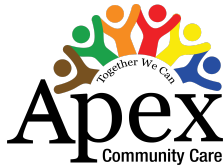


2023

8th Principle Auction

\$1,200 donation target

for each non-profit organization



Apex Community Care

(formerly AIDS Project of Greater Danbury, APGD)

Apex Community Care is a non-profit organization that has served Western Connecticut since the AIDS crisis began in the mid 1980's. Recently, thanks to medical advances and the support of community-based organizations like APGD, HIV/AIDS has become a more manageable disease. While Apex continues its commitment to prevent HIV and to provide ongoing services to the community, the organization has expanded its scope to serve individuals living with substance use and mental illness and has rebranded as Apex Community Care (ACC).

Auction Items:

- **2 clothing racks** for our donation closet for all clients and community members (also frequently known as our Transforming Closet for trans and nonbinary folx to trade in their current clothing for clothing that feels reflective of themselves)
- **1 shoe rack** (for community clothing/shoe closet)
- **2 locking filing cabinets** for confidential and HIPPA compliant paperwork
- **2 lock boxes/bags** for confidential and HIPPA compliant paperwork when doing outreach or bringing clients to detox/rehab
- **3 portable kettles** (one for each outreach van)



Comida Food Pantry

ARC's (Association of Religious Communities) Comida Food Pantry has grown considerably from just a few years ago, when about 25 families would receive some beans, rice, and other dry goods twice a month. Last year, they provided fresh meat, dairy, fruit, vegetables, and other food staples to 4,000 unique individuals. They are the largest "choice" pantry in Danbury, offering something much closer to a "shopping" experience than any other pantry of our size. This year, the lines outside their doors are about 25% longer than they were last year, and the cost of providing food has increased substantially.

Auction Item:

1500 pounds of beans

80% of Comida's clientele are Hispanic, most of their guests are looking for dried beans, which they prefer to canned beans, so that they can prepare them with their own traditional spices. They would like to purchase \$1200 worth of dried beans with this support. This should be enough to purchase approximately 1500 pounds of beans; about 2 – 3 months worth.