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Project Hartford nursing students from the University of Hartford and CRT’s McKinney Emergency Shelter hosted a block of Tryon Street shelter on a health and resource fair on April 15. Students provided free health care clinics, nutrition counseling, mental health, HIV testing, counseling and more. This was the first opportunity for clients in the clinic who are graduating with their BS degrees to serve.

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Vernon and Windsor Locks Honor Volunteers’ Contributions

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Students Hold Bike Drive For CRT

Hall High School students hosting bike drive to help the homeless

By Shquall Islam

Three Hall High School students are working together to tackle the transportation needs of the homeless. Sam, Sam and Sam, students in Hall's Global Problems class, learned of the transportation needs experienced by the homeless during a trip to Byrdide Village in Hartford. They were inspired by a recent article they read in the school paper about a local charity that helps homeless individuals. The group decided to organize a bike drive.

They set a goal to collect 100 bikes to donate to the McKinley shelter, operated by the Community Renewal Team. The shelter provides shelter and other essential services, as well as several other organizations that support homeless individuals. The theme of their drive is "Bikes for the Homeless." The drive is open to the public, and students have been collecting bikes from their peers and the Hall community.

The bikes will be delivered to the McKinley shelter on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

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Making a difference
West Hartford students donate bikes to homeless to get to jobs

WEST HARTFORD — What may sound like a typical bike is instead seen as a new opportunity for a lot of men at the McKinney Shelter in Hartford.

“I am the happiest person in my whole life today,” said Jose Martinez, who told Fox CT he can only work part-time as a painter because some of the jobs are too far. “I have to walk and cancel my appointments or I can’t make it to my job or I can’t make it to my job appointment because I don’t get transportation,” said Martinez.

He’s hoping that will change: Martinez is one of 14 men getting a new set of wheels, thanks to three seniors at Hall High School in West Hartford.

As part of their global problems-solving class, Sam Dobbs, Jason Gilbert and Sam Katten decided to focus on the issue of limited transportation for those struggling financially.

“Maybe what we think as a recreational tool, for them, it’s a life source, a way of getting around that we use a car as,” said Katten.

Realizing the severity of this issue, Katten, along with his classmates, started a bike drive. In all, they collected nearly 140 bikes to be given to those who are homeless.

However, these bikes aren’t just given out to anyone. Only people who are working like Martinez, and those who can prove they’re looking for jobs, were eligible.

Louis Pittman, who is actively seeking work, but hindered by his lack of transportation, was another one of the recipients of a new bike. “Getting the job, I do pretty well. If I figured I tell myself pretty well. So, getting the job isn’t the problem, it’s getting back and forth,” said Pittman.

Other bikes will be distributed after a bit of maintenance, which several local businesses are volunteering to do for free.
CRT Helps Habitat for Humanity - Women Build

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CRT turns out for Women Build Week in Hartford! We’re happy to raise walls and raise hope with Habitat for Humanity, for families who need decent, affordable housing.
EMAP Helps Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

Community Renewal Team Expands Foreclosure Prevention Program

In today’s economic climate, consumers are faced with difficult decisions. Some are considering buying a home to take advantage of low prices and interest rates, while others struggle to keep up with mortgage payments because of a loss of income. Either way, the process can be difficult to manage without assistance, and it can be difficult for consumers to know which counseling agencies they can trust.

That’s where the Community Renewal Team comes in. If a homeowner is having trouble making payments or relying on a grace period to pay the mortgage, CRT housing counselors can work with that homeowner to put a plan in place to save the home from foreclosure.

But don’t wait until it’s too late. The sooner homeowners act when times get tough, the better the chances are of saving their homes. There are no income restrictions to participate in CRT’s foreclosure prevention program and homeowners don’t need to have a foreclosure notice before taking part. What’s more, as a non-profit housing counseling agency, all housing programs at CRT are free and conducted by highly trained industry specialists.

CRT’s expanded foreclosure prevention program is due in part to increased federal funding to programs that help homeowners. And as participants in The National Industry Standards for Homebuyer Education and Counseling, CRT housing counselors must meet high standards of excellence, ensuring that consumers are provided the most consistent and critical information, advice and guidance on home buying and foreclosure prevention.

“Homeownership education and counseling is crucial to successful long-term homeownership, whether buying a home or keeping the one you’re in,” says Elizabeth Horton Smith, director of Community Services at CRT. “CRT has dozens of highly trained housing counselors who work one-on-one with aspiring homeowners or homeowners facing foreclosure to help them determine the appropriate actions for their particular financial situation.”

Consumers who are having trouble making their mortgage payments or considering buying a home should contact one of nearly 1,000 local nonprofit housing counseling organizations, like CRT, that have adopted the National Industry Standards for Homebuyer Education and Counseling, says Jayna Bower, director of NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC). The standards were developed in collaboration with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other leading housing industry representatives, working together to protect the best interests of the consumer and provide a way for counseling organizations to demonstrate accountability and commitment.

For more information on CRT’s Housing Counseling Department, call 860-761-7937 or email foreclosure@ctct.org.

Community Renewal Team helps individuals, families, and communities with basic needs, relief during a crisis or support to make long-term changes. Help can involve everything from childcare or housing to education or treatment.

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Shelters Handle New Expectations

Denied State Funding, Vernon Shelter May Close

VERNON — A second homeless shelter may have to close after the state denied funding for the next fiscal year, but state and local officials offered differing reasons.

The shelter’s board of directors is now focused on surviving the loss of $235,000 in expected revenue, he said. Plans include fundraising and a possible merger with another shelter that serves a similar population, Nijsse said.

In 1984, the shelter serves men, women and families. Although funded for 14 years, the shelter admitted people from all over the region, Nijsse said. Tri-Town is serving more children than ever — 7 years and younger — and the safety of shelter clients is a main reason for seeking to serve more families, Nijsse said.

The shelter cannot raise adequate funds, the shelter could close by the end of July, he said.

Other shelters in the region said they have been discussing how to handle a likely influx of new clients.

There’s a concern that when you close 60-odd beds, where do they go?” said Marilyn Bonacelli, executive director of the Open House shelter in Hartford. “Those people don’t disappear.”

The other homeless shelter in the immediate area is the East Hartford Community Shelter. Run by the Community Renewal Team, the 40-bed shelter serves men, women and families, Nijsse said. CRT leaders also are discussing the effects of the MACC shelter’s closing on the possible closing of the Tri-Town shelter, Nijsse said.

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The East Hartford shelter expects to receive state funding in the next fiscal year, she said. The shelter, Nijsse said, is committed to following the Housing First model, which advocates say has been successful throughout the nation in getting people off the streets and into permanent housing.

"Simply stated, Connecticut has been recognized as a national leader in our efforts to end homelessness," Klein said. "And we’ve been making great strides on this front, because we have implemented national best practices."
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