

August/  
September  
2022

## Taking Root This Autumn: Towers Community Garden Project

Thanks to generous support from the Environmental Protection Agency, Grants for the Elderly through The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, named gifts and an impact grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, The

Towers will begin demolition of its decayed basketball court and begin transforming the area into a beautiful handicapped accessible fruit and vegetable garden. The Towers will welcome school groups, camps and locals to volunteer their time and

participate in educational programming that will focus on nutrition, food preparation with healthy fresh ingredients and on gardening.

The Towers is assembling a task force to help provide strategy and direction on this community-wide project. If you have a talent with gardening, small farming, land management, nutrition or education, we'd love to have your involvement. Please contact Jennifer Bayer at [jennifer@towerlane.org](mailto:jennifer@towerlane.org).

We are grateful to Morrison Living, Towers/Golde Landscape Architecture, The New England Regional Office of the EPA, The Elderly Grants Committee and The Jewish Federation's Impact Grant Committee.

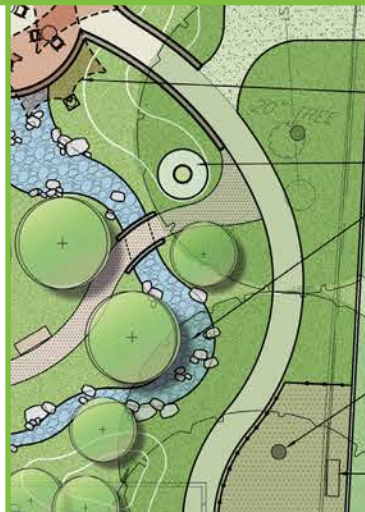
We look forward to welcoming the entire community to our Groundbreaking on Sunday, September 18. Please see invitation on page 3.

### We Heard You!

Based on feedback from the community and your input, our community garden will feature many exciting elements including:

- Raised Wheelchair Accessible Beds
- Herb Garden
- Chicken Coop for Fresh Eggs
- Water Feature and Reflection Area
- Bocce Court
- Dog Run
- Playscape

**It's more than a community garden, it's a destination!**



Detail of rendering of our new Community Garden design. (See Page 2 for full rendering!)

## The Towers Receives Federal Appropriation Grant

The Towers Foundation thanks Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy for their support of a Federal Appropriation for The Towers Meal Sustainability Through Co-generation Project. The Appropriation was signed into law this past March and will fund the balance on The Towers new co-generator. This grant comes to The Towers via the Department of Energy. With all of the necessary funds in hand, The Towers Foundation will be able to better support meal subsidies for those in need, more robustly and immediately. Jennifer Bayer, Associate Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, explains, "Thanks to Senators Blumenthal and Murphy our

community will have better nutrition, greater equity, and increased socialization all while reducing our carbon footprint. We are so grateful that our representatives champion the causes of the vulnerable. Thanks to their support and continued efforts of their offices, The Towers has been able to complete this project successfully. We also thank all the private donors whose generosity made this dream into a reality. Partnerships between private and public funders have increasingly led to us achieving our goals. We are thankful for all the support received for this transformative project.

Please join us for a thank you event with Senator Blum-



*Senator Richard Blumenthal*

enthal on Tuesday, August 23, from 3-4 pm. RSVP to Nicole Merritt at [nicole@towerlane.org](mailto:nicole@towerlane.org) or (203) 772-1816, ext. 180.



The site plan illustrates a proposed community garden and park area adjacent to an existing building. Key features include:

- New Dining Terrace** with planter boxes, trellis/canopy.
- (2) Accessible Raised Beds**.
- Kitchen Garden** with evergreen hedge and herb bed.
- Existing Trees to Remain**, typical.
- Re-aligned Drop-off Loop**.
- Flowering Trees Typical**.
- Fence**.
- Planted Berm**.
- Play Equipment**.
- (4) Centrally Located Shade Structures**.
- Sculpture and Base**.
- Stream Water Feature** with river rock channel and small boulders.
- Existing Trees to Remain**, typical.
- 6ft Bench, Typ.**
- Chicken Coop and Garden Shed w/ Fenced Yard**.
- Water Feature at Terminus of Stream**.
- 6ft Bench, Typ.**
- Existing Fence**.
- P.O.B. (First Piece)**.
- Shade Structure**.
- Apparent Fence**.
- Dog-run**.
- Potential Public Access**.
- Fence and Gate to Remain**.
- Low Masonry Planter Wall**.
- Headwall with Water Source**.
- Masonry Seatwall**.
- 6ft Bench, Typ.**.
- Pedestrian Pathway**.
- Existing Visitor Parking**.
- Fence**.
- Bocci Court**.
- Landscape Indicative Sign (Typical)**.
- New Entry Vestibule**.
- Vault**.
- Asphalt**.
- Conc Walk**.
- ELEC**.
- MON**.
- ELECTRIC METER**.
- PK MAIL**.

