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton or email: ematton@hstg.org.

Nov. 20. Film: Happy-Go-Lucky.

Friends of Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7900. Free.

Nov. 21. Concert: Greenwich Symphony.

G.H.S. Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 869–2664 or www.greenwichsym.org.

Nov. 21. The Enchanted Forest.

Junior League of Greenwich. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 869–1979.

Nov. 21. Mother Nature's Bird Foods Hike.

Audubon Greenwich. 1:00–2:30 P.M. (203) 869–5272 Ext. 221 Call office.

Nov. 22. Safe Roads.

Friends of Greenwich Point. Greenwich Point. 9:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M. (203) 637-7808 or email: info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org. Free.

Nov. 22. The Enchanted Forest.

Junior League of Greenwich. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 869–1979.

Nov. 22. Exhibit Closing:**Su-Hua Chen Low.**

Greenwich Arts Council. Gallery Hours. (203) 862–6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Nov. 26. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens.

First Presbyterian Church. Noon. (203) 869–8686 Carolyn. After Oct. 15 2009 call (203) 637-1807 Renie Blair. Free.

Nov. 28. Aquatics Hall of Fame.

YWCA. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. 11:30 A.M. (203) 869–6501 Ext. 102 Samantha Conetta.

Nov. 28. Show: Stamford Model Rail Road Club.

Stamford Model Rail Road Club. St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford. 1:00–5:00 P.M. & 7:00–9:00 P.M. (203) 655–1928.

Nov. 29. Breakfast with Santa.

Greenwich Dept. of Parks & Recreation. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. (203) 622–6478.

Nov. 30. Auditions.

Saint Catherine's Players. Saint Catherine of Siena Church Hall. 7:30 P.M. (203) 862–9240 Vinnie Yax. Free.

DECEMBER**Dec. 1. Holiday Boutique: Breast Cancer Alliance.**

Greenwich Country Club. 6:00 P.M. (203) 861–0014. Suggested donation.

Dec. 1. Community Tree Lighting.

Greenwich Family YMCA. T.B.A. (203) 869–1630. Free.

Dec. 1 and 2. Auditions.

Saint Catherine's Players. Saint Catherine of Siena Church Hall. 7:30 P.M. (203) 862–9240 Vinnie Yax. Free.

Dec. 2. Annual Meeting: Greenwich Land Trust.

Greenwich Land Trust. 5:00 P.M. (203) 629–2151. Free.

Dec. 2. Seminar: Get the Job You Want

Jewish Family Services. Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich. 6:30–9:00 P.M. (203) 622–1881. Free.

Dec. 2. Holiday Boutique: Breast Cancer Alliance.

Greenwich Country Club. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. (203) 861–0014.

**Dec. 3. Opening Night Party:
Antiquarius 2009.**

Greenwich Historical Society. Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. 6:30–9:00 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton.

**Dec. 3. Opening Reception: Pablo
Picasso—Works on Paper.**

Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 862–6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

**Dec. 4, 5, and 6. Antiques Show:
Antiquarius 2009.**

Greenwich Historical Society. Greenwich Civic Center, Old Greenwich. 11:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton or www.hstg.org.

**Dec. 4. Preview Party: Christmas on
Round Hill.**

Round Hill Community Church. Community House. 6:00–9:00 P.M. (203) 869–1091 Lynda.

Dec. 4. Holiday Tea.

Garden Education Center of Greenwich. 3:30–6:00 P.M. (203) 969–9242.

Dec. 4. Film: I've Loved You So Long.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7900. Free.

**Dec. 5. Old Fashioned Christmas
Fair: Christmas on Round Hill.**

Round Hill Community Church. Community House. 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. 869–1091. Lynda. Free.

Dec. 5. Wrapping Party.

St. Luke's LifeWorks. 11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. & 2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 388–0103. email: tmcalister@stlukeslifeworks.org. Free.

