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Helping distribute food at Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church in Middletown, where the Connecticut Food Bank's mobile food truck made a visit.

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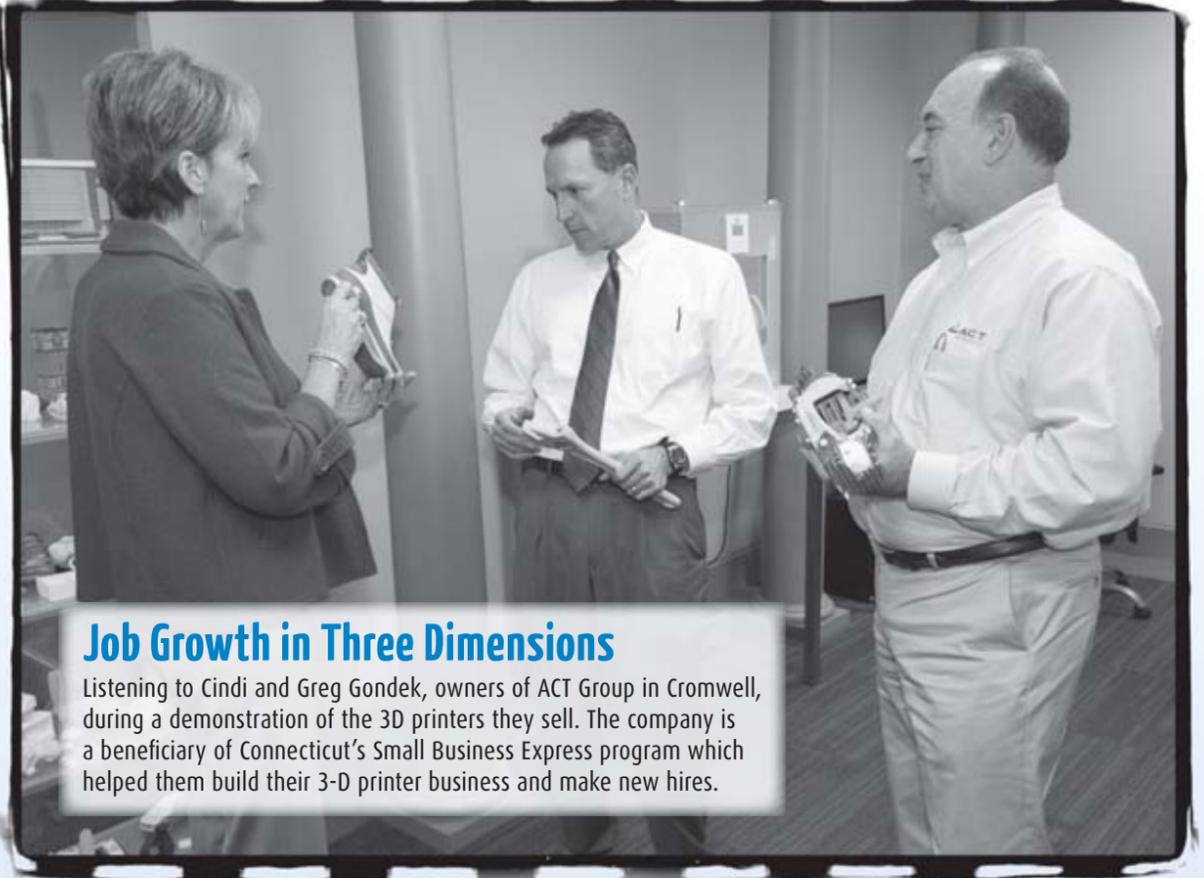


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Job Growth in Three Dimensions

Listening to Cindi and Greg Gondek, owners of ACT Group in Cromwell, during a demonstration of the 3D printers they sell. The company is a beneficiary of Connecticut's Small Business Express program which helped them build their 3-D printer business and make new hires.

Born Learning in Middletown

In September, I joined parents, students and volunteers to open the Born Learning Trail at MacDonough Elementary School in Middletown. The trail was installed on April 27 as part of the 12th Comcast Cares Day, the company's annual day of service. The trail is a set of physical learning activities arranged along a walking trail that parents or caregivers can use to play with young children. The activities encourage children to talk, listen, read and create, laying the foundation for problem solving, leadership and team-building skills.



Honoring a War Hero in Cromwell



On rare occasions, we honor truly exemplary citizens by naming roads in their honor. This year, I pushed for legislation to have part of Route 3 in Cromwell named in honor of the late Paul Roger Harrington, a war hero and longtime public servant. Paul exemplified what it means to be an engaged citizen. His distinguished military record during World War II was just the beginning of a lifetime of public service that included decades with the state police and years as the chief elected official in Cromwell. It was an honor to join his family and friends alongside the "Paul Roger Harrington Memorial Highway" to celebrate his life.

Fighting Hunger

In October, I volunteered with Middletown firefighters and other local officials at a fundraiser for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry, which feeds nearly 1,000 families each month. The community turned out in a strong show of support for the pantry and the vital services it provides to our neighbors in need.



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Update from SENATOR Paul Doyle

Committed to Economic Recovery

At the beginning of the global economic recession, Connecticut economists predicted a very slow recovery. At the State Capitol, we took action. During the last three legislative sessions and the 2011 October Special Session on Jobs, we passed historic, bipartisan, job-creating bills.

We launched and then expanded programs to help thousands of small and medium-size businesses. For example, the **STEP-Up** and **Small Business Express** programs—which so far have assisted nearly 850 firms to create or preserve almost 12,000 jobs—offer job-training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and state grants for small businesses.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we have created more than 41,000 private-sector jobs since 2011.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov.
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- ▶ **Job & Career ConnecTion** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org

To learn more about job growth in Connecticut, visit: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



Support for Local Businesses

Locally, many businesses in the communities I represent are utilizing important programs like STEP-Up and Small Business Express to preserve and create jobs.

Cromwell: ACT Group, Carey Manufacturing, Floyd Manufacturing, The Computer Company

Middletown: Wesleyan Potters, ID Mail, O'Rourke's Diner, Ferazzoli Imports, Advanced SportsPlex & Training Center, Test Logic (shown at left), EDCO Engineering, Royal Display (shown above)

Newington: Lynn Welding, B&N Tool Company, Newington Electric

Wethersfield: Waste to Water, Bliss Market

Rocky Hill: The Rare Reminder, Enernore, The Hartford Electric Supply Company, Wethersfield Offset

Children's Mental Health

Following the Newtown tragedy, Democrats and Republicans came together to improve Connecticut's mental health care system, with a particular focus on the well-being of children.

The new law implements a strong, comprehensive, integrated system of care. It identifies strategies for reducing the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children. It promotes early identification and intervention, and ensures access to developmentally appropriate services to help treat children earlier. It also created a Children's Mental Health Task Force to study the effects of nutrition, genetics and medication on our youngsters.



Stamping Out Price Gouging



In light of recent severe hurricanes and historic snowstorms that have battered Connecticut, members of the public have been vulnerable to price gouging by shady service providers for snow removal, flood abatement, roof raking and lodging. That's why, as Senate chairman of the General Law Committee, I introduced successful legislation to expand consumer protections by prohibiting price gouging for services that are essential for the health, safety and welfare of consumers in the aftermath of severe storms. This will be a deterrent to exploitative business owners and will protect consumers from predatory practices. For more information about how to report price gougers, contact the Department of Consumer Protection at 860-713-6300 or visit www.ct.gov/dcp.