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CRT's Capital City YouthBuild Accepting Applications for 2018 Job-Training Program

YouthBuild participants develop valuable skills to succeed in the workforce and everyday life

HARTFORD — The Community Renewal Team's Capital City YouthBuild Americorps is currently seeking applicants for its comprehensive job training, education, and leadership development program for the 2018 training class. Capital City YouthBuild provides valuable job-training and life skills to out-of-school young adults, ages 18 to 24 living in Hartford.

Participants in YouthBuild learn job skills and serve the community by building affordable housing in partnership with the Hartford Housing Authority and working with various construction companies throughout the region.

In addition to gaining hands-on work experience, individuals enrolled in the program will spend time on other education and training activities, including: GED preparation, basic computer skills, conflict management and leadership development. All participants have the opportunity to receive their OSHA-10 certificate, Home Builders Institute (HBI) PACT certification, CPR, and ServSafe certification. Each participant is also eligible for a stipend and incentives for completion of their certifications, as well as the opportunity to obtain their CT State Driver's License.

"All of our YouthBuild graduates leave the program with more than simply learning how to properly use construction equipment — they have a solid education, real-world work experience, goals for their future, a support system and the self-confidence to know they can succeed," says Cynthia Baisden, Program Manager for Education, Employment & Training at CRT.

Last year, one YouthBuild graduate was hired by CT Carpenters, Local 43 Carpenters as an apprentice in the union, which in turn resulted in his being assigned construction work to help

complete Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford, where the Yard Goats play baseball, as well as the project for UConn's new campus in downtown Hartford.

"YouthBuild graduates prove themselves through a rigorous six-month program that challenges them to make positive changes in their community and their own lives," says Baisden. "They have a solid work ethic and know how to show up on time, ready for work, all day, every day."

CRT provides YouthBuild participants with ongoing support to ensure that new graduates are successful in their chosen career.

Capital City YouthBuild has several industry partners who support the program and its graduates. Our Partners include:

- Hartford Housing Authority
- MDC
- Capital Community College
- Meadows Real Estate Management and Development Corporation
- Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity
- CT Carpenters, Local 43 Carpenters

By integrating paid work experience on community projects with career exploration, education, and life-skills training, YouthBuild helps its participants to develop the skills they need to succeed in the classroom, the workforce and everyday life.

Applications for the 2018 YouthBuild program are being accepted now. Individuals that want to learn more are invited to attend an orientation on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2:30 pm, at CRT's Youth Artisan & Technology Center located at 1443-1445 Main Street in Hartford.

For more information, or to apply for a position with CRT's Capital City YouthBuild, please call 860-560-5308, or email: youthbuild@crtct.org

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