



March 2024

Dear Friends,

Particle Accelerator started as a tribute to our friend and son, Jack Young Jr. in 2007. In the years since, it has evolved and grown to so much more. Our 18th Annual Particle Accelerator will be held Saturday June 8, 2024 in Rotary Park in downtown Putnam.

Particle is A Day of Music and Hope. Music brings us together and is an outlet to express our emotions even in our darkest times. There is always hope, and Particle is committed to continuing our mission of erasing the stigma around mental health and raising awareness about local resources available to help.

Outreach and education about depression, mental health, and suicide is more important than ever. Will you join us this year?

Your sponsorship and support will still be directed to United Services, northeastern Connecticut's non-profit Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and provider of an array of mental health, substance use and social service programs. United Services continues to experience significant increases across its programs as it responds to community mental health needs.

Particle Accelerator is a free concert featuring all genres of music for all ages. The annual festival's goal is to provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to substance use.

Last year, many generous local businesses reached out and sponsored Particle Accelerator. Our live concert was well-attended and reached hundreds of people throughout the day.

We hope you will take the time to consider supporting this important effort to connect with our community through the power of art and music.

Tax-deductible contributions are welcomed and greatly appreciated. For more information on how to support Particle Accelerator 2024, please read the enclosed packet or contact us at info@particle.rocks.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about this very important community event!

Grace and Jack Young

Eric and Sandy Gould

Particle Accelerator Founders

The Legendary Jack L. Young, Jr.

May 8, 1980 - May 8, 2007

Jack Leon Young, Jr., 27, died May 8, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA. Born May 8, 1980 in Putnam, CT. The Legendary Jack Young Jr. was a musician, artist, and writer. He was the Beloved son of Jack L. Young Sr. and Grace (Lannon) Young. Beloved brother of Benjamin Young. Beloved grandson of Flora B. Young and Joan Pascone. Sorely missed by scores of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.



His music and his passion sent him all over the world in search of something that the rest of us might not even imagine in our lifetimes. He left a bit of himself with everyone he met and was loved by more than he knew.

His friends and family, shocked and surprised at his loss, created **Particle Accelerator** in his memory, a music festival to raise awareness of suicide and depression, with proceeds benefiting **United Services, Inc.** in Dayville, CT, a comprehensive non-profit community behavioral health Center.

Particle Accelerator is an annual benefit concert with two main goals:

1. Raise money to support United Services in their mission to Create Healthy Communities and respond to the youth, family and adult social and behavioral health needs in its region.
2. Provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to alcohol and other substance use.

The event is run by a group of local residents, business owners and musicians who donate their time, money and talent in order to bring suicide and depression awareness to the forefront. Particle Accelerator began 2007 in response to Jack's suicide.

When Jack told his family of his depression, they tried to get him help. But because Jack had no health insurance, he was turned away by local mental health clinics where he was living in Pennsylvania. Feeling hopeless, Jack died by suicide on his 27th birthday.

Determined that no more parents should lose their children, Jack's family created Particle Accelerator to honour Jack's memory, spread awareness about suicide and depression, and raise funds to help United Services in all that they do for the community, including providing outpatient mental health and substance use programs regardless of an individual's ability to pay and community training and prevention programs.



Particle Accelerator 2024 Sponsorship Levels

Particle Accelerator offers many easy levels of sponsorship for Particle Accelerator 2024, our 18th Annual benefit concert slated to take place June 8, 2024 in Rotary Park in Putnam, CT. If you choose a sponsorship level of “Bronze” or higher, please be sure to email your logo to artwork@particle.rocks no later than May 4, 2024.

Title Sponsor.....\$2,000

All of the below, plus recognition and logo in Community Training (Narcan and QPR Suicide Prevention) publicity and materials during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Showcase Sponsor.....\$1,000

All of the below, plus your business logo on the stage during the event.

Premiere Sponsor.....\$750

All of the below, plus your logo on our event T shirt.

Gold Sponsor.....\$500

All of the below, plus a social media post on our page with your logo and small write-up about your business.

Silver Sponsor.....\$300

All of the below, plus an individual lawn sign with your business logo to be displayed in Putnam, CT along the roadside the day of the event.

Bronze Sponsor..... \$150

Your business name on the Wall of Sponsors and on our website.

The attached Pledge Form may also be accessed online at www.particle.rocks. Please make checks payable to **United Services, Inc.** All donations will be acknowledged with a thank you letter.

Thank You for Your Support!

United Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



2024 DONATIONS FORM

For more information and other payment options, please visit www.particle.rocks

Donor Information (please print clearly)

Name:

Company (If applicable):

Billing address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (business):

Fax:

E-Mail:

PLEDGE INFORMATION: I (we) donate a total of:

Amount: Title Sponsor (\$2,000) - all below plus recognition and logo in all Community training program publicity and materials during the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Amount: Showcase Sponsor (\$1000) - all below, business logo on stage during the event.

Amount: Premiere Sponsor (\$750) - all below plus logo on our event T shirt.

Amount: Gold Sponsor (\$500) - all below, plus a social media post on our page with your logo and small write-up about your business.

Amount: Silver Sponsor (\$300) - all below, plus business logo on individual yard sign.

Amount: Bronze Sponsor (\$150) - business name on wall of sponsors and on our website.

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:

cash check

Name:

Date:

Signature:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR OTHER GIFTS PAYABLE TO:

United Services, Inc.

To sign up online, scan our QR code.

**Mail to: Particle Accelerator
1007 North Main Street
Dayville, CT 06241**

