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### *HITS FOR HARC*

## **Volunteers Create Second Softball Tournament to Raise Funds for HARC's Unified Athletic Teams: DeLuca Tile of Stamford Winning Team of the Day!**

Hartford, CT **Spearheaded** and organized by HARC's 2010 Volunteers of the Year: **Harley Surridge and Yolie Myerscough of Stafford Springs, and Jesse Surridge of Manchester**, the Second Annual Softball Tournament, **HITS for HARC**, was held on **Saturday, August 20th, 2011 at Mill Woods Park in Wethersfield**. The event was a wonderful success, providing a good time for all involved! It was a family event complete with music, food, prizes and children's activities - and it drew a crowd of family, friends and cheerleaders.

Several area businesses and individuals generously contributed in-kind gifts along with time and energy to the event. We especially want to thank **Innovative Inflatables** and **Country Harvest Kitchen**, event umpires **Scott Megquier** of East Hartford, **David Simmons** of Wethersfield and **Rick Tomford** of Avon, and DJ, **Sally Holiday**.

Eight teams competed in the event:

**M&M Discount Wine** of Berlin sponsored a team of HARC staff and participants.

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**Norcom** coordinated by Rick Tomford of Avon.

**DeLuca Tile** from Stamford.

**KBE Building Corporation** which hosts a HARC supported employment site, coordinated by Jill Paradis with President Mike Kolakowski on the team.

**Carmax** of Hartford coordinated by Mike Britz.

**M&M Oil** of Bolton.

**TEKsystems of Fairfield** and **TEKsystems of Farmington** both coordinated by Jesse Surridge.

**The winning team was DeLuca Tile, who played against M&M Oil in the championship game.**

The event raised approximately \$2,200, which is being directed to **HARC's Recreation Department** to provide uniforms and equipment for HARC's Unified Special Olympics CT floor hockey team.

HARC is very grateful to all involved: organizers, sponsors, in-kind donors, teams and players for their terrific support of HARC and people with intellectual disability!

## **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 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.

HARC is celebrating its 60 years of service to the Greater Hartford community with many events during 2011.

*For further information about HARC go to its website, [www.harc-ct.org](http://www.harc-ct.org) <<http://www.harc-ct.org/>> or call 860.218-6047*

Photo caption: Jesse Surrige and Harley Surrige with the Wolf Pack mascot at HITS FOR HARC.

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