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HARC Welcomes Catherine Gibbons Way as Vice President of Development

Hartford, CT **HARC**, an organization serving people with intellectual disability and their families in Greater Hartford, is pleased to announce the appointment of Catherine Gibbons Way to the position of Vice President of Development as part of HARC's senior management team.

Ms. Gibbons Way has worked in Development for approximately twenty years. Most recently she served as Vice President of Fund Development at the Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Prior to that she was Director of Development and Alumni Relations for UCONN Foundation. There, in addition to fundraising, she expanded the Alumni Relations programs in the Dental and Medical Schools. Before joining UCONN, she was at The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury for eight years as their Director of Institutional Advancement.

Ms. Gibbons Way has a rich background of volunteerism, including service on the board of directors of Focus Alternative Learning Center in Canton, serving children with autism. Other

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volunteer service has included Fidelco in Bloomfield, and participation on HARC's Development Committee.

Ms. Gibbons Way graduated from Smith College in Northampton, MA, and lives in Hartford.

According to Ms. Gibbons Way, "I am delighted to be part of the HARC management team. The idea of Family really is very evident here at HARC. We interact with our participants every day and it is apparent how much the organization means to its member families and the people HARC serves. This year is especially exciting because HARC is celebrating its 60th anniversary of 'changing lives and changing minds' and events are planned as part of the celebration: the 2nd Annual Softball Tournament, *Hits for HARC*, on August 20, at Mill Woods Park in Wethersfield; the seventh Walkathon on September 18th at Rentschler Field in East Hartford; and the 23rd Annual Auction, *The Sixties, A HARC Day's Night* on November 12th, at the Hartford Windsor Marriott."

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.

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

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