A scale bar indicates 0 to 40 feet, and a north arrow is present in the bottom right corner.



**You're Invited!**

## Join us for a Groundbreaking Day at The Towers!

**Sunday, September 18th**

**1:00 pm**

**Community Garden Groundbreaking and Ground Floor Kick-Off Ceremony**

**2:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Community Family Carnival**

Please join us as we celebrate the transformation of our campus and honor all of the partners and donors who are taking The Towers from strength to strength for generations to come.

### Special Thanks and Honors

Governor, Ned Lamont  
State Representative, Juan Candelaria  
City of New Haven Mayor, Justin Elicker  
City of New Haven Alder, Carmen Rodriguez

**Remarks • Refreshments • Fun!**

Please RSVP to Nicole Merritt at [nicole@towerlane.org](mailto:nicole@towerlane.org) or (203) 772-1816, ext. 180

## Honoring Our Partners and Donors

### Thank You to Our Donors

**\$3M Plus**

State of Connecticut

**Up to \$750,000**

Morrison Living

**Up to \$250,000**

David and Sharon Bender Family Foundation

**\$50,000-\$75,000**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven  
SWF Foundation

**\$15,000-\$49,000**

Linda and Jesse Cedarbaum  
City of New Haven  
Housing Ministries of New England  
Robert and Jodi Katz  
Jacqueline Koral  
James M. Shure  
Barry and Hyla Vine

**Up to \$15,000**

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven  
Michael Kahn, Harriet Fast and Doris Preston  
The Silverman Family  
Catherine Weiss

### Ground Floor Renovations Funding Taskforce

Linda Cedarbaum, Chair  
Annette Charles  
Robert (Bob) Cole  
John Heyder, CFO  
Cindy Leffell, Board Chair  
Marc Olins  
Gayle Slossberg

#### Specialists

Liz Torres, HousingSmarts  
Michael Bloom, Executive Director, JFACT

#### Staff Leads

Jennifer Bayer, Associate VP, Strategic Initiatives  
Gustave Keach-Longo, President/CEO





After the Groundbreaking, be sure to stay for the

COMMUNITY FAMILY  
**CARNIVAL**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**2:00 - 5:00 PM**



**PRIZES**



**GAME BOOTHS**

**MUSIC**



**FREE!**  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**THE TOWERS**



**THE TOWERS**  
AT TOWER LANE

18 Tower Lane • New Haven, CT 06519  
(203) 772-1816 • [www.towerlane.org](http://www.towerlane.org)





# WE'RE SO PROUD!



## We Welcome Barrie Lobo, Director of Dining Services, to The Towers Team

The Towers has recently welcomed a new Director of Dining, Barrie Lobo, to the team. We are feeling very fortunate to have someone with the years of culinary excellence in our community that Barrie has. Having spent several years with a specialty in older adult dining in a communal setting and more recently as a Corporate Executive Chef for Morrison Dining, Barrie has traveled around the country helping communities really connect dining to residents and tailoring menus for communities. Barrie jumped right in and has already begun the development of a dining committee and a teaching kitchen. He is looking into catering endeavors through the Towers Foundation and has helped us already enhance the food presentation for daily dining, as well as special events.

## We are proud to have received an AJAS Award for our Proactive Partner Model



*Gustave Keach-Longo, Towers President/CEO; and Jesse Wescott, Towers Associate Vice President, Receiving the AJAS Award for Jewish Programming*

## Congratulations to Jeremy Perkins on receiving the LeadingAge CT Award



*Pictured L-R: Gustave Keach-Longo, Towers President/CEO; Jeremy Perkins, Senior Accountant, The Towers; Jesse Wescott, Towers Associate Vice President*



THE TOWERS  
AT TOWER LANE

## What you need are solutions.

We know this is hard. **Let us help.**



For more than **50 years**, The Towers at Tower Lane has served the community with one mission in mind: to improve quality of life and preserve joy at any age.

We know that great delivery of care doesn't come off of a menu and one size does not fit all. Let us be a 360° partner with your family. We're proud to employ the **Proactive Partner Model** so our residents can design a future with purpose, live to their fullest, and have all their needs met. It's just one of the unique resources we're proud to offer at The Towers.

Let's make it easy...or as easy as it can be. Call (203) 772-1816 to start on your path or find us at [www.towerlane.org](http://www.towerlane.org).

