UConn School of Fine Arts & Charter Oak Cultural Center Partnership

Huskies partnering with a vibrant community to do the work of social justice through the arts
The Charter Oak Cultural Center is a non-profit, multi-cultural arts center committed to offering performances, exhibits, classes, lectures and cultural programming, and after school programs for inner city youth. The UConn School of Fine Arts is piloting a service-learning project in which music and art students act as mentors and lesson assistants – supervising homework, hosting dinner, and assisting in the jazz band class.
“I just had to share my enthusiasm and appreciation for everything you’ve done for our Charter Oak children. Last night’s tutoring/dinner/rehearsal probably seemed very ordinary to everyone else, but it was powerful for me”
“Thank all of you for making our first tutoring session a success. One student couldn’t stop saying “this is so helpful, I didn’t understand math before this!”
“Many of the parents don’t have the time to help their kids with homework. So, this is a valuable resource.”
“The UConn students have been absolutely wonderful with the kids. We have something very special growing here. Thank you so much for the partnership!”
Quotes by Susan Mazer, Director of Arts Programs, Charter Oak Cultural Center

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