

# MEDIA ALERT

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## **CRT Hosts Thanksgiving Feast For Veterans, Donates Turkeys**

*Manchester Community College culinary arts students to prepare and serve lunch*

HARTFORD - Manchester Community College Culinary Arts students are planning a traditional Thanksgiving meal to serve to CRT's veteran clients this November as a way to honor them and their service to our country. Planned for Nov. 25 at CRT's 330 Market Street office in Hartford from noon to 2 p.m., the lunch is being held exclusively for veteran clients from CRT's The Retreat, an assisted living center for low-income individuals, and from Veteran's Crossing, a homeless shelter operated by CRT exclusively for veterans.

MCC culinary arts students will be on hand and in uniform to serve the Thanksgiving meal they worked so hard to prepare for CRT's veterans. Organizing a traditional Thanksgiving meal like this offers MCC students a hands-on community service opportunity and experience at catering an event, which goes toward earning class credits. It also enables CRT to provide a wholesome and hearty Thanksgiving meal to more than 50 of their veteran clients.

Working hand in hand with Foodshare, CRT is also donating 1,500 turkeys to its clients to help ensure that everyone can enjoy and give thanks this holiday season. Turkeys will be distributed November 25 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at XFinity Theater in Hartford.

This marks the sixth year that CRT has held this luncheon for veteran clients but the first year the feast has been prepared entirely by Manchester Community College. MCC will donate up to \$200 toward food costs and prepare and serve the entire meal to honor CRT's Veteran clients this Thanksgiving. Members of the media are invited to attend the lunch to photograph and interview CRT clients, staff and MCC students before and during the lunch.

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