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CRT and the Town of East Windsor Offer Free Summer Lunches *Arts & Crafts Activities as well as Healthy Meals Available Through August 26th*

EAST WINDSOR—The Community Renewal Team, Inc. and the Town of East Windsor are pleased to announce that income-eligible town residents now have access to a free children's summer lunch and activities program every day this summer until August 26th. Fun and supervised arts and crafts activities provided by the town's Parks and Recreation Department begin at 10:00am at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 55 North Main St. Delicious and healthy lunches are then served from 11:30am – 12:30pm.

This is part of the larger, statewide Summer Food Service Program that provides free breakfasts, lunches and snacks to low income children who would otherwise be hungry – typically those who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the school year. It is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and in Connecticut it is administered by the State Department of Education.

Community Renewal Team, Inc. has been the sponsor of the summer food program in Middletown and Portland for more than two decades, and beginning last year, Enfield now hosts a site as well. There has been unprecedented growth over the past few years: Between 2006 and 2009, CRT's summer meal count rose six-fold, from 3,500 to more than 23,000, while national meal counts were spiraling downwards. In 2010, the program was serving an average of 1,900 meals and snacks per day!

For more information about this program and others related to CRT meals programs, please call Jane Coggins, Nutrition Manager: 860-347-44765. To learn about the services that CRT provides, please refer to the website, crtct.org, or call the Public Information Office: 860-560-5689.

Community Renewal Team, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency for Middlesex and Hartford Counties and is the largest non-profit provider of human services in Connecticut. The agency's mission is Preparing Our Community to Meet Life's Challenges. The mission is achieved each day by helping people and families become self-sufficient while making sure basic needs are met. CRT's programs include Head Start, Meals on Wheels, energy assistance, supportive housing and shelters, and many others, serving people in more than 60 cities and towns in both our core catchment area and throughout Connecticut.