

EXPERIENCE MADISON

SPECIAL FEATURE: NON-PROFITS &
PLACES OF WORSHIP

JANUARY - MARCH 2024

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Thank you for taking a moment to read the Madison Chamber of Commerce quarterly digital magazine, Experience Madison. In this issue we are shining the spotlight on our member non-profits and places of worship because they are not only essential to a community but they also provide support and the following:

- **Community Well-Being:** Supporting local non-profits and places of worship directly contribute to the overall well-being of our community. These organizations play a vital role in addressing various social, cultural, and humanitarian needs.
- **Cultural Enrichment:** Places of worship are not just spiritual centers; they are hubs of cultural enrichment, fostering inclusivity and understanding. By highlighting and supporting these places, we celebrate the diversity that makes our community vibrant.
- **Strengthening Social Fabric:** Non-profits and places of worship bring people together, creating connections and a sense of belonging.
- **Economic Impact:** Local non-profits and places of worship contribute to the local economy. By backing them, we help sustain jobs, stimulate economic growth, and ensure that resources are directed back into our community.
- **Promoting Volunteerism:** Our community thrives when individuals actively engage in giving their time, skills, and resources to make a positive impact. Encouraging support also promotes a culture of volunteerism.
- **Building a Legacy:** Our support today ensures a legacy for future generations. By investing in local non-profits and places of worship, we contribute to the sustainability of institutions that will continue to uplift and inspire our community for years to come.

I hope you discover something new in this issue and that you will join me in supporting and celebrating the remarkable work of local non-profits and places of worship. Together, we can create a community that thrives on compassion and connection.

All the best,



Dawn Jackson
Executive Director
Madison Chamber of Commerce



Dawn Jackson: Executive Director (far right) Emily Roy: Marketing & Membership (far left) pictured with the 2024 Madison Chamber Board of Directors

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Special thanks to Madhavan Parthasarthy for the beautiful cover image of the First Congregational Church of Madison.

Follow him on social media to be inspired and see the world through his travels and photography:

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Madison Beach and Recreation summer programs are starting to get posted on our webpage and are open for registration unless otherwise stated.

On **February 24th from 12:00 - 2:00 PM** a **Summer Camp information session** will be at the Surf Club. At this informal event, you will have an opportunity to meet camp leaders and learn more about the programs being offered for children to help you make decisions on what to register for this coming summer.

Boat rack renewals and community garden plot renewals will be in March, with new renters being able to get possible spaces in April. **Resident beach passes will be available in March.** Non-resident beach passes will be available in May.

For more information contact the Madison Park & Recreation Department:

Visit www.madisonct.org/165/Beach-Recreation-Department

Call 203-245-5623

Tax Payment Reminder

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property tax on the Grand List was due January 1, 2024. Also due January 1st was full payment of the Motor Vehicle tax on the Supplemental list of October. The last day to pay any January 1, 2024 installment without penalty is February 1, 2024 (US Postmark). The tax office is accepting payments in person, by mail, and through the Tax Payment Drop Box (located on the exterior wall of the Tax Collector's Office).

Tax bills are also viewable and payable online at www.madisonct.org/taxpayments.

Town of Madison, CT Annual Town Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2024 - 7:00 to 8:00 PM

In person: 8 Campus Drive
Via Zoom:

<https://madisonct-org.zoom.us/j/82745941390?pwd=0RAyk31uaCjbZeeWoTEVh7a3eSJW24.1>

Bare Necessities will be collecting diapers and wipes for their 7th Law Enforcement Diaper Drive with police departments in East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, and CT State Police Troop F from **February 1-15, 2024.**

The most needed diaper sizes are 4, 5 and 6. Donations can be dropped off at any of the police stations 24/7.

In addition, **Bare Necessities has an Amazon Wish List** to make it easy for people to **donate and ship directly to the nonprofit:**

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During the winter months Madison offers a variety of things to do. We hope you will take this time to get outside and enjoy how winter transforms Madison's coastal scenery that takes on a different charm in the winter months. The **Shoreline Greenway Trail** (www.shorelinegreenwaytrail.org) has trail maps and information about their meet-ups in various shoreline towns while the **Audubon Shop** (www.theaudubonshop.com) has birdwatching opportunities. **Exploring Madison during the quieter winter months is also a great time to enjoy our quaint places to stay, unique shops, and local restaurants.**

TRAILBLAZE *her*

An event not to be missed on March 7th at the Madison Beach Hotel.

