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**West Hartford Residents, Patrice M. Calnen and Seth B. Fierston:
Leaders of HARC's Board of Directors**

Hartford, CT – November, 2010 HARC, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Patrice M. Calnen** of West Hartford as the new Chair of its Board of Directors. Ms. Calnen, who lives in West Hartford with her husband, Bob, son, Gregory, and sister, Jane, is second Vice-President at Lincoln Financial Group in Hartford, where she has worked for the past 12 years. Ms. Calnen has served on HARC's Board of Directors since 2008 and is personally well acquainted with HARC's mission of improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families.

According to Ms. Calnen, "I consider my HARC Board membership something of a legacy. My father was a strong advocate for community living and education for people with development disabilities because of my sister Jane, and was an early HARC board member. Lincoln Financial Group encourages community service and when an opening came on the HARC board, I was very moved because of the connection with my father. His emphasis on community living and family commitment obviously made a strong impression on me. I am delighted to serve as Chair of the Board for this terrific organization."

Seth Fierston, CPA, CFP, of Fierston Financial Group, also lives in West Hartford, with his wife, Sharon Flannery and two children, William and Mollie. Mr. Fierston has been very involved with HARC, serving on the Board of Directors and Administrative Services Committee for many years. He served as

Chairman of the Board from 2007 to 2010.

Mr. Fierston states, “I am very proud of the prominent role HARC plays in providing a wide array of lifespan services to people with intellectual disability and their families. And I am very pleased to be able to play my part with this worthy organization. However, these are difficult times. Chronic underfunding and changes in the state’s reimbursement system have made it very hard for community providers like HARC to maintain the services on which their families and clients depend. HARC and its families need our involvement and support more than ever!”

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.

For further information about HARC go to the website: **www.harc-ct.org** or call 860.218.6047.

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For his exceptional leadership and dedication to the company and its stakeholders, Seth H. Fierston is being honored with this award.

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