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### **Needs Assessment Tells a Story of Challenge and Opportunity**

Red Hook Community Center and Red Hook Responds release the findings from the 2022/2023 Community Needs Assessment covering the greater Red Hook and Rhinebeck area. The findings will be presented at two public meetings by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, the author of the Assessment.

What: CNA Results Presentation #1  
Where: Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook, NY 12571  
When: Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 pm

What: CNA Results Presentation #2  
Where: Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 E. Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572  
When: Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 pm

The full assessment can be found [HERE](#) .

The goal of the community needs assessment is to identify the vulnerabilities in our communities and to suggest ways where we can help each other to live full and healthy lives in our Red Hook and Rhinebeck communities. Input was solicited to get an understanding of the obstacles community members saw for themselves and others.

Ugolini said: "While there are not many surprises in the results, this report gives the community a clearer picture of where our neighbors find challenges in living here." Smythe added, "This report gives both of our organizations a clear picture where we can look to expand our services with the greatest impact." Ugolini added: "This report is for everyone from residents, to other nonprofits, to government officials at all levels, to look at how we can work together to make our communities better for all of our residents."

Red Hook Community Center and Red Hook Responds, with the support of the Dyson Foundation, the Mary Norris Preyer Foundation, the Thomas Thompson Trust, the Town of Red Hook, the Village of Red Hook, the Town of Rhinebeck, and the Village of Rhinebeck commissioned Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to conduct this community needs assessment.

Red Hook Community Center fosters inclusive community participation by providing an environmentally sound facility for arts, education, recreation, celebration and locally based human services to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in our community.

Red Hook Responds, founded in 2020 to meet the needs of the community during the Covid-19 pandemic, continues its mission to work together to help our community by organizing volunteers and providing essential resources and services to help those in need. RHR accomplishes this mission through programs that support food security, agriculture, inclusion, emergency relief, equality, and upcycling to reduce environmental impact. RHR strives to support continuing efforts and expanding services with thoughtfulness toward the community based on need, resources, and volunteerism.