Meet three incredible women who lead by example, inspire change and motivate those around them.

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Advance purchase ticket promo offer available until 2/24/24



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Attendee tickets: you not only get to taste all the chili and soups/chowders from over a dozen chefs but you also get to be a judge of who the Souper Bowl winner is.

Early bird discount tickets are only \$12 until Feb 14th (\$15 after)



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Dr. Alan Friedler — or Doc, as he affectionately known to most — is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and an alumnus of the prestigious L. D. Pankey Institute — one of the world’s premier resources for advanced dental studies worldwide. In addition, he is a fellow of both the International Dental Implant Association and the Academy of General Dentistry. Doc has dedicated his life to serving his local community.



A lifelong student of multiple disciplines — and an inherently gifted teacher, **he has dedicated over 25 years of service to Yale’s University’s Dental Residency Program as a Clinical Instructor.** Indeed, Doc’s close affiliation with the Yale Dental Residency Program has demonstrated his steadfast, formative commitment to teaching dental students and to serving the dental needs of Greater New Haven’s community. Over the decades, he has taught young professionals the fundamentals of oral photography, as well as how to plan, sequence, and implement dental care.



I am grateful,” he notes, “for the opportunity to mentor students and to give back to my community in a setting that is safe and affordable for many.” Then he smiles. **“The driving force of my giving back is often rewarded with that Aha! moment from the students!”**

In addition, Doc has served as a guest lecturer on dental implantology for the Yale Oral Surgery Residency Program. He has shared his knowledge of innovative dental techniques as a guest speaker. And he has authored articles in leading dental journals.

He has also taken his exceptional professional skills to foreign countries. **Doc has traveled to Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Barbados to offer dental services to indigent communities.** “I loved every moment,” he says, thoughtfully. **“One thing I learned from dentistry abroad is the distinct cultural differences in peoples’ approaches to dentistry.** The patients have a different expectation that often times has left them edentulous (without any teeth) and that affects their overall health. Sometimes the effort to help them is met with resistance and they would rather have a tooth pulled so that an ‘evil spirit’ is not locked inside them. It takes a lot of humanity to hold their space and move them along. **Their gratitude is immense.”**

And his private practice is as distinguished as it is distinctive. His extensive training and experience have enabled the **Friedler Dental Group** to offer three generations of shoreline patients a wide array of dental services. From general dentistry for adults and children to cosmetic and restorative dentistry, including implant services and Invisalign treatments — among others, the Friedler Dental Group offers a healing dental environment that incorporates both the physical and emotional well-being of all his patients throughout their lifetimes. According to Doc, “My patients are like family and my approach reflects that. It’s just as important to know the patient who has the dental problem as it is to understand the problem that the patient has.”

Volunteer Spotlight (cont.)

Doc is an expert at more than dentistry. A true Renaissance man, his interests are as uniquely diverse as one can imagine. Says Doc, **“I have always believed that we should never lose our marvels — you know... our sense of wonder about the world around us.”** And his many pursuits bear that out. He is an avid photographer, magician, musician, golfer, and chess player. Indeed, his passion for teaching chess to children at a nearby Jewish Community Center has created many aficionados along the way.

Finally, Doc has a big heart. Locally, he has worked with the Special Olympics, and, as an avid supporter of America’s Veterans, has often teamed up with Marine Gil Simmons of WTNH’s Storm Team 8 on such efforts as Save a Suit for local Veterans and the Halloween Candy Buy Back to support American soldiers in Afghanistan.



Having spent his life in service to others, no wonder one of his favorite quotations is...

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” ~ Albert Schweitzer.

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Branford's Legacy Theatre is entering its fourth season as a state-of-the-art performing arts venue on the Connecticut Shoreline this year. Located in Stony Creek, the non-profit, professional theatre company strives to be a premiere arts house that produces ongoing seasons of uplifting, challenging, and inspiring theatre for all.

