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### ***Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Home for the Holidays***

BRIDGEPORT, CT —Vietnam era veteran, Randy Jackson, is one of the many residents occupying Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust's (BNT) newest residential building this holiday season.



*BNT Resident, Randy Jackson*

On Monday, December 11, 2017 BNT hosted the official ribbon cutting ceremony of Westgate Apartments, a five-story 48-unit building at 515 West Avenue in Bridgeport. Westgate residents, BNT staff, government officials and project funders were all in attendance for the announcements and ribbon cutting. After the ribbon cutting, attendees enjoyed a tour of Westgate Apartments.



*BNT Chief Executive Officer Elizabeth Torres*

Elizabeth Torres, BNT Chief Executive Officer said, “Westgate represents the second building that we have completed in what we call the Downtown West neighborhood. We’re one step closer to making this neighborhood really come to life. Not only is Westgate providing affordable housing, housing for veterans, and a mix of uses including retail on the ground floor.” Torres added, “Westgate compliments BNT’s overall strategy to create a new neighborhood. A new neighborhood for the people who live here in Bridgeport.”

Westgate Apartments will contribute to ending homelessness in Connecticut by providing affordable housing to individuals who need it most, including homeless veterans.



### *Bridgeport Mayor Joe Gamin*

“This is fitting of the holiday season and recognizes the contributions that all our veterans make. It’s heartwarming and it’s nice to see that were doing as much as we can to support our veterans,” commented Bridgeport Mayor Joe Gamin.

Westgate Apartments features one, two, and three bedroom apartments and street level commercial space. The Westgate Apartments provide a mix of housing options for low and moderate income families and individuals who want to enjoy living in an urban setting with a mix of uses to live, work and play.

Funding for this development was provided by City of Bridgeport, Community Capital Fund, Richmond Group, Connecticut Green Bank, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, JPMorgan Chase & Co., State of Connecticut Department of Housing, Capital for Change, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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### **About Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust**

Incorporated in 1986, Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT) provides an array of services in the Bridgeport community. BNT’s mission is to LEAD, EMPOWER and CHANGE Bridgeport neighborhoods, improving quality of life through affordable housing opportunities. To meet this challenge, BNT develops and manages affordable housing, creates healthy homes, and provides comprehensive homeownership counseling.

Stay connected and learn more about all the great programs BNT has going on throughout the year and “LIKE” us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/BridgeportNeighborhoodTrust](http://www.facebook.com/BridgeportNeighborhoodTrust). There is still time to donate and support our annual fundraiser. Visit our website at <https://www.bntweb.org/about/donate/>

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