

TROUBADOUR

The Newsletter of St. Francis House, New London, Connecticut



FINAL EDITION

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Armistice Day Weekend 2024:
The Life and Art of SFH at the
Garde Gallery
Above: Maya Sheppard, Exec.
Director of Hearing Youth Voices

Below: **2025 20th Annual Reading of
Dr. King's April 4 Riverside Address**
Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Downtown New London



Reona Dyess, Anne Scheibner,
Jane Bernoudy with Anne modelling
the SFH t-shirt designed to celebrate
the occasion.
Below: the Welcome Table.



Above left: Frida Berrigan and Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer read Mark Twain's *War Prayer* on Armistice Day joining Cal Robertson (center) and members of the extended SFH community.
25th SFH Anniversary Celebration in Williams Memorial Park - 6/22/2024
Left: Max, Henri & Nathalia Alphonse with Anne- Henri and Max were early residents of SFH.
Right: SFH resident Sharmaine Gregor and Deacon Ellen Adams with the 25th Anniv. Program –see website.



SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE

The Rev'd Emmett Jarrett, TSSF
Anne P. Scheibner



June 11, 2025

Dear Friends:

Last June we celebrated 25 years of the life and work of St. Francis House with a wonderful gathering in the park next door to Victory House. In October we officially turned over ownership of our two buildings to the Southeastern Connecticut Community Land Trust which immediately began to work on major renovations so that Hearing Youth Voices can soon begin its new residential program. We will do the final piece of work this month by dissolving our 501(c)3 corporation and distributing our remaining cash assets to the Drop-In Learning Center, FRESH New London, Homeless Hospitality Center and the Voluntown Peace Trust. So this letter constitutes our last St. Francis House mailing!

We enclose a donation envelope for those of you who would like to support the life and work of Hearing Youth Voices who in addition to putting our buildings to renewed use will also be taking on the stewardship and development of our library to support a new generation. We are grateful to them and to the SE CT Community Land Trust – both of whom we had a role in starting – for their continuing commitment to building the Beloved Community.

For those of you who would like to stay in touch with and support the work of any or all of the organizations which St. Francis House was blessed to nurture in various ways during our 25 years, you can find newsletter and donation information on their websites:

voluntownpeacetrust.org
nlhlc.org
hearingyouthvoices.com
sectclt.org
freshnewlondon.org
dropinlearningcenter.org

We are also grateful to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for agreeing to archive our website. You can access the archive by September at episcopalct.org/resources/archives. We are working to put the first ten years of the *Troubadour* on the website as well as videos and recent photos some of which are displayed on the back of this letter as The Final Edition of the *Troubadour*. Our thanks to you – our readers and supporters!

Peace and all good, Anne Scheibner and all the Extended SFH Community

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