



West Haven Community House

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Community House is Conducting Needs Assessment. Seeking Resident's Input.

(West, Haven, CT Dec. 12, 2016) The West Haven Community House is looking to expand its programs and is seeking input from West Haven residents to help plan for the next generation of youth programs. "As we look to expand our programs for kids, we are asking West Haven families to complete a short survey to help us understand what they think are the greatest needs for youth," said Patricia Stevens, WH Community House executive director. "We are hoping that this research will help us better serve the youth of West Haven as well as to secure alternate funding sources," she continued.

For 75 years, the Community House has been the cornerstone social service agency meeting the needs of the community with programs for families, children and teens, as well as for people with intellectual disabilities. As our community's needs change and funding for youth programs and services becomes more challenging, the Community House wants to ensure that every dollar it spends on youth programs goes as far as it can to support our youth.

The Community House received a grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to hire a consulting firm to help conduct and evaluate the needs assessment. Once the needs assessment is completed, the results of the survey will be posted on the Community House's website.

In addition to the survey, the Community House is partnering with West Haven public schools and Southern CT State University (SCSU) to facilitate focus groups among West Haven middle and high school students. Students from SCSU's Department of Social Work, who are working on a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, will be conducting the focus groups in the spring.

If you are a West Haven parent or guardian and are interested in programs for kids that meet both parents and kid's needs, please consider completing the survey. A special bonus is offered to individuals who complete and submit surveys by December 16, 2016. Once your survey is submitted, you will be given the opportunity to enter into a sweepstakes for a \$100 VISA gift card (2 prizes will be awarded). There will be another drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card for individuals who complete the survey by January 9, 2017.

You can find the survey link on the West Haven Community House website:

www.whcommunityhouse.org and at the West Haven Board of Education website: www.whschools.org

or go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/Youth-FamilyNeeds to be connected directly.

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