

Friendship Center

118 Main Street, Hartford

The Friendship Center received funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to rehabilitate their dining room, which is critical to their mission, as well as creating a new larger entry and security desk. The organization occupies the historic Henry Barnard House. Barnard was instrumental in the development of the American public school system and this property is a registered National Historic Landmark and one of the first properties in Connecticut listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The original proposal called for total removal of the existing entrance. SHPO worked with the project proponent and architect to retain classical details and incorporate them into the new entry. By preserving historic fabric to the greatest extent possible, we are keeping authentic history and craftsmanship and avoiding the accumulation of small changes that can result in eventual total loss.

