

Thoughts from The Chair

My hope and prayer is that everyone in the neighborhood had a beautiful and safe summer. My thought this month is "love in action". I'd like to share some acts of love that are happening in our community today. On Laurel Street, there is a mini food center, where people can find canned and dry food goods for free. People can also drop off healthy food donation as well at that location. Grace Lutheran Church hosts a free healthy dinner for the community every Friday at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. AHNA's Staff Administrator Bernie is donating one of his kidneys so that Asylum Hill resident and world-renowned artist George Annan Kingsley can receive one. The surgery should be scheduled for this year. The Human Service Agencies in our community such as St. Francis Hospital-Trinity Health Care, Urban League of Greater Hartford, Our Piece of the Pie, Catholic Charities and Chrysalis Center as well as many others are offering health, workforce, education, men's clothing, healthy start, food, housing and financial literacy initiatives and programs. Most of these wonderful services are free.

I just mentioned a few homeowners, residents, corporate and non-profit stakeholders who are demonstrating acts of love for the neighborhood by providing services and sacrifices to fulfill needs of our neighbors. From my perspective, that's love. Let's initiate love by ensuring that our homes and streets are clean and safe and that we speak kind words to all we come in contact with. Let us demonstrate the "Golden Rule" by loving our neighbor as well as we love ourselves.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Happy Birthday to all those born in September.

Blessings...

Yvonne Matthews, Chair