

Press Release



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Area Corporations Support *Going Green!* HARC's Twenty-first Annual Auction brings in the green

HARTFORD, CT November, 2009 HARC, Inc. is pleased to announce the success of its twenty-first Annual Auction, *Going Green!* The event, which was held at the Hartford /Windsor Marriott on Saturday, November 7, 2009, and attended by approximately 300 people, raised over \$150,000 net.

Gold level sponsors were **Travelers and NBC Connecticut, Partners in a Caring Community**. Silver level sponsors were **Bank of America; CIGNA; Day Pitney, LLP & its partners and employees; and Willis HRH**.

Bronze level sponsors of the event were **Aetna, Centerline Capital Group with John & Pamela D'Amico, George Weiss Associates, Kainen, Escalera, & McHale, PowerStation Events, Robinson & Cole and Webster Bank**.

“We have long-standing relationships with **Travelers, NBC Connecticut, Bank of America, CIGNA, Day Pitney, and its partners and employees and Willis HRH**, and we so appreciate being included among the community organizations they support, especially during these difficult economic times. We are especially grateful to welcome them as Gold and Silver Sponsors to this year's exciting event. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors over the years, HARC has accomplished great things to improve the lives of our clients and their families,” says **HARC President / CEO Dr. Stephen Becker**. He continues, “We are also very pleased that we were able to offer our Auction attendees a huge variety of items, from beautiful themed baskets, to artwork, to tickets for sporting events and fabulous trips and weekends away, thanks to the generosity of individuals, families and businesses in the community who contributed these auction items!”

According to **Tara N. Spain, Program Officer for the Travelers Foundation**, “HARC plays an important role in our community. Their array of programs and

services are improving the lives of individuals and families facing the challenges of intellectual disability.”

Chairman of the HARC Board, **Seth Fierston**, Principal of **Fierston Financial Group**, adds, “With increasingly tighter budgets, ever increasing demand for services, and the economic climate as it is, HARC needs support from the entire community. It’s in all our interest to support HARC, and this Auction was a great way to do that!”

HARC also extends thanks to **Ray Dunaway of WTIC 1080**, who has been involved with the HARC Annual Auction for many years, as Master of Ceremonies. According to Mr. Dunaway, “ The HARC Auction is one of my favorite events. It’s a great organization and the money we raise is always put to terrifically good use.” HARC also thanks **Gerry Brooks of NBC Connecticut** for his help this year as Co-Master of Ceremonies with Ray Dunaway and **Eric Hummel, of Hummel Brothers, Inc. of New Haven**, who, again, served as Auctioneer.

Other area businesses and corporations sponsoring the event were: **Allstate Insurance Company / Allstate Record Center; Anquillare, Ruocco, Traester & Company; Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC**; and the Weiss Family as Copper level sponsors.

About HARC, Inc.

HARC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families. It was founded in 1951 by parents of disabled children, and is now a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and a major provider of clinical and supportive services which span the entire lifetime: infant intervention, respite care, family support, recreation, advocacy, employment and day programs, residential, and psychological and social services.

HARC currently operates 11 group homes and condominiums and 28 supported employment sites throughout Greater Hartford. 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 the website: www.harc-ct.org
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