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HARC Welcomes Ernst & Young Volunteers

Hartford, CT, July 2011 HARC welcomed volunteers from Ernst & Young's Hartford office, on Wednesday, July 20, for a day of interactivity with participants in HARC's Elderly Enrichment Program, HARC's Bulova Center and also at one of its community residences in Wethersfield.

One of the leaders of the Ernst & Young group, Gina Anastasio of New Haven, relates, "We were so pleased to visit HARC again. Many of our group had visited HARC in the past and were anxious to return. We learned a lot about the organization on this visit, and really had fun doing the arts and crafts and other activities with HARC's participants."

Gina continues, "Ernst & Young really encourages this type of community participation by holding various community service events throughout the year, including our nationwide *EY* (Ernst & Young) *Connect Day*, which was held last fall. We've really become connected to the participants at HARC and truly enjoy giving back to our local community."

Jeanna M. Doherty, a partner in Assurance and Advisory Business Services at Ernst & Young says, "We had such a rewarding day at the Wethersfield group home. All of the volunteers from Ernst & Young were honored to help HARC with its mission in the community. We were

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especially humbled by the devotion and passion of HARC's staff and inspired by the participants in their programs. Ultimately, I think each of us gained much more than we could ever have given in our short time there. However, it is the least we can do to give back to the community that has given us so much. We truly appreciate being able to spend the day with HARC's participants and share in the good that HARC does.”

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 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 or call 860. 218. 6047*

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Photo captions:

EY HARC Volunteers Good: The Ernst & Young volunteers at HARC. Leader Gina Anastasio: back row far right.

EY Eastern Group: The Ernst & Young volunteers at HARC Wethersfield Community Residence on Eastern Drive.

Mary&GregworkNiceEYEasternGroup: The Ernst & Young volunteers at HARC's community residence on Eastern Drive in Wethersfield.

Gabby&Taylor: Gabriella Williams & Taylor Barlow paint walls at HARC's Community Residence on Eastern Drive, Wethersfield.

Pat&MikeNice: Ernst & Young Volunteer, Dzigbodi Dotse (Pat) with HARC participant, Mike at HARC's Bulova Center.

Mary&GregworkNice: Ernst & Young Volunteer Greg Bendett with HARC Bulova Center participant, Mary.

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