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CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER DONATES TO HARTFORD CULINARY ARTS ACADEMY

HARTFORD, CT (February 4, 2013) – The Connecticut Convention Center continued its support for the future of the hospitality industry by donating \$1,250.00 to the Hartford Culinary Arts Academy. The Academy is a college preparatory school for 400 students from grades 9–12 that engages students in a modern environment that combines rigorous academic courses with a related sequence of career pathway courses focused on Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.

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.

Richard Moriarty, Senior Executive Advisor at the Academy accepted the donation. “We are very grateful for this donation, which is one of the first the school has received,” Moriarty stated. “The funds will go to great use, helping our students fulfill their dreams in the hospitality industry.”



Richard Moriarty, Senior Executive Advisor at the Hartford Culinary Arts Academy accepts the donation check from Michael Costelli, General Manager at the Connecticut Convention Center.

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.

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.