

**Close to your heart.
 Close to home.**



THE
**HUMAN
 SERVICES
 COUNCIL**



Give to a cause that is meaningful to you and quickly see the good you've done right in your neighborhood.

For over 65 years, The Human Services Council has been helping people, mostly children and adolescents, in our area. From providing medicine to students who are injured or sick, to counseling abused families, together we have been a helping hand for people living and working in New Canaan, Norwalk, Westport, Weston, Wilton and other nearby towns. The Human Services Council has five programs and countless ways for you to help people in your community.

Taking care of people in need, right next door.



CHILDREN'S CONNECTION (CC)

"To create a world where no child is harmed and no family is left without guidance".

Each year, Children's Connection helps more than 4,000 children and families throughout lower Fairfield County. We're working hard to decrease the incidence of child abuse and to help those who have been affected by this horrible

crime. We are also committed to ensuring that the investigation of abuse cases does not further traumatize the child and his or her family, by providing services that meet the child's physical and emotional needs throughout the investigative process.

The Multidisciplinary Investigative Team of Greater Norwalk (MDT) works to identify, investigate, and intervene in cases of child sexual and physical abuse. It is a collaborative partnership between the Police, The Department of Children and Families, Norwalk Hospital Department of Pediatrics, The State's Attorney's Office, Adult Probation, Family and Children's Agency and others.

The Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Educational Programs coordinate workshops and seminars which teach parents, professionals and students how to recognize, resist and report all forms of child abuse.

The Children's Bank provides more than 3,500 holiday gifts and necessities to children who are under the care of the

Department of Children and Families, foster care, or clients of area social/human services agencies.

Call Kari Pesavento at 203-849-1111 ext. 3011 or email kpesavento@hscct.org to find out more.

MID-FAIRFIELD SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION (MFSAC)

Together we can help prevent substance abuse and addiction.

Everyone knows someone who has suffered from addiction. MFSAC is working to bring resources to those who need it most through a comprehensive approach including education, awareness, addiction services and community action.

Call Lisa Cooper at 203-849-1111 ext. 3006 or email lcooper@hscct.org to find out more.



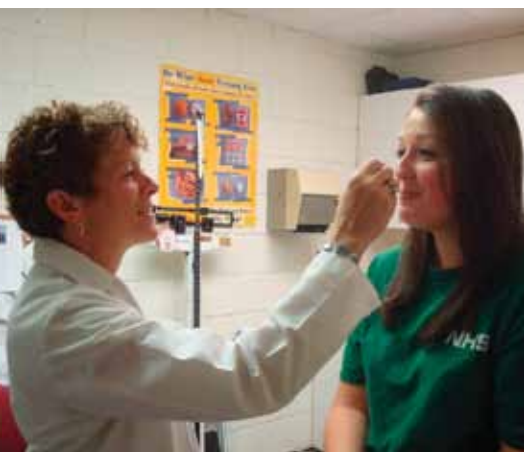
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DR. ROBERT E. APPLEBY SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS (SBHCs)

How can any child pay attention in school if he or she is sick?

SBHCs are free-standing medical centers licensed by the State of Connecticut as outpatient clinics located within Norwalk's three high schools and Nathan Hale Middle School (mental health only). The mission of the SBHCs is to improve the overall physical and emotional health of students in order to maximize their educational experiences and potential. SBHCs provide the diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses and injuries, offer preventive and psychiatric services, as well as crisis intervention and school/sport physicals. Services are available to all students regardless of ability to pay. The availability of on-site healthcare reduces absenteeism and encourages adolescents to take responsibility for their own well-being.

Call Rhonda Capuano at 203-849-1111 ext. 3003 or email rcapuano@hscct.org to find out more.



NORWALK MENTOR PROGRAM (NMP)

One hour a week can change lives forever – yours and theirs.



The NMP encourages the social, academic and mental growth of Norwalk's youth through a one-on-one mentoring relationship between a student and an adult volunteer. The NMP matches adult volunteers with students in the Norwalk Public Schools grades K-12. Mentors meet with their mentee for one hour per week during the school year and spend their time having fun; playing catch, reading a book, shooting some hoops or just talking. You can help a child build self-confidence and reach their potential. Ask any mentor, and they'll tell you they get just as much or more than they give.

Call Jackie Effren at 203-849-1111 ext. 3042 or email jeffren@hscct.org to find out more.

VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY (VAC/CFC)

Making our part of the world a better place to live and work.

The VAC/CFC is an incredible source for volunteer recruitment, manage-



ment, training and recognition for over 150 not-for-profit agencies.

Our Volunteer Solutions website, <http://volunteer.truist.com/mfcvp/>, offers a listing of available volunteer openings at area non-profit agencies. We also work with local businesses to find individual and group volunteer opportunities.

Call Sara German at 203-939-1601 to find out more.

THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL – neighbors helping neighbors

Generosity, kindness, the human connection – a little goes a long way. Please open your heart and help The Human Services Council help those who are less fortunate. You can choose where your donation goes or let The Human Services Council put it towards those who need it most. To make a donation please contact Marissa Lilliedahl Mangone at 203-849-1111 ext. 3023 or by e-mail at mmangone@hscct.org. To learn more about The Human Services Council please visit www.hscct.org.

The Human Services Council is a partner agency with the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County for the Dr. Robert E. Appleby School Based Health Centers, the Norwalk Mentor Program and the Voluntary Action Center of Coastal Fairfield County.



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UPCOMING EVENTS *Give today. See results tomorrow.*

November/December 2010 Children's Connection Children's Bank Holiday Toy Drive. Contact Kari Pesavento, Director, 203-849-1111 ext. 3011 or kpesavento@hscct.org. Gift Drop Off is from December 1st – December 10th at 800 Connecticut Ave, Norwalk.

January 25, 2011 The Norwalk Mentor Program's 25th Anniversary. Contact Jackie Effren, Director, 203-849-1111 ext. 3042 or jeffren@hscct.org.

June 2011 The SoNo Stroll. Contact Marissa Lilliedahl Mangone at 203-849-1111 ext. 3023 or mmangone@hscct.org.