

**MEDIA ADVISORY
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August 23, 2024

Angel of Edgewood's 4th Annual Back-to-School Extravaganza

Hartford residents to receive school supplies, fresh produce, basic necessities, and wrap around services.

Hartford, CT – (08.23.24) Angel of Edgewood's 4th Annual Back-to-School Extravaganza is a vibrant community event designed to empower students and families as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Co-hosted by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity (CWCSEO) and supported by Platinum Sponsors RSCO Greater Hartford, this event will provide essential school supplies, medical, dental, and mental health services, educational resources, social services, free food, entertainment, activities, and more. Join us for a day filled with celebration, community spirit, and preparation for a successful academic year.

As one of the largest back-to-school initiatives in the Greater Hartford area, the event brings together more than 125 community resources and sponsors, including Staples, All Waste, Access Health CT, Governor's Prevention Partnership, Magic Land Dental, Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative, Blue Hills Civic Association, Severance Foods, Doro Food Group, Junior Achievement, Impact Teen Drivers, American Red Cross, Ron Foley Foundation, CT Paid Leave Act, Mandell Jewish Community Center, Office of the State Comptroller, Hartford HealthCare, CHRO, Our Piece of the Pie (OPP), CT State Library, and the State of CT Department of Social Services.

This year, Angel of Edgewood is excited to announce substantial growth and will be rebranding and launching their new logo at the event. Additionally, the event will feature a special appearance by international fashion designer and tailor, JUS10H (Justin Haynes). Known for his vibrant tones and elegant patchwork that have graced fashion runways around the world—from Milan to Asia and everywhere in between—JUS10 Hayes is a must-see fashion sensation. The event will be hosted by Keisha Grant of NBC CT.

Free vision exams and glasses for children will be provided by Lions Club International. Entertainment will include Star Wars characters from Saber Guild Kessel Temple/CT Saber Guild, live animals from Circle K Farms, sports activities with CT Sun, Blue Origin space activities, photobooths, photo-ops, music, face painting, interactive play, free lunch, treats, and other surprises.

Who:

- **Jendayi Scott-Miller**, Founder, President & CEO of Angel of Edgewood
- **Denise Drummond**, Policy Analyst, Commission on Women Children Seniors Equity & Opportunity
- **Shola Freeman**, Bureau Chief, RSCO Greater Hartford
- **Tim Restall**, President, Dunkin Park | Hartford Yard Goats
- **Dorely Roldan**, Manager of Community Health and Health Promotion, Hartford Healthcare

When:

Friday, August 23, 2024, 9AM-2PM

Where:

Dunkin Park - Hartford Yard Goats, 1214 Main Street, Hartford, CT

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