Did you know that the Legacy property has a significant historic past? Even before Legacy renovated the building, 128 Thimble Islands Road saw many different iterations of the arts within its historic walls. The building became home to live theatre for the first time in 1928 when a theatre group belonging to the Stony Creek Church of Christ, the Parish Players, purchased the building. The Parish Players performed many productions in the space, including *Private Lives*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Pygmalion*, and the world premiere of *Death Takes a Holiday*. During those years, many celebrity icons graced the boards, including **Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton**. In 1961, the Puppet Museum was established at the site by Grace Weil, followed by the Puppet House era led by Jim Weil and Salvatore Macri. Community and youth theatre filled the space as well during that time, until the closure of the building in 2009.

The **Legacy Theatre purchased the building in 2013 and opened its doors officially to the public in April of 2021**, mid-pandemic. With restrictions in place, Legacy's first production, *Barefoot in the Park*, played to socially-distanced audiences and featured a plexiglass wall at the foot of the stage separating performers from theatregoers.



Over the past several seasons, Legacy's programming has grown and evolved, with performances ranging from the world premiere of *Joan Joyce*, the musical about the life of the famous softball player, to the enchanting Disney tale, *Beauty and the Beast*, and the annual production of the holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*. The 2023 Season even featured a production co-produced by James Roday Rodriguez (*A Million Little Things*, *Psych*) and starring television superstars Kurt Fuller (*Psych*, *Evil*), Amanda Detmer (*Empire*), Michael Hogan (*The Resident*), and Dana Ashbrook (*Twin Peaks*).



The Legacy Theatre team is thrilled to share their **exciting lineup for 2024**, featuring more big names and productions. The Mainstage Season includes Mark Twain's *The Diaries of Adam and Eve*, *The Great American Mousical*, *Love Affair*, and *The Bridges of Madison County*. *The Great American Mousical* is set to be co-directed by the legend herself, Dame Julie Andrews Edwards, and Tony Award-Winner Christopher Gattelli (*Newsies*). It has also been announced that *The Bridges of Madison County* will star Broadway veterans Hugh Panaro (*The Phantom of the Opera*, *Side Show*) and Anne Runolfsson (*The Phantom of the Opera*, *Victor/Victoria*). Legacy's popular Sunday Broadway Concert Series will feature Tony Award-winners and Tony nominees, including L Morgan Lee (*A Strange Loop*), Alice Ripley (*Next to Normal*), Adam Pascal (*Rent*), Liz Callaway (*Merrily We Roll Along*), Andrea McArdle (*Annie*), Kate Baldwin (*Hello, Dolly!*), and Howard McGillin (*The Phantom of the Opera*).

Subscriptions are on sale now for the 2024 season. For more information on Legacy Theatre, and for tickets, visit www.LegacyTheatreCT.org or call the Box Office at (203) 315-1901.

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A 20-Year Milestone to Celebrate

Act II Thrift Shop, located at 170 Boston Post Road in Madison will celebrate its **20th anniversary** on July 13, 2024. That milestone in itself is cause for celebration but, in reality, the spirit of **Act II and its mission to support youth through charitable giving has been going strong in Madison for over 50 years.**

The **original incarnation** of the shop was a tag sale, begun in 1971 to raise funds for the Madison A Better Chance (ABC) program. Over three decades, the sale grew into “the shoreline’s largest tag sale,” a three-day semi-annual event supported by more than 125 dedicated volunteers. With this growth, the sale had to move from its original location at the ABC Roby House on Durham Road to Daniel Hand High School and, later, to Town Campus. However, as the sale grew, logistics became increasingly difficult and weather was always a concern.

Thus, the bricks-and-mortar Act II Thrift Shop was born. The inspiration was to continue raising funds and awareness for Madison ABC, but now on a year-round basis, with additional profits going toward other youth-related charitable causes.

Act II is a 2,250-square-foot “mini department store” offering more than a dozen categories of high-quality, gently-used merchandise including clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, art, hardware, linens, small furniture, toys, games, and sporting goods. The shop remains a 100% volunteer organization, entirely staffed by a dedicated army of over 65 volunteers, some of whom have been involved since the tag sale days. To ensure a positive experience for shoppers, donation standards have always been high, resulting in a fun and rewarding “treasure hunt” atmosphere.



