



Farm to Bar

Taking off from the highly successful Billings Forge **Farm to Table**, which returns September 18, 2014, we invite you to attend *Farm to Bar*, a new special event for adventurous eaters to benefit Billings Forge Community Works.

This two-hour “happy hour” includes a tasting menu consisting of small plates with unique pairings such as *Stonington Scallop Ceviche with Kipling IPA*, or *Salty Fries with a Malt & Bourbon Mole Milkshake*.

Please join us in supporting a wonderful organization, spending time with a community of friends, and enjoying delectable food and drink pairings from the talented chefs at Firebox.

**Monday, April 7, 2014 at Firebox
5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

\$100 per ticket, sold in advance
Strictly limited to 100 guests



To reserve your tickets:
Call Firebox at (860) 246-1222 to pay by credit card, or mail your check to:
Billings Forge Community Works
Suite N110
140 Russ Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Billings Forge Community Works is a 501c(3) nonprofit and a driving force for community participation and empowerment in Frog Hollow through promoting access to healthy food; engaging youth; and developing employment opportunities.

\$50 of each ticket sold may be claimed as a charitable donation.

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Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Burlington Country Club
7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
568 South Prospect Street
Burlington, Vermont

*Seating is first come, first served.
This invitation is non-transferable.*

The courtesy of a reply is appreciated by Tuesday, July 30 to CT IFS' Meredith Gazdzinski via mgazdzinski@connecticutIFS.com or (860) 728-2279.

We look forward to seeing you!





ALLIANCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

In March of 2014, the MetroHartford Alliance's Annual Celebration held a special significance - the organization had worked with a Strategic Partner, Mintz + Hoke, Inc. based in Avon, Connecticut, to develop a new logo that would better embody the Alliance's vibrancy and multifaceted work. The Annual Celebration, an event that gathers several hundred Investors and community partners to network and learn about the accomplishments of the year past, would serve as the logo's formal unveiling.

The event came at a time when the organization was also in the midst of renovations for its offices. Staff had relocated to a neighboring floor in the home building, and awaited a return to a refreshed space. A new marketing campaign for the City of Hartford had also kicked into high gear, and provided the impetus for a shift away from the organization's then-current logo and a move to embrace a mark of a more timely and forward-looking nature.

More than 400 registrants came through for the Annual Celebration - a record in several years - which was billed as an opportunity to see the formal unveiling, as well as a chance to gain deeper insight into the organization's efforts to promote the Region and support its competitiveness for **jobs, capital and talent**. The program for the evening featured a video presentation that spoke of the Alliance and its initiatives from the vantage of Investors and community partners. Alliance president and CEO, Oz Griebel, used the video as a springboard to share the strategic goals for the year ahead and introduced towards the end of the program an animation that transitioned the old logo into the new.

Every facet of the event saw integration of the new mark, from the name badges for attendees to the scarves and ties that Alliance staff wore that evening. The program and overall event was a true team effort, and would not have been possible if not for the expertise of Alliance team members in combination with external vendors with whom the Alliance shares a strong bond.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Five Eight Holdings' Richard Brown Joins CTREIA Executive Team

ELLINGTON, CONN. (July 12, 2021) - [Five Eight Holdings](#), a real estate investment company focused on reviving properties and uplifting communities in Connecticut, is proud to announce Managing Partner Richard Brown has been named to the executive leadership team of [Connecticut Real Estate Investors Association \(CTREIA\)](#). Brown joins CTREIA as Director of Coaching and Chief Membership Officer, and will expand the organization's capacity to inspire, educate, and equip novice and seasoned real estate investors for success.

"Every role in my career has revolved around building community and making Greater Hartford a better place," said Brown. "Five Eight Holdings allows me to bring distressed properties back from the brink and to energize communities, one property at a time. With CTREIA, I have a unique opportunity to help people write their own real estate success stories and to realize their potential as business owners and community builders."

Five Eight Holdings invests in and renovates properties, including multi-family homes and rentals. They gain updated aesthetic, are filled with desirable amenities, and are made affordable for new owners and renters. Five Eight Holdings also purchases properties from those looking to get out from under ownership. CTREIA provides coaching, mentoring, knowledge sharing, and networking for its membership. Members also enjoy forums with speakers of local and national renown.

"We are dedicated to helping those interested in real estate investing to gain the confidence and information needed for successful, rewarding careers," said Mark Valenti, CTREIA Chief Financial Officer and coach. "CTREIA is proud to announce Rich's addition to the executive team. He and his work with Five Eight Holdings epitomizes the accomplishment, leadership, and heart we seek to instill in our members."

"We are so excited to have Rich join our team," said Ed Mathews, CTREIA Chief Operating Officer and Director of Marketing. "As a CTREIA Coaching Program graduate himself, he embodies what we are going for with our coaching program. Rich has built a tremendous company at Five Eight Holdings, and we are thrilled to have him bring his experience and expertise to our member and student community."

Prior to Five Eight Holdings' formal launch in 2018, Brown served as Vice President of Investor Relations for the MetroHartford Alliance, an economic development partnership dedicated to growing jobs, capital, and talent for the Hartford Region. Brown remains focused on community betterment, particularly on providing young people with experiences and opportunities to lead positive, productive lives. He has served on the Board of Directors for multiple organizations dedicated to children's welfare, economic empowerment, social services, and education. Rich served as treasurer for the Betty Knox Foundation for nine years and is an active member of the Board of Directors for Hartford's Camp Courant and the J. Walton Bissell Foundation.

About Five Eight Holdings, LLC

Five Eight Holdings, based in Ellington, Connecticut, is a privately held real estate investment company which purchases and renovates properties with a focus on building pride of ownership and uplifting communities. Learn more at www.fiveeightholdings.com.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thinkers, Doers, Creators to ‘Stretch Your Brain’ at TEDxHartford – September 6

(Hartford, Conn. | August 29, 2017) TEDxHartford represents the fifth of the independently organized TEDx conferences to transpire in Connecticut’s capital city, and on September 6 will present a diverse, deeply creative set of trailblazers, entrepreneurs and community servants at Infinity Music Hall and Bistro in Hartford.

TEDx events are delivered in the spirit of the globally renowned TED Talks, the ‘ideas worth spreading’ spotlight for today’s leading thinkers and doers. TEDxHartford is structured within the theme of “Stretch Your Brain,” and by mid-July had officially sold out. Laura Dinan Haber and Lee Simmons, Hartford area event professionals, are co-organizers of TEDxHartford.

“This event is a platform and an opportunity to shape the world through shared ideas,” said Dinan Haber. “We have a chance to amplify voices less heard and help ideas to take root and grow here. It’s an honor to deliver the fifth TEDx event in Hartford!”

Taking stage on September 6 are eight unique individuals, each with relentless commitment to challenging norms, blurring lines and dismantling boundaries in pursuit of redefining success – for one’s self and the greater good. From combatting dementia with music to sustainable nourishment and triumph over trial, TEDxHartford is pleased to present:

Brian Brushwood – *media personality, magician, author and comedian*
“Hacking the System” (National Geographic); “Scam School” (Discovery Channel)

Andi Campbell – *workplace behavior and talent management expert for 10,000+ employee organization*
Vice President Human Resources, LAZ Parking

Kevin Cottle – *second place “Hell’s Kitchen” finalist focused on sustainability*
Executive Chef and Owner, Fire on the Ridge

Malik Champlain – *nationally recognized community service leader*
Law Enforcement Officer, Urban Schools Educational Consultant, Community Bridge Builders LLC

Carolyn DeRocco – *therapeutic expert for empowering diagnosed individuals and their caregivers*
Vice President of Programs and Education, Alzheimer’s Association

Robert L. Duran, Ph.D. – *international lecturer on interpersonal communication and relationships*
Professor, University of Hartford

Betsy Nilan – *enabling woman of all ages to take charge of their health against breast cancer*
President, The Get In Touch Foundation

Adam Von Gootkin – *award-winning craft distiller; innovator for treatment of autism in the classroom*
Co-Founder, Onyx Spirits Company; Partner and CEO, Movia Robotics

"I am thrilled to participate in TEDxHartford – I love the power of public speaking, and am excited to share my story with the Connecticut community," said Betsy Nilan, a featured speaker and President of The Get In Touch Foundation. "Delivering a TEDx Talk has always been a dream of mine, so it's pretty incredible to see this come true in Hartford! I hope the ideas and stories I share on breast health will inspire those who have been touched by breast cancer."

TEDxHartford is a private, sold-out event but the link to the live webstream, details and updates for September 6 are available at www.tedxhartford.com or: Facebook - @TEDxHartford; Instagram – Tedxhartford; **#tedxhartford**.

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Monica Lewinsky, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED's open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include TED.com, where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; the [Open Translation Project](#), which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative [TED-Ed](#); the annual million-dollar [TED Prize](#), which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; [TEDx](#), which provides licenses to thousands of individuals and groups who host local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the [TED Fellows](#) program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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All press requests should be sent to Meredith Gazdzinski. Laura Dinan Haber and Lee Simmons are the official spokespeople for TEDxHartford.

Please note that TEDx event organizers are not able to speak for the TED Conference. Any inquiry regarding TED should be sent to: Melody Serafino, TEDx Media Liaison, TEDxPR@ted.com.