



From Our

House

to Yours

Caroline House News
Spring / Summer 2018

Paving Pathways to Success

Caroline House Mission

*To enable women
and children
to reach the fullness
of their potential
through education
in English language
and life skills.*

Your investment in Caroline House is providing pathways for low-income and immigrant women and children to grow in their confidence and their English language and literacy skills. Thank you – our volunteers, partners, donors, and friends – for supporting Caroline House programs. **You make our good work possible!**



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AWARE CT Partnership: Building Skills and Opportunities for Women and Children

This year, Caroline House has been honored to partner with **AWARE: Assisting Women through Action, Resources, & Education**. Women and children have benefited from educational and enriching workshops, donations of outdoor play equipment and professional women's clothing, and caring and compassionate support given by AWARE members.

Career Workshops

Among the valuable classes provided by AWARE members have been **career workshops**. Women learned about job search resources, application and resume tips, how to make a good first impression, and job interview skills. There was also a **resume writing workshop**.



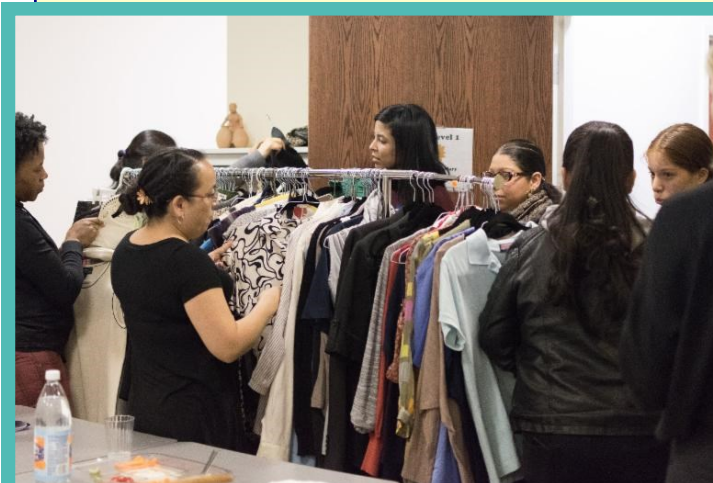
"Amy helped me to find the right words to put in my resume and helped me practice answering questions and talking about myself in a job interview."

- Mariana



"At first, I didn't think I had any real skills or experience to put on a resume. But the women from AWARE helped me realize that I do have job skills. I have skills and experience in childcare, customer service, and maintenance. I feel much more confident in myself!"

- Luz



"We learned about making a good first impression when applying for a job and going on an interview. It is important to dress neatly, look the person in the eye, and keep your cell phone turned off and put away."

- Sofia

Uplifting Children's Lives through Education and Encouragement

Volunteers bring art, science, and math learning to life for preschool and school-age children.



Chess

Caroline House tutor and Fairfield University student **Kieran Cottrill** introduced the game of chess to 5th through 8th graders in our after-school program.

The children enjoyed it so much that some stayed longer so they could keep playing!



Robin Carroll and Nicole Gerber from AWARE CT help preschooler Kevin paint a fruit bowl to be used at Caroline House.



Third graders proudly show their versions of Starry Night. The children learned about van Gogh and his painting techniques in a special after-school class led by **AWARE** members.



Robotics

Fairfield Prep student **AJ Marks** conducted special robotics workshops with children in 6th through 8th grades after school. The kids were fascinated being junior inventors and mechanical engineers!

Thanks to AJ for bringing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education to Caroline House!

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ConGRADulations!

Celebrating the Promotion and Graduation of Our ESL Students



Graduation Day 2018 - Sister Betty King, CND, joins her students as they proudly display their diplomas.

***Greetings from Executive Director
Lucy Freeman***



Dear Friends,

As another school year is ending, we honor the women who have completed their ESL studies at Caroline House. There are also women who have been promoted to the next level of learning in their English classes for next year. The excitement is contagious as we celebrate all of our students.

Teachers are proud of their students and excited for their summer break, as they should be. They have worked long and hard to help students achieve English language and literacy skills.

We also celebrate new collaborations with Action for Community Development, Inc. (ABCD), Mercy Learning Center, and Make the Road CT, to name a few. Most importantly, we celebrate and thank our donors and volunteers. **Thank you for believing in us, and have a wonderful summer!**

Lucy Freeman

Executive Director