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“Superdog”

**TO BENEFIT: West Hartford Dog Park Coalition
& West Hartford Animal Control**

(*Please scan QR Code to the right to donate)

ARTIST: Shane Hickey

Artist’s message:

We thought that during and post-Covid there was huge demand for that "pandemic puppy." The Superhero idea was representative of all of those new dogs adopted, the journey small businesses had navigating through Covid, and all of the great things that came out of the pandemic...including all of those new, four-legged family members that got adopted.

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“Banksy Bowwow”

TO BENEFIT: West Hartford Art League

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ARTIST: Samuel Ferri

Instagram: @SamsInkwell, www.misconnected.com

Artist’s message:

Banksy Bowwow: Story of a Dog Defaced. I liked the idea that someone might initially see a perfectly normal dog statue “ruined” by tagging before realizing that the culprits are a permanent part of the piece.

SPONSOR: Modern Tire WH



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“Major”

TO BENEFIT: APK Charities
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ARTIST: Brian Wziontko
Instagram: b_chunko_art

Artist’s message:

The thought behind my design felt fitting for APK Charities, an organization that raises awareness and support for our active, retired, wounded, and fallen warriors and their families. Service dogs are trained to help veterans who have disabilities. More importantly, they are trained to mitigate the symptoms of PTSD by providing emotional support. The patches on the dog are typical of a veteran service dog, but the "PK" patch pays homage to Captain Andrew “PK” Pedersen-Keel, the fallen soldier for whom APK Charities was created.

SPONSOR: WTNH News 8



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“Daisy”

TO BENEFIT: Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation

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ARTIST: Amy Casazza

Instagram: @amycasazza.art, www.amycasazza.com

Artist’s message:

The inspiration for Daisy came from thinking about dogs and the beautiful way they approach the world with wonder and love. Dogs are so willing to bestow unconditional love. The message I want Daisy to give to those who see her is to slow down, turn on your senses and truly pause to take in all of the extraordinary moments of beauty that cross our paths on a daily basis.

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“Healer”

TO BENEFIT: Hartford Healthcare Therapy Dog Program

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ARTIST: Joanna Cistulli

Facebook: Joanna Cistulli Art Page

Artist’s message:

There is a great deal of research that shows the benefit of involving animals in the healing process, especially for children. A service dog trained to support a child is a soft, gentle friend that can pick up on their stress signals and emotions, whether putting their head on their lap, curling up at their feet, or just sitting quietly in the corner while their young friend heals.

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“Treat”

TO BENEFIT: Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry

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ARTIST: Emma Huntington

Instagram: @emmahuntingtonart

Artist’s message:

My dog is inspired by the joy of food, and the vibrancy of bright colors.

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“Blossom”

TO BENEFIT: Ron Foley Foundation

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ARTIST: Art by Kelly Kelly

Instagram: [@artbykellykelly](https://www.instagram.com/artbykellykelly), www.artbykellykelly.com

Artist's message:

I wanted to incorporate flowers and keep Blossom super colorful. And, of course, represent West Hartford!

SPONSOR: Robin Gebrian



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“I Spy”

TO BENEFIT: West Hartford Community Interactive

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ARTIST: Michelle Hawran

Instagram: @michellehawranillustration

Artist’s message:

My design is a take-off on the old “I Spy” book covers: a white background filled with dozens of tiny items that bring the viewer joy. I crowdsourced ideas, asking my friends, family, and social media followers what brings them joy, and the result is what you see on my dog. This way, a passerby will want to walk up, explore the art, and find different things each time that make them smile.”

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“Hope”

TO BENEFIT: MacCallum Family Fund for Animal Welfare
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ARTIST: Christine MacClintic

Instagram: @cmaclintic, www.christinemacclintic.com

Artist’s message:

Hope represents all the dogs waiting to be rescued and adopted. She is covered in sunflowers because they symbolize hope.

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“Max”

TO BENEFIT: Shelters by Jesus, Inc.

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ARTIST: Sarah May

Instagram: [block21prints](#), [block21prints.com](#), [block21prints.etsy.com](#)

Artist’s message:

The whole idea of Max is to send out smiles, love and a reminder to be a nice human. I wanted Max to be whimsical and sweet, and for people to just feel good when they meet him.

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“Kohana”

TO BENEFIT: A Better World Adoptions

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ARTIST: Shane Hickey

Artist’s message:

"Kohana" means love in Ukrainian. We want to bring love – and hope -- to the many children who have been left orphaned by the ongoing brutal war in Ukraine.

SPONSOR: Goff Law Group



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“Augie Doggie”

TO BENEFIT: The Bridge/Children’s Charity Ball

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ARTIST: Linda Bilodeau

Instagram/Facebook: Linda Bilodeau

Artist’s message:

I am a volunteer foster and dog walker for the Connecticut Humane Society and I have adopted shelter dogs and cats. Many of the animals depicted are actual former shelter dogs or cats. This project brought together my favorite things: art and animals. I hope it inspires many adoptions.

SPONSOR: West Hartford Magazine, Southern New England Jewish Ledger, we-ha.com, & TurleyCT Community Publications



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