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COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER HOSTS “PIZZA WITH THE PUPS” A FREE EVENT CELEBRATING ITS CANINE MASCOT DR. BARKLEY

TORRINGTON, CT, September 14—To celebrate its new mascot Dr. Barkley—one of the Tails of NW CT dog sculptures—Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) is hosting “Pizza with the Pups.” Free to the public, the event is being held on Thursday, September 20th, from 4 pm to 6 pm, in the lobby of its Torrington medical office at 469 Migeon Avenue.

During the festivities, the community will have the opportunity to see a demonstration by the Torrington K-9 Unit team of Officer Justin Deloy and his partner Titus, a black German Shepherd, between 4 pm and 5 pm. From 5 pm to 6 pm, guests can meet Tuna, a Golden Retriever owned by Dale Picard, co-founder of ECAD (Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities) of Winsted. Pizza and snacks will be served, and kids can pose for a souvenir “Pizza with the Pups” Instax photo with a commemorative frame. Pizza is provided, in part, courtesy of a donation from Torrington’s Big Y.

Tails of NW CT is a public art project made possible by the collaboration of three regional non-profits: The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, The Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, and Prime Time House. The initiative offered a series of dog forms that have been decorated by various artists and made available to area businesses to “foster” on display for the public to view. The dog sculptures can then be “adopted” at the Tails of NW CT Auction on Saturday, October 20th. CHWC will adopt Dr. Barkley, who was created by area artist Jennifer Atkins. He’s a “dogtor” who wears blue scrubs and has a stethoscope around his neck.

“We are delighted to open our lobby up for the public to view Dr. Barkley up close and personal during ‘Pizza with the Pups,’” says Joanne Borduas, CEO of CHWC. “Our staff loves animals, and we are grateful that the Torrington Police K-9 Unit and ECAD partnered with us for this special event. It’s sure to be a doggone good time!”

ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington is committed to keeping communities healthy. The center, its employees, volunteer practitioners, board members, officer, and independent contractors are deemed to be employees of the Federal Public Health and Human Services. In a compassionate, patient-centered environment, CHWC services are accessible and provided without discriminations, with cultural competence, and where all people matter regardless of their ability to pay.

CHWC offers and continues to develop a range of healthcare services for the underserved throughout northwest Connecticut, including medical, dental, chiropractic, and counseling services. It strives to achieve the reputation of “provider of choice” for affordable, high quality services that achieve positive patient outcomes in a welcoming and caring environment.

CHWC collaborates and advocates with other organizations to increase the region’s capacity to meet the communities’ health and wellness needs. It is the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Connecticut to receive a Health Services and Resource’s Association’s (HRSA) Health Center Program 2017 Quality Leader Award.

CHWC is located at 469 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, CT, and 115 Spencer Street, Winsted, CT, with the following satellite locations: FISH of Torrington, 332 South Main Street, Torrington; Sullivan Senior Center, 88 East Albert Street, Torrington, CT; The Open Door Soup Kitchen, 160 Main Street, Winsted; YMCA Emergency Shelter, 480 Main Street, Winsted; Torrington Soup Kitchen, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington; and Oliver Wolcott Technical School, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington. Telephone 860-489-0931, visit at www.chwctorr.org and on Facebook.

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Come enjoy "Pizza with the Pups!" Thursday Sept. 20th from 4 to 6 pm in the lobby of our Torrington Medical Building you'll get to meet our new "mascot" Dr. Barkley, along with Titus from the Torrington K-9 Unit and Tuna from ECAD! Free pizza, snacks, and souvenir photos for kids! It'll be a doggone great time!