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Community Renewal Team's New Location Will be a Resource for Hartford Residents

VITA, Behavioral Health, Eviction/Foreclosure Prevention Among Offerings

HARTFORD—Community Renewal Team has recently opened a Community Resource Center at 330 Market Street, which will provide case management and free completion of state and IRS tax returns through the VITA program. Staff will help families enroll children in school, complete Department of Social Services applications and access other benefits for which they are eligible.

Staff will also connect households in crisis with the CRT Eviction/Foreclosure Prevention Program, as well as various financial literacy programs. Information is also available on the IDA (Individual Development Account), a savings account which matches \$2 for every \$1 deposited by participants, who can save for a home or condo, education or business start-up.

Normal business hours are 8 am – 4 pm. For more information about the Community Resource Center at 330 Market Street, please call 860-560-5782. The other CRT Community Resource Centers will continue to provide the same services, as they have in the past. For the Community Resource Center at 395 Wethersfield Avenue, call 860-560-5894. For the Community Resource Center at 1229 Albany Avenue, call 860-560-5776.

Behavioral and Mental Health Services

The newly-renovated building is also the primary location for CRT's licensed Behavioral Health Clinic, which provides group and individual recovery counseling and support, Partial Hospitalization and an Intensive Outpatient Program. BHS also provides psychiatric services, medication management, and assistance for individuals with HIV/AIDS, their partners and families. Most insurance types are accepted, and CRT works with those who are un- and under-insured. To reach the CRT Behavioral Health Service on Market Street, please call 860-761-7900

Offices for Home Energy Solutions (weatherization) and CRT's affiliate company, Meadows Real Estate and Property Management, are also moving to Market Street. Home Energy Solutions provides home assessments and weatherization services for households of all income levels. For information on weatherizing a single- or multi-family home, please call 860-560-5137. The Meadows designs and develops residential and educational buildings, and provides property

management services for public and private organizations. To reach The Meadows, please call 860-560-5482.

The Market Street location formerly housed the Star Silk and Woolen Co., and later Home Health Pavilion, Inc. CRT purchased the property in August 2010. Baily & Johnson Architects and PDS Energy & Construction, Inc. carried out the renovation project that began in December 2010.

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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 aims to change lives and create opportunities for residents in the community. The core 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. www.crtct.org