**Apartments available now!**  
Limited availability.



## **Towers Foundation: *Loving Kindness in Action*** **Tributes**

Mr. Kenneth Abrams in memory of Jane Keach  
Mr. Kenneth Abrams in honor of Towers staff  
Mr. Kenneth Abrams in honor of Irene Markman's achievement  
Ms. Lydia Barakat in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Ms. Frances Belasco in honor of Renee Drell  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Blumberg in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bodling in honor of Edythe Tanenbaum's birthday  
Mr. Richard Bucala in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Ms. Karen Calechman in memory of Jack Calechman  
Ms. Julie Calechman & Ms. Rebecca Calechman in honor of Janet Tettelbach's birthday  
Ms. Arlene Campeau in honor of Daniel Remillard's birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cobden in memory of Paula Peterson  
Mrs. Nancy Cohen in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. Jason Sartori & Mrs. Tiffany Collier in honor of Earle Mansfield's birthday  
Mr. Joseph Berg & Ms. Stacey DeLeonardo in memory of Anthony DeLeonardo  
Dr. Barry Zaret & Mrs. Renee Drell in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. Norman Feitelson in honor of Dean Tinari  
Mr. Norman Feitelson in honor of Stacey DeLeonardo  
Ms. Susan Fink in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Ms. Constance Fleschner in memory of Irving Friedman  
Ms. Sandra Friedman in honor of Edith Goodmaster  
Mrs. Sheryl Friedman in honor of Herb Mermelstein's birthday  
Ms. Amy Friedner in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. & Mrs. Ephrem Glenn in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. & Mrs. Ephrem Glenn in memory of Ralph Friedman  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Goldberg in memory of Doris Dimenstein  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Goldberg in memory of Norman Goldberg  
Ms. Eileen Gomory in honor of Sylvia Alpert  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goodman in memory of Dorothy Bromberg  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gorman in honor of Gladys Goldbaum's birthday  
Ms. Coleen Hellerman in honor of Cindy and David Leffell  
Mr. Bernard Herman in honor of Renee Drell  
Ms. Elaine Hochberg in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. Isidor Juda in honor of Sylvia Rifkin  
Mr. Isidor Juda in honor of Stacey DeLeonardo  
Mr. Michael Kahn & family in Memory of Bertha Kahn  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kaletsky in memory of David and Fran Wallnau  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Katz in memory of Irv Greenberg  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Katz in memory of Arnold Lazaroff

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Katz in memory of Dr. Mitchell Beck  
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Katz in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. Gustave Keach-Longo & Mr. Joseph Keach-Longo in memory of Jane Keach  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ketainek in memory of Adele Seligman and Lillian Ketainek  
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Ketainek in memory of Lillian and Rubin Ketainek  
Mr. Allan Rubenstein & Mrs. Carolyn Kone in memory of Marjorie Rubenstein  
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Korman in honor of Norman Feitelson  
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Korman in honor of Isidor Juda  
Mrs. Bette Kozak in memory of Jeremy Zwelling  
Ms. Claudia Lee in memory of Marilyn Braginsky  
Ms. & Mr. Shelley Lipman in honor of Joan Lipman's birthday  
Ms. Sandra Naclerio in memory of Dennis Heins  
Ms. Sandra Naclerio in memory of Donald Dimenstein  
Ms. Sandra Naclerio in memory of Bernie Alderman  
Sukanya Narasimhan in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicolas Olshansky in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Postman in memory of Betty Zeidenberg  
Ms. Doris Kahn Preston in memory of Bertha Kahn  
Ms. Mary Ramsdell in memory of Jane Keach  
Ms. Diane Rosen in memory of Florence Radin  
Ms. Caroline Rosenstone in memory of Helene Goldblatt Roberts  
Mr. Charles Schwartz in honor of Renee Drell  
Dr. Alan Siegal in memory of Evelyne Siegal  
Mr. & Mrs. David Slossberg in memory of Harold and Barbara Siegel  
Mr. Dennis Griesing & Mrs. Kathryn Smith in memory of Virginia Griesing  
Mr. Adam Spiewak in honor of Estelle Spiewak  
Mr. Adam Spiewak in memory of Gerald Nacht  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sviridoff in memory of Arlene Weiner  
Ms. Ellen Tanenbaum in honor of Edythe Tanenbaum  
Mr. & Mrs. David Teitelman in honor of Charlotte Teitelman's birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tropp in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Mrs. Heidi Vernick in memory of Priscilla Garber  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry J. Vine in memory of Fred Kantor  
Ms. Margaret Wreen in memory of Dr. Fred Kantor  
Dr. Barry Zaret in honor of Renee Drell  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zelinsky in honor of Jennifer Bayer  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zelinsky in honor of Jesse Wescott

*Date range for Tribute List is March 9, 2022 – July 26, 2022*

*The Towers makes every effort to list donors as they wish. To make a correction, please contact Jennifer Bayer. To make a gift in someone's honor or memory, contact Jennifer Bayer, Associate Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, (203) 772-1816, ext. 290, [Jennifer@towerlane.org](mailto:Jennifer@towerlane.org). A beautiful card will be mailed to the recipient.*





Thank you to all the board members, volunteers and donors who joined us for our Friends of The Towers event. It was wonderful to enjoy this in-person event in our beautiful outdoor courtyard.

