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***“Career Connections” School-to-Career Initiatives
Supported by Peoples United Community Foundation***

HARTFORD – As part of an overall initiative to develop school-to-career programming and operations specifically designed for urban youth in the North Central Connecticut region, the Peoples United Community Foundation has awarded Capital Workforce Partners \$10,000.

“The funds will be used to extend the “Tier IV” Career Connections year round program for Hartford high school juniors and seniors to more students and additional schools and academies,” says Thomas Phillips, Capital Workforce Partners President and CEO. “These youth will have already benefitted from previous years of distinct “career competencies” training that has included summer and year round internships at various worksites throughout the region. We are very pleased that Peoples United recognizes the value of proactively supporting future workforce development.”

The 2011 Summer Youth Employment Program is coming to a close throughout the rest of the month of August. For updates on various completion ceremonies, and to see what Hartford and the region’s youth accomplished this summer, check out [.capitalworkforce.org](http://capitalworkforce.org) for continuous updates. Media is encouraged to attend any or all completion ceremonies.

Capital Workforce Partners - the region’s Workforce Investment Board, leverages public and private resources to produce skilled workers for a competitive regional economy. They play a significant role in developing the region’s “future workforce” and advocating for support and development of youth employment training opportunities. www.capitalworkforce.org

Peoples United Community Foundation - established in 2007, the People's United Community Foundation was formed to help support programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for citizens in the communities that People's United Bank serves. With special emphasis on programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency, education and improved conditions for low-income families and neighborhoods, the funding priorities of the Foundation include: community development, youth development, and affordable housing.

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