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HARC's 60th Anniversary

Second Annual HITS for HARC Softball Tournament in Wethersfield to Benefit HARC's Recreation Program

Hartford, CT **The Surridge brothers, Harley and Jesse**, from Stafford Springs and Manchester, CT respectively, along with friend, **Yolie Myerscough**, also of Stafford Springs and HARC staff, **Jenna Rompelman** and **Sarah Richard** are busy organizing **the Second Annual HITS for HARC Softball Tournament** and family fun day, on **Saturday, August 20th, 2011** at **Mill Woods Park in Wethersfield, CT**. The cost is **\$200 per team, 10-person minimum per team**. This is a family event where all skill levels are invited to compete. There will also be music, food, prizes and children's activities for family, friends and cheerleaders. **Check-in is at 9 am, and games begin at 10 am. Pre-Registration is online at www.harc-ct.org (by August 17) or by contacting Jenna Rompelman at 860-218-6089 or jrompelman@harc-ct.org.**

Last year, the proceeds raised purchased softball uniforms and equipment for **HARC's Recreation Department** and HARC's athletic teams competing in Unified Special Olympics CT. This year, the proceeds of the event will go toward purchasing floor hockey uniforms and equipment for the HARC teams.

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The 2010 event drew eight softball teams and this year the hope is for even more teams. With the new venue of **Mill Woods Park in Wethersfield** there are five playing fields, so many more teams can be accommodated in a shorter period of time. **TEKsystems**, of Farmington, where Jesse is employed, is finalizing plans for two teams this year.

Harley, Jesse and Yolie are long time volunteers for HARC's Recreation Program and were honored at HARC's 2010 Annual Meeting with the *Volunteers of the Year 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 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, including **HITS for HARC** in August, The **HARC Walkathon** sponsored by **Hoffman Auto Group** in September, and the 23rd Annual Auction, *The Sixties!*, *A HARC Days Night* in November.

For further information about HARC go to its website, www.harc-ct.org or call 860.218-6047

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