The dedication of Act II’s volunteers and support from the Shoreline community have been profound. Act II has continued to grow and thrive over the last 20 years, and has been voted “Best on the Shoreline” since 2020. Most importantly, Act II’s commitment to supporting the Madison ABC program and other youth-related causes remains unwavering, and it has **invested over \$1.5 million in the community over the last 20 years.**

In addition to Madison ABC, Act II is a consistent supporter of the E.C. Scranton Library, Raise the Roof, the Branford Community Dining Room, Warm the Children, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), the Women and Family Life Center, The Cove Center for Grieving Children, Bare Necessities, All Our Kin, and many more.

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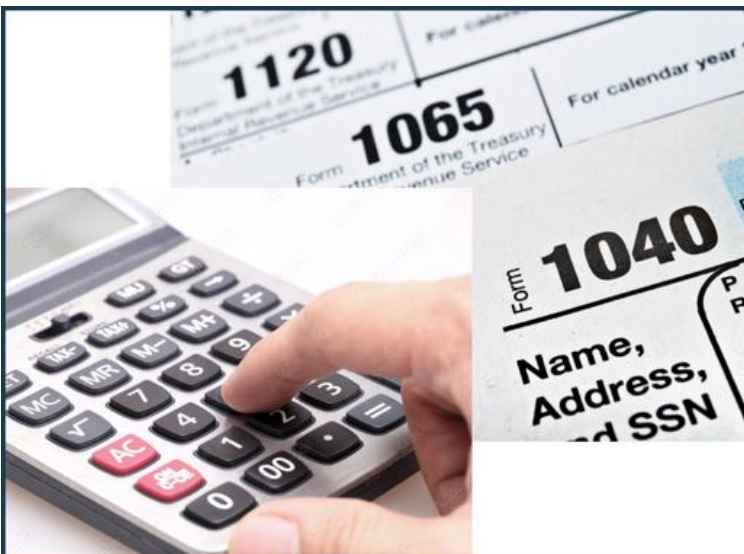
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New Non-profit Feature

Ashley Phan and Abby Breau are the Co-founders of **We Are One Inc.**, a grassroots 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to **identify and prevent sex and labor trafficking right here in CT**. Ashley and Abby founded their organization in June 2022 after uncovering child trafficking hiding in plain sight within our communities. The motivating factor behind We Are One Inc. happened after properly reporting the crimes they saw how the alleged child traffickers manipulated law enforcement and transported young children out of state. Through We Are One they have assembled an anti-human trafficking team of local volunteers who relentlessly work to prevent this from ever happening again.

As President of We Are One Inc., I use my voice as a victim of crime to inspire other survivors to come forth and share their stories with. Ashley, a survivor of domestic violence, uses her own lived experiences to bridge the gap between victims and their communities and works to show victims and at-risk youth that “We See You and We Are with You”

We Are One works toward rebuilding the lives of trafficking victims and at-risk youth by providing essential resources through their "We Connect" program. In this program they first determine the specific needs of the client so they can collaborate with businesses, engage with their network of community members and existing non-profits to ultimately connect marginalized victims and at-risk youth with the necessary resources the victim needs to sustain a healthy, safe lifestyle. In 2023, they donated over \$28,000 worth of essential resources.



The nonprofit **educates local communities by building widescale awareness about the localized problem of sex and labor trafficking.** They accomplish this by sharing credible mediated information on social media, participating in and hosting community awareness events, and speaking at local churches, community groups, and professional networking events. Below is a special speaking engagement hosted by the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors.

Their team also works at preventing child and adult sex and labor trafficking in Connecticut by partnering with organizations like the Lion’s Club and the United Nations Association. Together, they create a strong team of activists dedicated to educating and serving local communities to prevent modern-day slavery.



We Are One Inc. received a \$8,880 basic needs grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to support operational costs associated with serving local sex and labor trafficked victims. This grant afforded We Are One Inc. the opportunity to purchase a new, safe, reliable vehicle to support their missionary work from Premier Kia.

For more information about their growing mission: visit www.weareoneincs.com.



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