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**Angela M. Beebe of New Britain  
Recipient of HARC's 2010 Charless Whitham Extra Mile Award**

Hartford, CT HARC, Inc. is very pleased to announce Angela M. Beebe, Director of Accounting Services with HARC, as the recipient of the *Charless Whitham Extra Mile Award*. This award, named for a beloved staff member who passed away, is given in recognition of an employee who has gone above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities to enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The award will be presented at HARC's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 24 at Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, CT.

Ms. Beebe started her career at HARC in 1996, as an accounts receivable fiscal specialist in HARC's Business Office. In 2001 she was promoted to Director of Accounting Services, and in that position supervises fiscal specialists in both accounts payable and accounts receivable.

Since starting at HARC, Angela has consistently volunteered and participated in HARC's recreation, respite and unified sports programs for children and adults. For many years she served as a special partner on HARC's Special Olympics CT, Unified Sports teams, helping to ensure positive and enjoyable

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experiences for our athletes. She has also consistently used her own community connections and affiliations to enhance the lives of HARC's participants, securing many complementary passes to sporting events and recreational trips and opportunities with the Rock Cats Foundation, New Britain, CT. And she has regularly volunteered at HARC's fundraising events, including The Annual Auctions and Walkathons.

Angela, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Central CT State University, has been truly caring and involved in the life of HARC and its participants. Through her many efforts beyond her job description, she has exemplified the criteria for which this award is presented.

As Angela says, "I had not had the opportunity to know people with developmental disabilities until I began working at HARC. Charless Whitham, for whom this award is named, gave me the opportunity to interact with our participants outside of my job in HARC's Business Office. I really grew as a person in doing this, and have enjoyed knowing that I've contributed to the quality of life of the people we serve. I am very proud to receive this award in Charless' memory."

### **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 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, June 4, 2010, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Tumble Brook Country Club, Bloomfield, CT; \$35/person; go to HARC's website: [www.harc-ct.org](http://www.harc-ct.org) <<http://www.harc-ct.org>> or call Jenna Rompelman at (860)218-6089.**

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