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# YEAR END WRAP UP

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## NEW LOOKS

We're excited to share that the exterior improvements to our building has completed another phase! These upgrades enhance the safety, accessibility, and overall appearance of our space—creating a more welcoming environment for the community we serve. Thank you to CT DECD who helped make this milestone possible. We look forward to continuing our work in a space that reflects pride and progress in 2026. WOIC has had a wonderful year of growth. We had two cohorts of our Media Training course which trained 10 individuals and launched four new podcasts. We launched online training opportunities offering over 15 different courses and launched our interview clothing and basic needs support service.





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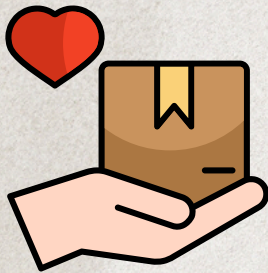


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## BASIC NEEDS GRANT AWARDED

Connecticut Community Foundation awarded \$5,000 to Waterbury Opportunities Industrialization Center (W.O.I.C.) for Basic Needs Bank. This grant is to provide hygiene kits, clothing for interviews, and other basic clothing needs, including shoes to clients in need as they seek employment opportunities. If you are need of this service please visit our website services page and complete the Interview Clothing Assistance form.

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## REFLECTING ON 2025: BUILDING SKILLS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

What an inspiring year at Waterbury Opportunities Industrialization Center (WOIC)! Throughout 2025, we continued our mission of empowering individuals with the skills and opportunities they need to thrive in today's workforce. From community engagement and training programs to expanded digital access, WOIC improved our impact in Waterbury. We celebrated community achievements together and actively sought new partnerships. Our improved computer lab remained a vital resource for job seekers, while our social platforms brought stories of resilience, learning, and connection to life. Thank you to our participants, partners, and supporters for making 2025 a year of growth, community, and opportunity — here's to building even more success in 2026!

