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Oak Hill to Receive 2010 Community Partner of the Year Award at HARC's Annual Meeting

Hartford, CT **HARC, Inc.** is very pleased to announce **Oak Hill** as the recipient of its **2010 Community Partner of the Year Award**. This award, which will be presented at HARC's 59th Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, is intended to recognize a company or organization that has made outstanding effort in helping HARC achieve its mission, and also increase community awareness and support for people with intellectual disability.

HARC and Oak Hill have collaborated closely over the years, working together to serve people with developmental disabilities and their families. According to Dr. Stephen Becker, HARC's President / CEO, "Oak Hill has been a significant community partner in all areas of legislative, programmatic and social policy advocacy. Oak Hill has reached out to us in times of need to provide expert consultation and support as we endeavor to maintain our services in these difficult times."

Patrick J. Johnson, Jr., President, Oak Hill says, "On behalf of Oak Hill, I am profoundly honored by this recognition and very grateful to Dr. Stephen Becker for his thoughtfulness. HARC has been very supportive of the mission of Oak Hill. We thoroughly enjoy the collegiality

that exists between our two agencies. We have learned from HARC and have appreciated their support throughout the years. HARC is an extraordinary colleague agency. We admire the model they set in the community and the passion they have for the work that they do. They put the client at the center of everything they do. Together we are ‘changing lives and changing minds’ to enhance the lives of people with disabilities in Connecticut.”

About HARC, Inc.

HARC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families. It was founded in 1951, by families long before community services were available and institutionalization was the only option. HARC is now a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and a major provider of clinical and supportive services which span the entire lifetime: early intervention, respite care, family support, recreation, advocacy, employment and day programs, residential, elderly services and behavioral health and social services.

HARC currently operates 11 group homes and condominiums and 28 supported employment sites throughout Greater Hartford. HARC is a Community Investment Partner of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and serves Greater Hartford.

For further information about HARC or to purchase tickets to HARC’s 59th Annual Meeting, June 4, 2010, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Tumblebrook Country Club, Bloomfield, CT; \$35 / person; go to HARC’s website: www.harc-ct.org <<http://www.harc-ct.org>> or call Jenna Rompelman at (860)218-6089.

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