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**Community Foundation of Middlesex County Supports
New Horizons Shelter with \$5,000 Grant**

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., March 31, 2016: New Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter, operated by Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), has received a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to purchase food and personal care supplies for shelter residents.

The grant is made possible by the generosity of the Chuck and Rachel Wiltsie Fund, the Elizabeth Swaim Middletown Fund, the Middle Oak Fund, the Jean and Biff Shaw Fund, and the Susan and William Wasch Fund.

“This grant is an example of the strong community support that is essential to the ongoing operation of New Horizons,” says Kimberly Citron, PhD, shelter director. State funding for the shelter currently covers only about half the actual cost, she adds.

“This grant will provide essential resources for the domestic violence victims served by New Horizons, especially now when the program is facing serious budget constraints,” says Margaret Flinter, APRN, PhD, senior vice president and clinical director of CHC.

Last year, New Horizons shelter provided a safe haven for 32 adults and 26 children who faced physical danger and had no other safe place to go. Other services, such as crisis intervention, counseling, and civil court advocacy, were provided to more than 1,038 victims of domestic violence, either in person or by phone.

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About Community Health Center, Inc.

Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary healthcare system committed to caring for uninsured and underserved populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Recognized as both a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance and a Primary Care Medical Home by The Joint Commission, CHC delivers service in more than 200 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit www.chc1.com.

About Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Community Foundation of Middlesex County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. Its mission is to work with charitably-minded individuals and organizations to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds and to support local-nonprofit organizations through effective grant making to address community needs. Since its founding in 1997, the Community Foundation has provided 1,564 grants totaling more than \$4.7 million to nonprofit organizations for the arts: cultural and heritage programs; educational activities; environmental improvements; and for health and human services. For more information, visit www.middlesexcountycf.org.