

From the Executive Director
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Springtime in Asylum Hill is in full-swing in the neighborhood. This is revealed by the activity in our community gardens and the many residents involved in planting and beautifying our neighborhood. We recently had about a dozen volunteers to plant a Pear Orchard at the Niles Street Community Garden. This was done in partnership with Knox, who provided the know-how, tools and land. The Caritas Pear Orchard would not have been possible without the committed vision of longtime Asylum Hill resident Lynn Johnson, who raised money at her recent birthday party. AHNA also contributed funds granted to us for garden projects from the CT Valley Garden Club. While the Caritas Pear Orchard was a relatively small project, I believe it is a perfect example of the work of AHNA. Through the activism of one of our members, Lynn Johnson, AHNA formed a collaboration with Knox and the CT Valley Garden Club to bring about an important improvement in the neighborhood. AHNA is here to give voice to our residents and to encourage institutions and organizations to work together to improve Asylum Hill. AHNA serves to coordinate these kinds of efforts because we can accomplish much more for the neighborhood by working together. This is why we ask our neighborhood institutions to sponsor AHNA, because we are stronger when we work together to improve Asylum Hill. We continue our Annual Fund drive and we urge you to contribute to the success of Asylum Hill. Please go to our website, www.asylumhill.org, to donate today.