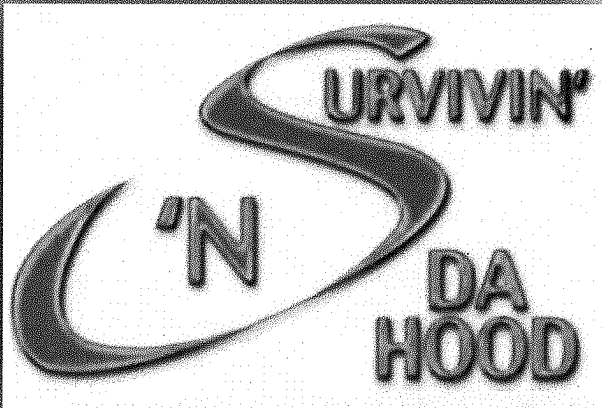
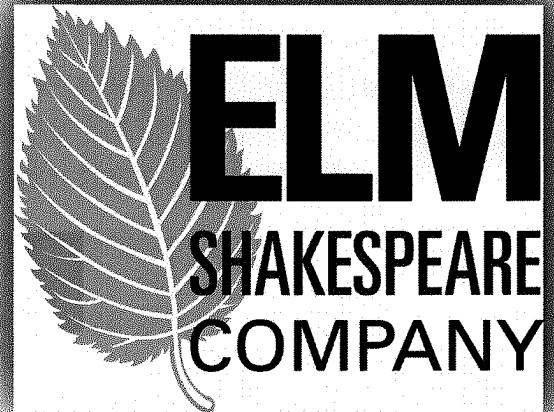


What story will  
your community tell?

*Hear my Soul speak!*



... and ...



Invite you to join a project  
bringing the many voices of  
New Haven together for change!

What story from your community, if told and heard,  
might change others' perspectives and New Haven as a whole?

We want you to tell that story! Whether you have 3 or 30 people, we will come to you for a free 2-hour DRAMA Workshop where we will help you identify, clarify, and intensify that story, creating a piece of theater unique to your community that your group can perform.

Then... ALL participating communities will come together on **SUNDAY JUNE 10 at 3pm** to perform their 'mini-play' for an afternoon of theater unlike any other!

Then... audience and performers alike share a meal and engage in a mediated conversation inspired by the performances about how we as a unified community might address the many issues facing New Haven

**Want your community to participate?**

Call Rebecca at (203) 392-8882  
or email ... [SoulSpeak@ElmShakespeare.org](mailto:SoulSpeak@ElmShakespeare.org)

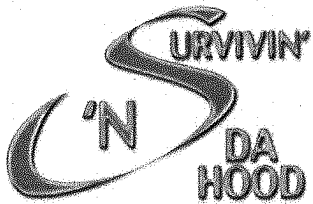
**to schedule your FREE DRAMA WORKSHOP!**

## **What do we mean by Community? Isn't NEW HAVEN our Community?**

Yes! We all share this city and a desire for it to thrive... but that might look very different depending on who you are. New Haven is a community of communities... made up of a wide diversity of smaller groups – each with their own perspectives, history, concerns and vision for the future. These “micro-communities” have unique voices and depending on where you live or what you do, you may define your community and its needs very differently from others who call New Haven home.

## **So for this project, what makes up a “community”? Who can participate?**

For this project, a “community” is a group of 3-30 people who share a unified voice through shared geography, culture, or activity. Do you all live in the same neighborhood and get together on a regular basis? GREAT! Do you all work at the same institution or have the same profession? GREAT! Do you share a unique cultural experience that the larger community needs to hear about? GREAT! What's important is that you already have a relationship with each other and a common experience that you want to share theatrically.



We are excited to think outside of the box and work with Elm Shakespeare and other community partners throughout New Haven to use theatrical storytelling and even the words of Shakespeare to raise issues important to all of us and broaden our city-wide perspectives so that New Haven can be more unified. We are a non-profit, by-youth/for-youth, peer-to-peer training organization established in 1990 to prevent youth violence. For over 27 years, we have specialized in training, prevention, and empowerment. One of our core beliefs is that youth communicate and learn best from their peers of similar age, racial, and social status groups. Therefore, SNDH is committed to a Train-the-Youth-Trainer™ concept. Our aim is to prepare youth for a School-to-College-to-Career positive lifestyle transition. SNDH is known for its innovative, creative style. Survivin' N Da Hood (SNDH) uses the reality of built-in consequences to teach youth to think before they do something that cannot be changed or erased. SNDH provides behavior modification training in critical thinking skills and social skills for adults and youth. Our training offers answers to life's tough situations; shows how to improve deficient, negative behaviors; and provides more options for difficult decision-making.



Founded in 1995, Elm Shakespeare Company has given the gift of Free Shakespeare to over half a million people in Edgerton Park. We strive to ignite a creative spark, bringing people together through Shakespeare to share their humanity and build community. We work to strengthen the already vibrant artistic and educational landscape of greater New Haven, through the highest quality professional performances coupled with rigorous and joyous education programs that enrich the diverse New Haven community. Our educational programs now serve 500 students a year and educational partners include Housing Authority of New Haven, Mauro Sheridan Interdisciplinary Middle School, Common Ground High School, Whitney Center and LEAP. We value inclusivity, artistic excellence and the power of these plays in our lives.