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## **Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern CT Awarded Grant from the Chelsea Groton Foundation for Veterans Technology Center**

**HARTFORD, Conn., July 15, 2019** – On July 15, Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern CT received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Chelsea Groton Foundation to advance its “Veterans Technology Center” based out of the organizations’ Veterans Rally Point Center in Norwich, CT. Veterans Rally Point is a life-changing Easterseals program dedicated to successfully reintegrating Veterans/service members and their families into all aspects of civilian life. Among the services offered at Veterans Rally Point are career development support and technology literacy, both of which are focus areas for this grant.

Funds provided by the Foundation will be used to expand our Veterans Technology Center to include new desk top computers and a state-of-the-art color printer. Adding more computers will increase the number of unemployed Veterans who have the opportunity to learn critical technology skills needed to secure employment today, including: how to conduct a targeted online job search, establish a professional profile on career web sites, create and update a resume, follow up on employment opportunities via email, become proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite software programs and related internet research. In addition, having access to a color printer will be key to helping Veterans prepare documents and other professional materials needed for job interviews.

Support for this initiative demonstrates the long held commitment by the Chelsea Groton Foundation to spur positive growth in the communities it serves. “For 165 years, improving the quality of life in our community has been at the core of Chelsea Groton’s values,” said Michael Rauh, President and CEO of Chelsea Groton Bank. “Through the Foundation, we are able to support non-profits who play a critical role in our communities. Our team is always honored to contribute to our shared community, especially the city of Norwich where we have been serving Veterans since 1854. We are grateful to help worthy organizations like Easterseals get the funding they need for projects that will have a significant impact on our local Veterans, who are incredibly deserving of our support.”

The Veterans Rally Point team is enthusiastic about what this grant will do for Veterans in the area of job readiness and technology literacy. “We are thrilled to partner with the Chelsea Groton Foundation in support of Easterseals’ free transformational Rally Point services offered to a growing number of Veterans seeking employment, including a variety of other services,” said Easterseals Capital Region and Eastern Connecticut EVP, Chief Operating Officer, Beth Pritchard, “It is with gratitude that our Easterseals Team, on behalf of the Veterans we serve, accepts this gift of expanded accessibility to career development

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provided by the Foundation today.” Pritchard added.

***Veterans Rally Point is located at 24 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT and serves Veterans in need. If you would like more information, please call 860.859.4148 ext. 1.***

**About the Chelsea Groton Foundation**

*The Chelsea Groton Foundation was formed in June 1998 as a Section 501(c) (3) organization. Initially endowed with a \$2 million donation from Chelsea Groton Bank, and recently gifted an additional \$5 million from the Bank, the Foundation has, to date, awarded over \$3.4 million in grants to hundreds of scientific, educational and charitable organizations located within the Bank’s market area. To learn more, visit: [www.chelseagroton.com/CGFoundation](http://www.chelseagroton.com/CGFoundation).*

**About Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut**

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