

TEAM Inc. and Griffin Hospital Launch Senior Meal Choice Program

September 16, 2008 ---TEAM, Inc. and Griffin Hospital announces the launch of the new Griffin Hospital Senior Meals Choice Program. The new meal program will provide Valley seniors 60 years of age and over a nutritionally balanced meal served in the Griffin Hospital Dining Room on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 5:00 P.M. and on Thursday's at 11:45 A.M. beginning Tuesday, September 23rd.

The program operated by TEAM, Inc. is an extension of the Senior Café lunch programs currently held at the Ansonia Doyle and Derby Senior Centers and the Callahan House. The new program extends dining options by providing senior meals prepared by Griffin Hospital's dietary department in the evening as well as lunch time. The meal will be a choice of two entrees and will include a fruit dessert and a drink. Seniors are given the opportunity to contribute towards the cost of each meal. The suggested donation is \$3.00 per meal. Seniors who cannot afford the suggested donation are not denied access to the program.

Reservations are required by at least one day in advance by 12 P.M. and can be made by calling TEAM, Inc. at (203) 736-5432 ext. 1203. An intake through the phone will be required prior to participating on the program.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunity to partner with Griffin Hospital and Unidine, the company that manages Griffin's dietary department, on this Seniors Meal Program. The program will provide greater options for older adults in regard to where they eat and to better serve older adults residing in the Valley that have previously not been served by the traditional congregate meal programs” states Robert Bohannon, TEAM, Vice President of Elderly & Community Services. He further states “The Seniors Meal Program is a great place for seniors to meet people or join a friend, or friends for dinner or lunch. They don't have to worry about meal planning, shopping or cooking. The program is good for the health and well-being of our Valley seniors who especially need a little help each month in stretching their food budget.”

The Griffin Hospital Seniors Meal Program is funded by the Older Americans Act Title III through the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut.