



THE CON HOGAN AWARD

for Creative,
Entrepreneurial,
Community Leadership

presented to Joe Wiah

In-Person and Livestream Award Ceremony
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
Vermont College of Fine Arts, College Hall Chapel

2022

PROGRAM

- ▣ Reception and Entertainment
 - Float & Crowbar: *Susan Reed and Leeds Brewer*
- ▣ Welcome: *Michael Hogan and Will Belongia*
- ▣ Reflections on Con Hogan: *Neil Hogan and Dr. Karen Hein*
- ▣ Opening Remarks: *Dr. Lydia Clemmons, 2021 Con Hogan Awardee*
- ▣ Presentation of the Con Hogan Award
 - Introduction of Joe Wiah: *Will Belongia*
- ▣ Reflections: *Joe Wiah*
- ▣ Wrap-Up: *Will Belongia*



*This award will reward and offer incentive
to leaders in Vermont to continue and
broaden their important work on
behalf of Vermonters.
-Con Hogan*

AWARD COMMITTEE

- ▣ Will Belongia, Vermont Community Loan Fund
- ▣ Paul Cillo, Public Assets Institute
- ▣ Steve Dale, Former Human Services Manager
- ▣ Scott Johnson, Chair, Con Hogan Award Committee
- ▣ Ellen Kahler, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- ▣ Jane Kimble, Vermont Community Foundation
- ▣ Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Vermont State Police
- ▣ Jericho Parns, Vermont College of Fine Arts
- ▣ Rev. Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas, Pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho
- ▣ Diana Wahle, Windham SE Supervisory Union

Joe Wiah is the Director of the Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) Multicultural Community Center.

Before before joining ECDC, Joe served as Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) Housing Case Manager in Brattleboro. In that role Joe helped Vermonters from 15 towns within Windham County access housing, fuel, food, and home repairs services.

Prior to joining SEVCA, Joe was case manager and service coordinator for Pathways-DC and Pathways Vermont, where he provided outreach, case management, advocacy and other needed services to clients struggling with mental health and those returning to communities after serving time in prison.

Previous to his work at Pathways, Joe led the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children Africa Research Project. This project conducted in-depth research on legislation, policies and best practices related to abused and exploited children in West Africa. It identified trends, common themes and performed gap analysis.

Joe also spent seven years with Catholic Charities in Liberia called Don Bosco Homes (DBH) as Deputy Director, where he coordinated and supervised DBH programs that led to the disarmament, demobilization, rehabilitation, and reintegration of child soldiers. Joe was also a member of the Child Protection Agencies of Liberia which led the participation of children in the Truth and Reconciliation process for Liberia. Joe also chaired five civil society organizations from Liberia and Sierra Leone that determined the threats of gender disparities to post-war recovery in the region.

Joe earned a Master of Arts in Intercultural Service, Leadership & Management from SIT Graduate Institute in Vermont, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.



“We have a legal and moral obligation to protect people fleeing bombs, bullets, and tyrants, and throughout history those people have enriched our society.”

Actor Juliet Stevenson



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SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **The deadline for nominations for the 2023 award is Thursday, June 29, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

For information, check vermontcf.org/ConHoganAward