

TantorGives! News



L-R: Steve, Diane, Kara, Jenn, Keith, Jason, Leslie, Brandy, Jordan, Matt, Pam, and Terri



Walk to End Homelessness Results

On **April 24th**, 12 walkers represented TantorGives! at the New London Homeless Hospitality Center's 9th Annual Walk to End Homelessness. Together, TantorGives! donated \$991.05 to the Center. This includes the proceeds from our most recent bake sale. Thank you for helping be a part of another wonderful event!



Read to Grow Book Drive Update

Thank you all for donating to the Children's Book Drive! We were able to gather **201** books for Read to Grow! TantorGives! would like to thank everyone who participated in the drive. We are elated to see that our employees are so generous and kind. Through Read to Grow and United Way's partnership, our books will be distributed to children and families in need through pediatric primary care centers, childcare centers, schools, and other programs serving the community. The Read to Grow attendants were very impressed with our turnout and asked questions about our company, promising to spread the word about us.

Thank you Sarah for organizing this drive!



Join Our Next Team Event: The APK 5K



TantorGives! is excited to announce that it will participate in the third annual APK 5K Road Race on Saturday, November 5, at Hammonasset State Park.

The event offers a 5K run, a 5K Ruck March/Walk and a Kids Fun Run. A Ruck March, is also called a "loaded march" because participants carry rucksacks loaded with weighty materials. Participants are encouraged to use non-perishable foods for weight. The food items will be collected at the finish line and donated to the St. George Food Pantry in Guilford.

After much research, TantorGives! chose to support APK Charities because it is in line with our dedication to helping local veterans. The charity was formed in memory of Captain Andrew Pedersen-Keel, a Connecticut native killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan. He was 28 years old. APK Charities raises funds for the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial, The Fisher House, Honor and Remember, and the Special Forces Charitable Trust.

Please join Team Tantor in this fun, worthwhile event. TantorGives! will cover the registration cost for Tantor employees. Guests are welcome, but will have to pay for their registration. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon.

For more information visit: apkcharities.org.

Books About Homelessness Available Now

Prior to the Walk to End Homelessness, Deborah Fleet posted a blog entry referencing books about homelessness. To read her blog post, go to: tantorblog.com.

TantorGives! has set up a lending library of titles on one of the shelves in the lunchroom for your listening pleasure. These titles include: *Angel in Aisle 3* by Kevin West and Frederick Edwards, *Scratch Beginnings* by Adam Shepard, *Breaking Night, Ask Me Why I Hurt* by Randy Christensen, M.D. and Rene Denfield, *American-Made* by Nick Taylor, *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *Sleeping GIANT* by Tamara Draut, *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond, and *Dimitri House Stories* by Fran Morse.

Upcoming 2016 Fundraising and Charity Events:

- **June 15:** UConn EBV Kickoff with Mike Zacchea (p. 2)
- **June 30:** Veteran speaker at BBQ (p. 2)
- **June 30:** Basket Raffle (p. 3)
- **July-August:** School Supply Drive (p. 3)
- **November 5:** APK 5K (p. 1)
- **November:** Thanksgiving Food Drive
- **December:** Holiday Mittens

Helping Veteran Entrepreneurs

TantorGives! is excited to support **UConn's Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV)** this year. This wonderful program gives back to veterans who have sacrificed for our country, and provides the education and assistance needed to start-up their own businesses. We will be using social media (and a new TantorGives! web page!) with the goal of raising \$19,000 to fund a veteran through the program. Mike Zacchea, the director of the EBV program, will be at Tantor on **June 15** to speak to us! We will be asking Tantorians to help spread the word through social media so we can achieve this worthy goal. More to follow!



Coming Soon! TantorGives! Webpage

Will include:

- Mission Statement
- Who's who in the committee
- TantorGives! events
- Pictures from events, fundraisers, etc.
- Links to newsletters past and present
- Event page of the year's big events

Upcoming Blood Drives

Have you thought about donating blood? It's an easy way to save up to three lives! Check out the Blood Board in the lunchroom for more details about the giving process and for firsthand accounts of blood drive experiences from Diane K., Kara, Sarah, Annie, and Sandy. Please contact Sarah Sweeney if you are planning to attend or have recently attended a drive to set up carpool, meet-ups, and to share your experience and be recognized for your donation on the board! You can sign up for these upcoming local Blood Drives at redcrossblood.org:

June 6th: Our Lady of Sorrow Church, 14 Prospect St, Essex (12:45pm-6pm)

June 14th: VFW Post 9918, 82 W Main St, Clinton (9am-2pm)

June 20th: Congregation Beth Shalom, 55 East Kings Hwy, Chester (12:45pm-6pm)

June 24th: St. Agnes Church, 22 Haigh Ave, Niantic (1:30pm-6:30pm)

July 8th: Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme (11am-4pm)

July 28th: Snap Fitness, 54 Halls Rd, Old Lyme

This drive is at our very own Diane J-H's gym! Help support her effort by signing up today!



**Have an idea for TantorGives!? Submit to tantorgives@tantor.com
We look forward to hearing from you!**

TantorGives! Charitable Giving Policy

TantorGives! is dedicated to supporting the philanthropic efforts of Tantor employees. This policy creates a central point of contact for donation requests and ensures that our charitable giving is done within our budget and resource limitations.

- All incoming requests will be submitted to the TantorGives! committee and coordinated through its committee members.
- All requests should be submitted in writing to the TantorGives! committee for review.
- Final determinations will be made based on available funds, and the validity and reputation of the charity or event being supported.
- Payment of matching funds requires a valid receipt from the charity and a method of payment directly to the organization. Employees must raise a minimum of \$50 to receive a match.

**Have a charity event/fundraiser that you will be participating in?
Submit to tantorgives@tantor.com so that we can support your great cause!**

Upcoming Events

Basket Raffle

On June 30th we will be holding our next gift basket raffle (to coincide with our summer BBQ) with proceeds to benefit UConn's EBV (see p. 2)! Start thinking about the lovely, fun, delicious baskets that you would like to put together (and saving those dollar bills). A sign-up sheet will be going up soon!

School Supply Drive

Last year we collected nearly 600 items to donate to school supply drives in Old Saybrook, Westbrook, and Norwich. This year, we will be kicking off our second drive at the end of July, with drop offs occurring towards the end of August. Needed items include: pencils, highlighters, glue, binders, notebooks, paper, folders, rulers, scissors, protractors, compasses, index cards, sharpeners, lunch bags, hand sanitizer, tissues, and sweatshirts. Be on the lookout for more information coming in the next couple of months. As always, thank you for your support!

Committee Members

The TantorGives! committee:

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