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Wethersfield Resident, Senator Biagio “Billy” Ciotto Joins HARC Board of Directors

HARC, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of former state Senator Biagio 'Billy' Ciotto (D-Wethersfield) to its 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Senator Ciotto served as state Senator from 1995 – 2007. Prior to that, he retired in 1989 after 42 years of service from the Department of Motor Vehicles as its Deputy Commissioner. He currently works as a congressional aide for U.S. Representative John B. Larson in Hartford.

Senator Ciotto's distinguished legislative career will greatly assist HARC's Governmental Affairs and Public Policy committee in providing governmental advocacy to the executive and legislative branches of government in addressing the needs of its clients, families, caregivers, and the organizations that support them.

Senator Ciotto was introduced to HARC several years ago when he attended a coffee hour at the home of Kathleen and James Heffernan, a prior Chair of the Board of Directors. Attending were “four or five families with children with disabilities. I knew I could help them with my experience with the legislature. And I did help them, and want to continue to do so.”

Mr. Ciotto and his wife of 56 years, Jeanne, reside in Wethersfield. They have five children and five grandchildren. He enjoys smoking a good cigar on occasion, as well as thoroughbred horse racing.

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About HARC

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 programs that span the entire lifetime: early intervention (Birth-to-Three), family support, respite care, employment and day services, residential, recreation, behavioral health and elderly services.

HARC is a Community Investment Partner of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and serves Greater Hartford.

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