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***Knox Parks and McCarter & English Honor HARC
with Hartford Blooms Award***

HARTFORD, CT, December 2011 HARC, Inc., an organization serving people with intellectual disability and their families, has been honored by Knox Parks and the law firm of McCarter & English with the Hartford Blooms Award. Ron Pitz, Executive Director of Knox Parks says, “The award, which is presented to thirty Hartford businesses, organizations and residents each year, for outstanding landscaped green spaces, encourages beautification of neighborhoods and the City of Hartford.”

The awards ceremony took place on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the offices of McCarter & English, LLP, 36th floor of CityPlace I, 85 Asylum Street, Downtown Hartford.

According to Shari Peltier, Operations Supervisor at HARC, who accepted the award, “We change the plantings in front of our building four times a year: spring, summer, fall and holiday season. That being said, I have kept the summer plantings the same, by popular request, for several years. Everyone seems to love the Wave Petunias. At holiday time I like to cut pine

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boughs to use with lights on the shrubs in the pots and planters. I get help from Dave Sullivan and Jeff Ivey, HARC's Maintenance team, and Michael Jones, Assistant Coordinator of the Life Enrichment Program. Michael helps me plan and order the large wreaths that decorate the front of the building and a decorative tree for the Security Desk in the lobby. The Growth Company of Enfield creates the wreaths for us, and they help us out with several plant sale fundraisers during the year. The Growth Company has been very supportive of our efforts, and we are so pleased to have been honored by Knox Parks with this award! ”

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 or call 860.218-6047

Photo caption: Shari Peltier, HARC's Operations Supervisor

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