

SERC: Hartford

January 20th & 21st was the culmination of a year of planning by three friends determined to take a stand and make a difference. Constanza Segovia, Tenaya Taylor and Laura Maltz Rozza joined their talents and forces to create a Social Emergency Response Center, a SERC for Hartford. Based on one that took place in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston more than a year ago that



as Standing Rock, the 2016 Elections etc. have receded from the news; they are still a part of our reality. The tools chosen for the response were arts, activism, organization and community. What's really amazing is the effort, thought and planning that went into the event. More than 100 attended and the Facebook page

Constanza attended, the three began planning one for Hartford. A connection was made to Shelley Best, to have it at the 224 EcoSpace and the date was finally set. Support came from the Graustein Memorial Fund among others, but lots of people locally donated their time and talent to the event. The purpose of the "Center" was just what the name implies, a response to a social emergency. While many of the events that triggered it such



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1161095734020479/?ti=cl> show lots of appreciation. We can only hope there will be another one, and that more of the neighborhood can be involved. The need has not gone away. More photos mostly by Shanice McKenzie at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9ixtJCy4R8r2tSfK2>