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***HARC's Seventh Annual Walkathon in East Hartford  
Draws Veteran and New Supporters***

HARTFORD, CT, October, 2011 HARC, Inc. held its seventh Annual Walkathon, on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at Rentschler Field, East Hartford. Hoffman Auto Group was presenting sponsor of this year's event, which attracted over 500 walkers and volunteers.

Proceeds from Walkathon 2011 will benefit HARC's Respite Program, which provides families of medically fragile children with multiple disabilities, with a way to take a break, rest and recharge from the rigors of caring for their child. HARC offers an array of options in a variety of locations to meet the wide-ranging needs of different families. In-home assistance, organized family retreats, and weekend day-camping are a few of those options.

The event attracted many friends of HARC including - -.

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CoChairs of the event were Deborah Meier Kleinman of Hartford, a long-time supporter of HARC and Gregory P. Calnen of West Hartford who formed one of the largest groups of walkers, *Jane's Knights*, in honor of his Aunt Jane.

Bob Maxon, NBC 30 Meteorologist, once again hosted the event, as part of NBC CT's Partners in a Caring Community program.

### **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.

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