

## Volunteer of the Month; YOU

Each month we feature a different individual or group that are volunteering their time and energy to help Asylum Hill become the great place to be that we all know it can be. The variety of ways that people have found to help are nearly as vast as the benefits they get for their efforts. This month we're going to turn this around and talk about a fantastic new opportunity where you can participate. It's called the West Middle School Volunteer Resource Center, and now that West Middle School has finally moved back to the newly renovated Niles St. campus they have also established a center where all volunteers who want to help can be matched with opportunities that best suit their interests and skills.

West Middle calls itself "the Community's School" and the community is responding.

Lead by a generous grant from Asylum Hill Congregational Church, the resource center is being directed by Nicole Rodriguez. She comes to the job with six years of experience in the Hartford School System two of which were as a Behavior Specialist at West Middle School. Her career working with students, parents, teachers and the community makes her eminently qualified for her new position, and she's happy to be back at West Middle.

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By finding out what teachers need to make their work more productive and matching that with volunteers looking for a chance to make a difference, WMS will be well positioned to continue the tremendous gains in student achievement they have had over the past nearly 5+ years.

So if you'd like to make a difference in the lives of Hartford's future, and be a part of a team of committed volunteers, contact Nicole Rodriguez at [nrodriguez@bgchartford.org](mailto:nrodriguez@bgchartford.org) or (860) 695-5562