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### **YWCA and Chrysalis Center Celebrate Five Year Anniversary of Soromundi Commons**

Hartford, CT- On July 27, at 10 a.m. YWCA Hartford Region and the Chrysalis Center will celebrate the five year anniversary of Soromundi Commons, an innovative supportive housing facility that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing. This premier facility is a nationally recognized model that provides a continuum of care on site, from shelter to permanent housing coupled with supportive services including case management, health care, and a community learning center. Soromundi Commons provides all the necessary tools and support to help the at-risk and homeless move towards self-sufficiency.

Soromundi Common provides more than 130 individuals with safe and supportive housing each year including the emergency shelter, 13 transitional and 35 permanent affordable apartments.

“Soromundi Commons has become more than a successful partnership with the Covenant Preparatory School, Konover Residential and the YWCA; it has become a national model on how to provide different levels of care and support all under one roof,” said Sharon L. Castelli, Executive Director of Chrysalis Center, Inc. “We have had visitors from around the country and have won a number of awards but nothing is more important then the numerous lives changed in the short 5 years the project,” she added.

The anniversary celebration will include guest speakers and refreshments. Funding for Soromundi includes support from the State of Connecticut (Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services and Department of Social Services), United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and many generous community supporters.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women’s membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.** YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford area including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. For more information, visit [www.ywcahartford.org](http://www.ywcahartford.org).