

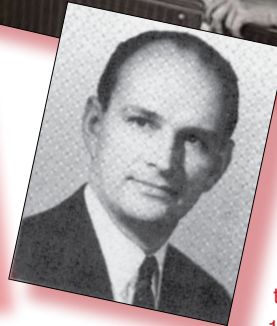
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Harc *Lite* Today

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60 YEARS
of Changing lives and
Changing minds

“HARC is so important to our family! Our son, Jay, is 43 now. We had used the services of another organization, but when we switched to HARC for his residential and day programs the difference was like night and day! The staff is just so wonderful and the security we feel is amazing. Thanks to HARC, Jay is part of the community and he is one happy guy! We doubled our contribution this year to show our appreciation for the terrific care we get. Thank you HARC!”
Flo & Jack Guite

FOR RETARDED CHILDREN
A group of parents and friends of mentally retarded children today announced they were forming an organization in Hartford designed to promote public understanding of this little-known problem. Persons interested in attending meetings of the group, the first in this area and the second the state, may phone 9-1238 for further details.



Far left: The newspaper article that started it all; Left: Clark Brinkerhoff, HARC's first President of the Board in 1951; Above: Rockin' & rollin' in the HARC summer camp wagon in 1960; Below: Founding mothers,

Margaret Tedone and Lottie Sherman receiving Community Service Awards from West Hartford Junior Women's Club in 1966.

60 Years

... and going strong to create full lives for people with intellectual and related disabilities!



Left: Stephen Becker, EdD arrived at HARC in 1977 as Executive Director. Color photos, left to right: DaShaun and Heather at Camp Bulova; Melanie during her physical therapy session; the HARC supported employment team at Robinson & Cole, where we are celebrating our 25th anniversary; and Ann and Keith folding linens at the Hartford Hospital Laundry, one of our newest employment sites.



Random & Unharvested, The Second Generation

On Celebrations

Who would have imagined when learning the news of a special needs child...that a lifetime of celebrations would lay ahead? Just a few reasons to celebrate: mandatory education in neighborhood schools, Americans with Disabilities Act, community residential options, early intervention, supported employment, day programs, year-round leisure and recreation activities, family support, respite, Special Olympics, presence and participation in Connecticut town life throughout the lifespan.

The gifts our people bring to their families, neighbors, classmates, co-workers and support staff are true reasons for celebration. We salute people with intellectual disability for fixing a world that is often turned upside down, by engendering balance, proportion, perspective, trust, love and peace. Plus... we love a party. Let's celebrate!



Stephen Becker, EdD
President / CEO

We love our letters and emails!

Hello Jennifer,

My apologies for the late follow up to our HARC visit. Rest assured this is not an indication that our experience was ordinary or routine. Quite the contrary, on our drive back to the office, Lois and I spoke with high admiration about HARC and our visit which was informative, inspiring and, most of all, moving for both of us!

The mood and spirit of the people in the programs are evidence of HARC's success in providing opportunities and experiences which allow them to live happy and fulfilled lives! In selecting which charitable organizations we support each year, the dominant factor motivating our decision is where we can 'move the needle.' We most certainly did see proof of that at HARC and Camp Bulova!

Lois and I thank you, Dr. Becker and Greg Grant in welcoming us into a very special world -- one which was new to us -- that has left an indelible imprint. We came away with a feeling of optimism knowing that even people with great challenges can go on and live purposeful and satisfying lives -- thanks to the vision, perseverance and unyielding commitment of wonderful people like those at HARC who are devoted to improving the lives of others!

On behalf of the Swiss Re Hartford Corporate Citizenship Committee, we wish all of you at HARC a wonderful holiday season!

Kind regards,
Renee

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“HARC gives us good opportunities, out in the community and in the employment centers.”

Katrina

The HARC Capitols Bring Home the Silver!

The HARC Capitols came back home with Silver medals from the Special Olympic CT Floor Hockey Tournament on the weekend of March 5-6! Members of the Floor Hockey Club went to the tournament and enjoyed an overnight stay at the Sheraton Hartford and a dance. Congrats to everyone on the team!



Right: Twenty-four HARC artists are featured in the upcoming 10th ArtSparks exhibit at Charter Oak Cultural Center. Join us at the opening reception on May 6 at 5:30.

Below: HARC's Unified Floor Hockey Club, including The HARC Capitols, skills athletes, and the special partners at the Special Olympics CT Tournament in March.



Golf & Dinner 2011!

These great events are back again for 2011! Don't golf? No problem! You can still join us for dinner and an evening of dancing. Enjoy Attilio's wonderful cuisine at Simsbury Farms Golf Club!

“There just are not enough good words to describe the fabulous, loving care that my granddaughter, Mandy gets from HARC! Her staff and job coach are the very best!”

Elsie Brown

Jim & Kathy Heffernan to Be Honored on June 23

This special couple will be honored for their many years of dedication and support for HARC and people with intellectual disability, at HARC's 60th Annual Meeting at The Hartford Club on Thursday, June 23.



Kathy & Jim Heffernan



Be sure to check out HARC on Facebook and Twitter

THE SIXTIES! A HARC DAY'S NIGHT

HARC's Auction: Another Way to Celebrate our 60th!

Welcome back to Co-Chairs Pat & Eric Daniels! The theme? The Sixties of course! Donate a gift, purchase an ad, attend the event, or volunteer. There are many ways to be part of the excitement!

Mark Your Calendars

Fri. April 15

Client / Staff
Spring Fling
Rocky Hill Marriott
5:30 - 11:00 pm

Fri. May 6

Opening Reception
10th ArtSparks Exhibit
Charter Oak Cultural Center
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Exhibit up: May 6 - May 28

Fri. May 20

HARC Family Classic Golf Tournament
Simsbury Farms Golf Course
Registration: 10:30 am
Shotgun Start: 12 noon
Hole-in-One Dinner
Simsbury Farms Golf Course
Wine, Beer & Dinner: 5:30 pm

Thurs. June 23

60th Annual Meeting
Honoring Kathy & Jim Heffernan
The Hartford Club
5:30 - 8:00 pm

Sat. Aug. 20

Hits for HARC
Softball Tournament
Mill Woods Park, Wethersfield
Time to be announced

Sun. Sept. 18

Hoffman Auto Group presents the
HARC Walkathon
Rentschler Field, East Hartford
Registration: 9:00 am
Start: 10:00 am

Sat. Nov. 12

23rd Annual Auction
The Sixties!
A HARC Day's Night
Hartford / Windsor Marriott
6:30 - 12 midnight



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 We've come a long way! Take a look at a bit of our history & read what one of our families says about HARC.



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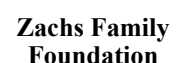
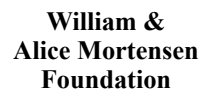
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HARC Thanks its Corporate Supporters*

We truly appreciate our corporate & community supporters, and want to express particular gratitude for their contributions throughout our 60-year journey.

With their help we are changing lives and changing minds.



* Above are logos of corporate and community supporters contributing \$3,500 or more during 2010.