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CRT's Holds Graduation Ceremony for 2017 Financial Literacy Institute on Dec. 12th *Recognizing Accomplishments of Adult Learners Who Completed 14-Week Educational Boot Camp*

HARTFORD — Adult learners who have completed the Community Renewal Team's (CRT) 2017 Financial Literacy Institute will be honored at a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, December 12, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, at CRT's Lumsden Center in Hartford (555 Windsor St). The cap-and-gown ceremony will include a presentation of diplomas to all of the graduates, and a keynote presentation by Wendy Tariff, Branch Manager for Cencap Federal Credit Union.

Launched in 2010, CRT's Financial Literacy Institute guides individuals from the Hartford area through an intensive, 14-week educational boot camp, covering a broad range of topics aimed at helping the students who complete the program to become financially self-reliant.

Program participants must complete weekly classes and homework. There are sessions with industry experts along with one-on-one support from CRT staff, helping to give participants the life-long habits necessary to maintain their future financial stability.

"We are extremely proud of all of the students who have completed our Financial Literacy Institute," says CRT's Director of Community Services, Elizabeth Horton Sheff. "Everyone worked very hard to get to where we are today, and all of the graduates will be able to apply the skills and knowledge they have gained during this time to improving their own financial success."

Special thanks to the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation for its financial support of this program.

Editor's Note: Media are invited to attend the graduation ceremony, and speak with program participants about their experience in the Financial Literacy Institute.

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