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***Join Us for HARC's Twenty-Third Annual Auction:
The Sixties! A HARC Day's Night***

HARTFORD, CT, November 2011 HARC, Inc. will hold its twenty-third Annual Auction, ***The Sixties! A HARC Day's Night*** on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Hartford / Windsor Marriott, Day Hill Road, Windsor, from 6:30 pm to midnight. Tickets to the event can be purchased by going to the HARC website: www.harc-ct.org or by calling Mike Morrissey at (860) 218-6112.

The event features both silent and live auctions with a wide range of gifts, including trips, tickets for sporting events and shows, gift certificates to restaurants, spas, museums, and weekends away, as well as art, photography, clothing, handmade items, jewelry and unique experiences. Veteran hosts for the event are **Ray Dunaway of WTIC NewsTalk 1080 and NBC CT's Gerry Brooks** who ably assist **Auctioneer, Paul Stansel** in creating an exciting venue for guests.

Guests are encouraged to dress in Sixties costumes or black tie, creating a glittering and elegant, yet freewheeling and lively affair. The evening includes both silent and live auctions, dinner, music and dancing and . . . people watching!

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This year's auction, celebrating HARC's 60th Anniversary of service to people with intellectual disability and their families in the Greater Hartford Area, is chaired, once again by **Eric Daniels of Robinson & Cole**, and his wife, **Pat**.

Daniels says, "We are very pleased with the return of so many of our valued sponsors and the tremendous support from the business community. The amazing work that HARC does on a daily basis is so very important to our community, and it is gratifying to see that recognized by these corporations and businesses. Of course, we always have room for more! And I would be very pleased to discuss sponsorship details with anyone interested in supporting the great work that is done by HARC. There is a range of sponsor levels and underwriting opportunities to suit all budgets and interests."

Sponsors to date are: **Bank of America; Cigna; Travelers; NBC CT; Day Pitney and its partners and employees; Willis of CT; Robinson & Cole; Dominion; Grunberg Management; J.H. Cohn; Kainen, Escalera & McHale; Webster Financial Advisors; Aetna; Allstate Insurance and Record Center; Anquillare, Ruocco, Traester & Company; ConnectiCare; CVS Caremark; Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation; Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance and Inspection Company; Hartford Hospital; Matt, Tracy & Michael James; Mark & Merrill-Kate Mandell; McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter; CT Light & Power - A Northeast Utilities Company; PowerStation Events; Pratt & Whitney; Rome McGuigan; Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center; The Hartford Financial Services Group; TD Bank; United Healthcare; Wells Fargo; XL Group and media sponsor, The Hartford Courant.**

Underwriters and In-kind donors are: **Agawam Medical Supply; Blum Shapiro; Citizens Bank; Gerry Brooks of NBC CT; Anthony N. Cicchetti, Esq., Jordan Burt LLP; Ray Dunaway of NewsTalk 1080 WTIC-AM; Ensign-Bickford Foundation, Inc.; First Niagara; Bob Hamill & Christine**

Lussier; Henkel Corporation; Nancy Lee; Lincoln Financial Foundation; McCarter & English, LLP; Robert & Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation, Inc.; Paul Stansel, Auctioneer, NAA, CAGA; and Jim & Sally Starr.

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 remains a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and is 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 celebrating its 60 years of service to the Greater Hartford community with many events during 2011.

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 its website, www.harc-ct.org <<http://www.harc-ct.org/>> or call 860.218-6047

Photo caption: The Daniels' party from HARC's Twenty-Second Annual Auction, *Out of This World!* Eric and Pat Daniels are second from the right in front and back rows.

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