



Beth-El Center News - Spring 2016

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You're Invited to Our Spring Gala

Our annual benefit, the '**Light Up the Harbor**' Spring Gala, will take place on **Saturday, June 4th from 6:30 to 10:30 pm** and you're invited! Overlooking the beautiful Long Island Sound, the event will be held at the Milford Yacht Club (131 Trumbull Ave) and will include dinner, music, silent and live auctions. Tickets for the Gala are \$100 per person.



Be a Sponsor

We are seeking sponsorships at all levels. Review the many benefits of being a [Gala sponsor here](#).

Donate an Item to Our Auction

Make the Gala a success by donating an item to our auction! Contact Marcia Ivers (marciaivers@bhhsne.com) if you have an item, gift certificate

A Letter from Toni Dolan, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Spring is finally here and, before we know it, our annual '**Light Up the Harbor**' Spring Gala will be here! We are planning another night of fun on the water on **Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Milford Yacht Club**-hope you can join us. If you would like to be a sponsor and/or donate an auction item, please call me at 203-876-0747.



Another big event that is coming up soon is **The Great Give®**, a 36-hour online charitable giving event for nonprofits, sponsored by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Starting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 8am through Wednesday, May 4th at 8pm, your charitable donation will make us eligible for thousands of dollars in prizes when you give to Beth-El through www.givegreater.org. Please encourage your friends, family and colleagues to join you and make a donation online.

We have recently partnered with the Connecticut Food Bank to offer the services of the **GROW! Truck**. The GROW! Truck is a customized, refrigerated vehicle with shelves that are loaded with items such as fresh produce, low-fat milk, peanut butter, brown rice, tuna, ground beef and fish. Families enrolled in the program attend a brief nutrition or financial education workshop before boarding the truck to "shop" for food. They also receive information on how to prepare foods that they are unfamiliar with. We have successfully reached out to several community partners for their participation. All are very excited to be able to offer this resource to Milford families throughout the

or destination you'd like to donate.

To secure your tickets, please visit www.bethelmilford.org or call 203.876.0747.

Help Milford's hungry and homeless

Donate Now

Community Support



-Molly Ciuci, a 4th grader at St. Gabriel's, and her **Girl Scout Troop 383375** donated 19 boxes of Girl Scout cookies and a check for \$322.50. Thanks girls!

-The following loyal faith communities continue to provide Beth-EI with their financial support:

- *St. Mary Church
- *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- *Calvary Alliance Church
- *St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church
- *St. Peter's Episcopal Church
- *First United Church-Plymouth Men's Club

Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Case Manager

next six months. Our first visit from the GROW! Truck was on Monday, March 7th.

Read on for more Beth-EI news! And thanks for your continued support of our efforts to help the disadvantaged in our community.

- Toni

Donate to Beth-EI During The Great Give®

The Beth-EI Center is participating in The Great Give® 2016 on May 3rd and 4th. By making a donation to Beth-EI via [The Great Give](#), you'll help us win cash prizes while making a difference in the lives of Milford's homeless and hungry.

Our goal is to receive (200) \$25 donations! Can you help us reach that goal?

We will be competing for various matching prizes, so please consider giving during the following timeframes:

**Tuesday, May 3rd
between 5 and 7pm**

or
**Wednesday, May 4th
between 9 and 10am**

Thanks for any contribution you can make at any time!
[Donate to Beth-EI via The Great Give](#)



Employee Profile: Deb Moffa

Beth-EI recently promoted Deb Moffa to the position of supportive housing case manager for Liberty Pointe Supportive Housing at 85 New Haven Avenue. Deb has assumed this new role with enthusiasm and great energy and has completed all of the necessary training sessions, adding to the cache of talents that she possesses.

Deb began her career as case manager in the Beth-EI

Beth-El Center is pleased to welcome new shelter case manager, **Craig Wainwright**. He holds a B.S. from Northeastern University in criminal justice and has had extensive training that will help him transition into his new role. Craig was a juvenile probation officer with the State of Connecticut. He brings a proficient knowledge of community resources along with excellent communication and counseling skills. We welcome Craig to Beth-El and look forward to working with him as part of the team that helps our clients to find success in rebuilding their lives.



For the next six months, the GROW! Truck, a mobile food pantry, will be visiting Beth-El to help local families.



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Center shelter program in 2008. Deb worked for another agency and returned to Beth-El in August



2011. Deb attended St. John's University in New York and has a certificate as a drug and alcohol counselor from Gateway Community College. Deb has received training in motivational interviewing, AED/CPR Training, HMIS database training, duty service coordinator and many other

workshops and seminars that have strengthened her skills as a case manager.

Deb's greatest assets are her ability to listen to and be attentive to the individualized needs of her clients, both when she was at the shelter and now in her new role. Her suggestions, ideas and recommendations are key to strengthening the Beth-El team. Deb is very attuned to the many resources and services available to the clients, which is vital to their success. Deb exemplifies a professional demeanor, but is friendly, accommodating, respectful and direct with her clients.

We are very grateful to have Deb on our team and congratulate her in her new role.

Volunteer Appreciation

Platt Technical High School continues with their community service to the Beth-El Center by providing dinner twice a month with students and teachers volunteering to prepare and serve the meal. Their mission statement is as follows:

It is the combined mission of Platt Technical High School in our partnership with the Beth-El Center that we help the homeless community by providing a good meal while our volunteers develop teamwork, empathy and compassion for people that we serve.



We are so grateful for this partnership and thank Dan Quinn, a social studies instructor at Platt Tech, for coordinating the different groups of students and teachers.