

## What's SINA?

Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. (SINA) is a partnership linking Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College. It's Mission is to work cooperatively with community stakeholders to improve the quality of life and create economic vibrancy in south central Hartford for the benefit of people who live, work, visit, and study in these neighborhoods.



## What's REACH?

REACH (Recognition, Education, Achievement and Community Health) is a SINA program in which its mission is to develop, support and recognize individuals who positively contribute to the growth of the Hartford Community.

## How to Sign Up?

If you are interested in volunteering for the REACH Committee, the Community Projects Subcommittee, or any of the REACH ad-hoc committees, please contact Linda Torres at (860) 493-1618 or email [lvalentin@sinainc.org](mailto:lvalentin@sinainc.org).



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# Join SINA's REACH Committee

For more information and to learn more about SINA's REACH programs visit [www.sinainc.org/reach](http://www.sinainc.org/reach).

# REACH Committee

The REACH Committee is made up of employees of the SINA institutions, and select members of the community. Every member of REACH would choose at least one subcommittee or ad-hoc committee to be a part of. The REACH committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. REACH meets to: share updates from subcommittees and ad-hoc committees, provide input for all committees, and vote on necessary matters.



## Community Projects

The Community Projects subcommittee works to increase volunteer engagement in projects that improve the health and education of children in the Greater Frog Hollow area. The projects are to respond to needs identified through conversations with community members and organizations. Sample projects include science fairs, book drives, creative campaigns to promote literacy, and other projects as identified by the committee.

## Neighborhood Service Awards

The Neighborhood Service Awards recognizes individuals in the community that go beyond the call of duty that contributes significantly to the betterment of the Hartford neighborhoods. Each year SINA gives out an institutional award, called The Stephen Balcanoff Award, that recognizes and honors an employee from one of our three institutions. Committee members are responsible for reviewing nomination forms and selecting the awardees. The committee active months are March through April. The reviewing and selection day vary by committee member's schedule.

## Scholarships

### Ivan A. Backer Scholarship

Recipients are selected based on service to the community, school, and family; as well as for academic achievement. The scholarship consists of three awards of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years) to Bulkeley High School seniors continuing their education at an accredited 4-year postsecondary program. Committee members are responsible for reviewing applications, interviewing students, and selecting three recipients. The members may also volunteer to inform the students about the scholarship at BHS. The committee active months: March through April.

### SINA Student Support Scholarship

The purpose of the program is to provide much needed financial support to students who are attending Capital Community College (CCC). One to four scholarships in the combined amount of \$2,000 per year will be awarded annually to students attending CCC on a full or part-time basis who reside in the 06106 or 06114 zip codes. Committee members are responsible for reviewing applications and selecting recipients. The members may also volunteer to inform the students about the scholarship at CCC. The committees active months are March through April.



## Organizational Structure