Dec. 5. Tree of Life.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of SW Connecticut, Stamford. 5:00–7:00 P.M. (203) 276–3015. Free.

**Dec. 5. Stamford Model Rail Road
Club Show.**

Stamford Model Rail Road Club. Stamford. 1:00–5:00 P.M. & 7:00–9:00 P.M. (203) 655–1928.

**Dec. 5. Concert: So Hallowed Is the
Time.**

Greenwich Choral Society. Christ Church. 4:00 P.M. (203) 622–5136.

**Dec. 5. Winter Solstice Festival:
Musica Plenty.**

Audubon Greenwich. (203) 637-3058.

Dec. 5. First Light.

Old Greenwich Merchants Association. Old Greenwich Town Center. 6:00–9:00 P.M. (203) 698–4120 Patriot Bank, Jim or Inga. Free.

Dec. 5. Breakfast with Santa.

Garden Education Center, Greenwich. 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. (203) 869-9242 or www.gecgreenwich.org

Dec. 6. Cirque Voile.

Tiny Miracles Foundation. Fairfield Quick Center, Fairfield. Email: sschafrann@gmail.com.

**Dec. 6. Science Lecture Series: Why
Volcanoes Explode.**

Bruce Museum. 3:00 P.M. (203) 869–0376.

**Dec. 6. Concert: So Hallowed Is the
Time.**

Greenwich Choral Society. Christ Church Greenwich. 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. (203) 622–5136.

**Dec. 6. Winter Solstice Festival:
Musica Plenty.**

Audubon Greenwich. (203) 637-3058.

Dec. 7. Tree of Light.

Greenwich Hospital Hospice Program. Garden Cafe, Greenwich Hospital. 5:00–7:00 P.M. (203) 863–3883. Free.

**Dec. 8. Baskets of Greens for St.
Luke's Lifeworks**

Garden Education Center. 11:00 A.M. (203) 869-9242, www.gecgreenwich.org

**Dec. 8 and 9. Holiday House
Boutique: Antiquarius 2009.**

Greenwich Historical Society. Private club Doubling Road, Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–6:30 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton or www.hstg.org. Free..

**Dec. 9. Holiday House Tour:
Antiquarius 2009.**

Greenwich Historical Society. Private Homes in Greenwich. 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 14 Carol Matton or www.hstg.org.

**Dec. 9. Senior Disaster Education
Classes.**

American Red Cross, Greenwich Chapter. Noon–1:00 P.M. (203) 869–8444 Ext. 104. Free.

**Dec. 11. Concert: Fairfield
University Glee Club and Festival
Orchestra.**

Saint Catherine of Siena Church. 8:00 P.M. (203) 637-3661 or email: cducret@aol.com. Children Free.

**Dec. 11. Holiday Gift Collection: Last
Day.**

St. Luke's LifeWorks. All day. (203) 388–0103 or email: mcalister@stlukeslifeworks.org. Free.

Dec. 11. Organ Concert Series.

Christ Church Greenwich. 7:15 P.M. Talk by performer. 7:30 P.M. Concert. (203) 869–6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin Small. Free will offering.

**Dec. 11. Scrooge at Bush-Holley:
A Christmas Carol.**

Greenwich Historical Society. Bush-Holley Historic Site. 4:00 & 6:00 P.M. (203) 869–6899 Ext. 18.

Dec. 11. Film: Riviera Cocktail.

Friends of Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622–7900. Free.

Dec. 12. Wrapping Party.

St. Luke's LifeWorks. 11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. & 2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. (203) 388-0103 or email: tmcalister@stlukeslifeworks.org. Free.

Dec. 12. Concert: Holiday Program. Westfair Singers.

First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich. 4:00 P.M. (203) 862-7709 Vicki Comberati.

Dec. 12. Concert: Harmony 4 The Holidays. Westchester Chordsmen.

Yorktown Stage Musical Theatre, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY. 7:30 P.M. (800) 413-7153 or email: chordsmen@yahoo.com.

