

Volunteer of the Month - Santa

This year we've decided to recognize Santa as our Volunteer of the Month. Not only does he bring gifts and joy to children the world over, but he also inspires that same spirit in most of us. This year he decided to stop by Sigourney Square Park on December 12th, to make sure all of the Asylum Hill children young and old were in the proper mood for the holiday to come. AHNA, in partnership with Youth Challenge, Hartford Fire Department and NINA caught his spirit and made the necessary preparations that included lots of



candy canes for everyone, an exciting entrance into the park on the very red HFD fire truck and lots of spirited Christmas songs.

Fortunately, Youth Challenge has a men's choir and that choir has a very accomplished director who did a wonderful job of keeping the songs in tune and on time. The children that arrived were given lots of personal time with Santa, and even the older children were able to get photos with him.

At the conclusion of the carols, everyone

followed the AHNA blue banner back to Glory Chapel where hot beverage and sweet cookies were waiting.

The Glory Chapel community room is always decorated with a beautiful tree and other symbols of the season, and the joy and happiness of the season filled the room even before we all arrived.

Just as Christmas is a time for traditions, celebrating with carols in the park with our neighbors, the HFD, Youth Challenge and NINA

has become an Asylum Hill tradition.

More photos can be seen at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Nf5CWsmeJmdenPRE7>

