



## The Power of Education | The Radiance of Resilience

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Dear Community Partner,

For 25 years, the Charter Oak State College Foundation has empowered Connecticut's single mothers to achieve the extraordinary: earning college degrees, advancing careers, and securing brighter futures for their families.

**As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Women in Transition (WIT) Program**, we invite your organization to be a catalyst for strengthening and expanding this life-changing work.

Your Impact is needed to **advance economic mobility, promote equity, strengthen our workforce, and improve the well-being** of Connecticut families.

Charter Oak State College President Emeritus, Dr. Merle Harris, and generous supporters shared a bold vision: to open doors to higher education for determined, low-income single mothers, women with ambition and untapped potential.

**A proven and holistic program** in partnership with Charter Oak State College—Connecticut's only public, fully online degree-granting institution—WIT is uniquely positioned to eliminate barriers that prevent low-income single mothers from completing their education.

**WIT is far more than a scholarship.**

It provides financial support, individualized academic and personal coaching, and a flexible online learning environment that reflects the realities of working mothers balancing jobs, childcare, transportation limitations, and financial pressures.

**The results spark hope: 332 single mothers have earned 275 credentials**—including 184 bachelor's degrees, 80 associate degrees, and 11 certificates—**with an 80% retention rate**, far surpassing national averages for adult learners.

**WIT strengthens family stability and health trajectories**—particularly for women of color and first-generation students.

Children witness perseverance. Incomes rise. Wage gaps close. Families stabilize. Children view college as part of their own future. This ripple strengthens generations, improves health and well-being for families, our workforce, communities, and state.

We hope you will join us in honoring the unstoppable spirit of WIT students and powering the next generation of transformative success stories.

**Together, we can spark dreams, illuminate hope, and create lasting change. How bright will you shine?**



## Sponsorship: Join Us in Celebrating 25 Years of Radiant Resilience

### 25th Anniversary Celebratory Brunch

Sunday, May 3, 2026

12:00–2:00 PM

### Governor's Residence

990 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

The WIT 25th Anniversary is a celebration of resilience, radiance, and results. By participating as a sponsor, donor, or guest, supporters become partners in shaping the next generation of parent-student success.

**Together, let's honor 25 years of impact and build the foundation for the next twenty-five.**

#### IMPACT LEVELS

- \_\_\_ \$500 **Radiant Resilience** (Honor student perseverance +)
- \_\_\_ \$1,000 **Shine Sponsor** (Support student activities & engagement) (2 Brunch Tickets +)
- \_\_\_ \$2,500 **Ignite the Future** (Encourage student persistence) (4 Brunch Tickets +)
- \_\_\_ \$5,000 **Beacon Sponsor** (Engage & Enrich) (4 Brunch Tickets ++)
- \_\_\_ \$10,000 **Brilliant Sponsor** (Drive Program Expansion!) (4 Brunch Tickets +++)
- \_\_\_ \$50,000 **Visionary Partner** (Sponsor 5 parent-students \*)

- + Recognition in digital and print programs
- ++ Logo included in digital and print programs and acknowledgment at the event
- +++ Logo included in digital and print programs, acknowledgment at the event and social media
- \* +++ and visibility on WIT/Charter Oak sites and press releases, speaking opportunity at future events

**RSVP or GIVE by April 24, 2026.**



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