Dec. 12 & 13. Winter Solstice Festival: Musica Plenty.

Audubon Greenwich. (203) 637-3058. Call for more information.

Dec. 12. Chanukah.**Dec. 13. Threads & Treads Jingle Bell Jog.**

Threads & Treads. 9:00 A.M. (203) 661-0142 or www.threadsandtreads.com.

Dec. 13. Concert: Harmony 4 The Holidays.

Westchester Chordsmen. Yorktown Stage Musical Theatre, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY. 2:00 P.M. (800) 413-7153 or email: chordsmen@yahoo.com.

Dec. 13. Bush-Holley by Candlelight.

Greenwich Historical Society. Bush-Holley Historic Site. 4:00–6:00 P.M. (203) 869-6899 Ext. 18.

Dec. 17. Flinn Gallery Art Opening.

Flinn Gallery, Greenwich Library. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7947. Free.

Dec. 18. Film: Stairway to Heaven.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole

Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day.**JANUARY 2010****Jan. 1. New Years Day.****Jan. 8. Organ Concert Series.**

Christ Church Greenwich. 7.15 P.M. Talk by performer. 7:30 P.M. Concert. (203) 869-6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin Small. Free will offering.

Jan. 8. Senior Disaster Education Classes.

Greenwich Chapter. American Red Cross. Noon–1:00 P.M. (203) 869-0444 Ext. Free.

Jan. 8. Film: Frozen River.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Jan. 10. Exhibit Closing: Alchemy:

Crucible of Chemistry
Bruce Museum, Museum Hours (203) 869-7900 or www.bruce-museum.org

Jan. 15. Film: Note by Note:

The Making of Steinway L1037.
Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Jan. 16. Skating Party.

Red Ribbon Foundation, Boys & Girls Club. (203) 861-2775 or email: nhazard@redribbonfoundation.org

Jan. 17. Exhibit Closing: Pablo Picasso—Works on Paper.

Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 862-6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Jan. 20. Annual Summer Fair: Greenwich High School.

Greenwich High School. 5:00 P.M. (203) 625-8002 Chris MacArthur. Free.

Jan. 22. Film: The Reader.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Jan. 24. Chamber Concert Series.

Christ Church Greenwich. 3:00 P.M. (203) 869-6600 Ext. 23 Linda Austin-Small. Free.

Jan. 29. Opening Reception: Greenwich Art Society.

Greenwich Arts Council. 6:00–8:00 P.M. (203) 862-6750 Kathy Fuhrmann. Free.

Jan. 29. Film: The Dark Corner.

Friends of the Greenwich Library. Cole Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 622-7900. Free.

Jan. 30. Concert: Greenwich Symphony.

G.H.S. Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. (203) 869-2664 or www.greenwichsym.org.

Jan. 30. GADC's Gala.

GADC at the River House. T.B.A. (203) 622-0079 Lauren Burgweger.

Jan. 31. Concert: Greenwich Symphony.

G. H. S. Auditorium. 4:00 P.M. (203) 869-2664 or www.greenwichsym.org.

Jan. 31. Exhibit Closing:

Alexander Calder as Printmaker.
Bruce Museum. Museum hours. (203) 869-6786 or www.bruce-museum.org.

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Seeking Jobs, Finding Training (continued from page 2)**WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (WBDC)**

The goal of WBDC is to increase economic independence for women and men. WBDC offers a broad array of programs and services to the small business owner and entrepreneur interested in personal and professional development. WBDC helps clients increase productivity, earn money, and continue to achieve their personal and professional business dreams. Specifically they offer small business and micro-enterprise training, career assistance, networking, and access to applicable resources. They have a weekly walk-in day when clients can meet with a counselor for no charge.

NEW CANAAN CATS (Career Transition Support)

This nondenominational group is a career transitioning consulting group of volunteers. It is sponsored by two New Canaan churches, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church. The group meets twice a month and offers support meetings and networking opportunities and access to one-on-one help. They have free career oriented workshops (call or check their website for details). Their monthly newsletter is available on their website.

