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Local Businesses Make Free Day-long Financial Workshop Possible

Inter-generational, city-wide seminar for residents concerned with personal finances

Personal finances and budgeting have never been more important, and now Greater Hartford adults and youth 16 and older have the chance to register for a public discussion that will help people of all ages to “get your mind on your money!” On Saturday, September 17, a city-wide financial literacy symposium takes place at Capital Preparatory Magnet School at 1304 Main St. in Hartford. This event is free and open to the public.

Presenters from local businesses and organizations including Money Management International, Edward Jones, the CT Department of Labor, and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury will lead workshops for attendees. A generous donation by Hartford’s Albany Ave. Subway helped in providing lunch for the day.

The event runs from 8:30am – 4pm and will explore various financial topics including: cost of living issues; credit rebuilding; the importance of saving; and coping with financial stress. Out of the six total workshops to be offered, attendees can choose one for the morning session and one for the afternoon. The workshops are:

- “Manage Your Money to Manage Your Credit”
- “Living on Your Own”
- “Dealing with Unemployment & Underemployment”
- “The Psychology of Money”
- “What is a Reverse Mortgage?”
- “Making Sense Out of Retirement”

Sponsors of the event include Community Renewal Team, Blue Hills Civic Association, Urban League of Greater Hartford, and Village for Families and Children.

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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.