

# Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies & Spotlights

## January 2025 - December 2025

We hosted or participated in six ribbon cutting ceremonies this year, bringing together local officials to celebrate new businesses opening or expanding in our community. And we're not slowing down - four additional ribbon cuttings are already scheduled for January 2026. We also spotlight local business owners throughout the year, helping elevate their stories and strengthen their connection to the community.



Join us in celebrating those who held ceremonies in 2025: *Shah's Halal Food, Lotus Nail & Spa, YMCA/Body Renew Spa, Aero Hair Studio, Domino's, and Marshalls.*

## Industry Insights: Local Manufacturing in Focus

### September 2025 - December 2025

This year, we worked closely with several of Winchester's key manufacturers to strengthen partnerships, understand operational needs, and support local industry growth.

Our team conducted on-site visits with Hubbell Power Systems and Fairchild Precision Parts on September 23, participated in workforce engagement at the CT State Community College Northwest Job Fair on September 25, and continued our outreach with visits to Cadco Ltd on October 7 and H-O Products Corporation on October 20. In November, we met with DRT Aerospace to round out our 2025 tour schedule. With five more manufacturers still to visit to complete the tour, we remain committed to supporting and showcasing Winchester's strong manufacturing sector.

## Partnerships That Power Our Community

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We are grateful for our continued partnership with Friends of Main Street Winsted, who welcome us to table at the annual Fall Festival. This year was especially exciting as we unveiled our new brand - Winsted & Winchester One-Win-Win Community!

We are appreciative of our close connection with the Torrington EDC, the Northwestern CT Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, John Fiorello from CT State Northwestern at the Entrepreneurial Center and Dr. Laura McCarthy.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Fair - 2025

### Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The 4th Annual Winsted Job Fair, held at the Green Woods Hall Gym at CT State Community College: Northwestern, welcomed more than 100 job seekers and resulted in over 25 reported hires. The event brought together local employers and offered résumé assistance (offered by the Connecticut Department of Labor) along with free professional LinkedIn headshots with Awecast.

A special thank-you to the Town of Winchester, Awecast, the American Mural Project, CT State Community College Northwestern, the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, and the Connecticut Department of Labor for their partnership and support.

## Closing Remarks, Looking Ahead to 2026

The Winchester EDC would like to thank you, our business community, for your constant support. We are truly fortunate to have you as part of our town, and we look forward to all that lies ahead in 2026.

Please let us know if you need any support, we're here to help. Thank you for contributing to Winsted's continued growth!