WOMEN'S MENTORING NETWORK

This nonprofit organization serving lower Fairfield County provides career, educational, and personal resources to empower low-income women and their families and helps disadvantaged women enter the job

market. Their *Education Career Resource Center* provides job training and prepares their clients for job or promotion interviews. They also offer Adult Education Scholarships. Five core programs include: career, personal and family workshops, development workshops, one-on-one mentoring programs, and a college-bound program for children of participants

CT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

A professional organization of teachers. Services to members include insurance, legal, forums, and listings of teacher vacancies throughout the state, as well as conferences and workshops.

WORDS TO GO

A small word-processing business, this is one of several small area businesses offering similar services. Others can be found in the yellow pages. It offers faxing, emailing, letters and merged letters, labels, architectural specifications, spreadsheets, school applications, resume writing, notarizing, and transcription services.

Breaking News as we go to press:**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH**

just announced free seminars for job seekers, called *Get The Job You Want*, "staying hot when the market has cooled" and "working from the inside out." See Oct. 28 and Dec. 2 in our calendar or call them (203) 622-1881.

LIST OF RESOURCES**Community Answers**

(203) 622-7979 www.communityanswers.org

CT Dept. of Labor, Bridgeport

(203) 455 2700 www.ctdol.state.ct.us
(203) 579 6291 Tele-benefits (unemployment compensation)

CT Dept. of Higher Education Hartford, CT

(860) 947 1800 (800) 842 0229 Employment Hotline
www.ctdhe.org

CTE, INC. Stamford CT

(203) 327-3260 www.ctecap.org

Greenwich Library: Technology Training Center

(203) 622 7900 Main Switchboard
www.greenwichlibrary.org

Jewish Family Services of Greenwich

(203) 622-1881 or email llsmith@jfsgreenwich.org

New Canaan Cats (Career Transition Support),

Mac Walker (203) 857-4625, macmiss2000@yahoo.com;
Mercer Field (203) 226-5379, mercerfield@yahoo.com;

Cats (continued)

Jill Ernst, jill.ernst@gmail.com; Jim Riehl, (203) 940-1305,
JRiehl@aol.com, or visit www.newcanaancats.org

RITE Program (Reaching Independence Through Employment) Stamford CT

(203) 324 3167 www.familycenters.org

Utilize Senior Energy , Greenwich

(203) 629 6731 or 629 8032 www.useseniors.org

Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)

Stamford CT
(203) 353 1750 www.ctwbdc.org

Women's Mentoring Network

Stamford CT
(203) 348 3828 or 357 1561 <http://www.wmninc.org>

Words to Go

(203) 661 1711 www.wordstogo.com

YWCA New Horizons Greenwich

(203) 869 6501 EXT 171 Suzanne Adam, Program Director

We Got a Pat on the Back!

Services of Community Answers and 211 Compared

Recently Rensselaer Polytechnic University compared our services with those of 211, a state-wide system of telephone help. They concluded:

“One can see how efficient Community Answers’ service is when compared to 211, with higher rate of calls per inhabitants and much more efficient cost/call. Many repetitive and routine calls are easily handled by the constantly updated website, other calls . . . are handled by volunteers.”

While **211** receives 100% of its funding from the state, **Community Answers** receives no funding from the state. It is supported by generous donations and receives 10% of its funding from United Way.

We thank you for supporting us and enabling us to provide our unique service to all residents. Summary of the study findings below:

	211*	CA office calls/ online*
Call Volume	281,188	19,786
Population	3,483,372	62,236
Ratio Call/Pop	8.07%	31.79%
Budget	\$3,733,390	\$112,001
Ratio Cost/call	\$13.28	\$5.66
Staff	35	3 part time
State Funding	100%	0%

*211 is a centralized service giving referrals with paid employees. Community Answers is a referral service run by volunteers and online. All data is for 2004.

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