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## **CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER DONATES TO CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS**

**HARTFORD, CT (October 23, 2013)** – The Connecticut Convention Center donated \$2,000.00 to the Connecticut Department of Veteran's Affairs. The donation was made on behalf of voluntary contributions from more than 200 associates at the Convention Center as part of the Waterford Group Charitable Foundation, a private foundation that seeks to support the communities in which associates of Waterford Group and its affiliates live and work. This includes Waterford Venue Services, which manages the Connecticut Convention Center.

The donation had a personal connection with one of the Center's employees, whose brother is currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom serving in the United States Air Force.

"Having services that assist our troops when they come home is something she feels strongly about," stated Michael Costelli, General Manager for the Connecticut Convention Center. "We thought this was a worthy cause to support and felt the programs offered by the Connecticut Department of Veteran's Affairs made the organization an appropriate selection for our donation."

### **About the Connecticut Convention Center**

The Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford is the state's premier meeting venue and the largest full-service convention facility between New York and Boston. Overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River, it features 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 40,000-square-foot ballroom and 25,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as ample sheltered parking. The facility is served by more than 6,500 local area hotel rooms, including the 22-story Marriott Hartford Downtown, adjacent to the Convention Center. The venue is professionally managed for the State of Connecticut by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group. For more information, please visit [www.ctconventions.com](http://www.ctconventions.com).

### **About Waterford Group Charitable Foundation**

The Waterford Group Charitable Foundation is a private foundation that seeks to support the communities in which associates of Waterford Group and its affiliates live and work. The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life of others through monetary and gift-in-kind donations, as well as volunteering at various events. Donations are provided to not-for-profit organizations that support health and well-being, youths, arts and cultural activities, and other various community initiatives. For more information, please visit [www.waterfordgroup.net](http://www.waterfordgroup.net).

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