

Community Support Keeps Journey Home up to Par!



Journey Home Booth at the Travelers Championship

Journey Home is growing. We have been able to enlist more staff and make a bigger impact this year than ever before. Our growing strength is a credit to the Greater Hartford community that continues to show us such support, and this spring our community supported us in one of its favorite ways: golf!

Golf season arrived with the Greater Hartford Open; an annual tournament held at the TPC River Highlands course in Cromwell. This year, Journey Home was honored by the presenting sponsors, CT Commercial Real Estate Alliance and Winstanley Enterprises, as the beneficiary of the event. While enjoying exceptional food and world-class golf on June 8th, 100+ attendees were also helping to end homelessness in Greater Hartford.

“This was a great local event,” said Morgan, “These are our friends and neighbors who are supporting the work we do, and that is a powerful thing.”

Later in the month the Travelers Championship came to town. Every year, the championship is one of Connecticut’s biggest sporting events, and in 2014 raised \$1.5 million for 140 charities throughout the region.

This is the third year in row that your donations helped Journey Home rank in the top 4 for number of pledges received through the Birdies for Charity Fundraiser. Our top 4 slot also earned us a booth in the Metro Hartford Alliance “fanzone” where we had the chance to share our work with the event’s attendees. It was a rainy day, but fans still turned out to watch Bubba Watson take home the trophy in what turned out to be a nail-biting, double-playoff finish to the tournament.

“It was a great day,” said Development Officer Sara Salomons, “Despite the rain we had close to 100 people come and talk with us about the work we do and how they could get involved. And we couldn’t have asked for a more dramatic finish to the tournament!”

The association of Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE) also gets in on the Travelers action each year by hosting their own “Tee it up for Charity” event. Journey Home was named one of three non-profits to benefit from the event alongside The First Tee of Connecticut and Junior Achievement of Southwest New England. The event featured live music, great food, a silent auction and a 3-hole golf tournament, in the end raising \$17,000 to be divided among the three charities.

The support we received this June is astonishing. Our gratitude goes far beyond the money raised. Your commitment to Journey Home means you understand the benefits of eradicating homelessness, it means our community is behind us, it means that we really can do it. Thank you.

If you are interested in joining the fight, please visit journehomet.org to donate, volunteer or advocate.