

CRT A Photographic History



Opening day art exhibit at Craftery, Albany Avenue.

Celebrating Culture - 1972

(Left) CRT opens The Craftery, a community gallery showcasing nationally-known minority artists and musical performers. It hosts the Hartford Youth Art Renaissance and offers workshops in design, photography, needlework, weaving, jewelry-making and other media.

Winter Comfort - 1976

(Below) CRT creates its own Energy Assistance Program to offer furnace repair, home winterization, and emergency energy loans to households throughout the region. Congress authorizes the first large energy allocations in 1979, as petroleum prices spike during the OPEC oil embargo.



Essential Shelter - 1987

After a homeless man is found frozen to death in a Hartford park, the city establishes the 88-bed Stewart B. McKinney Emergency Shelter to be operated by CRT. McKinney is the only city shelter offering day respite for men who are medically fragile.



New Option for Seniors - 2005

CRT opens The Retreat, a vibrant and affordable assisted living residence in downtown Hartford that balances independence with support. This pilot has saved taxpayers more than \$20 million by keeping low-income seniors from prematurely moving to more costly nursing homes.



Building Skills - 2010

Capital City YouthBuild exceeds national benchmarks, boosting academic and vocational skills of out-of-school youth. Students earn stipends as they prepare for jobs or apprenticeships. Case managers help students with family issues, such as child care, housing and transportation.



For Those Who Served - 2009

Seeing veterans over-represented among the homeless, CRT establishes a continuum of services including a transitional residence, veteran family outreach, emergency eviction prevention, rapid re-housing services, vocational training and job placement.




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