

Press Release

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HARC's Sixth Annual Walkathon Surpasses \$120,000 Goal

HARTFORD, CT, June 2009 HARC, Inc. held its sixth Annual Walkathon, on Sunday, May 17, 2009, on Iron Horse Boulevard, Simsbury. Corporate and community sponsorships for the event, along with individual donations, to date have totaled over \$130,800, surpassing the set goal of \$120,000.

Proceeds from Walkathon 2009 will benefit HARC's Respite Program, which provides families of medically fragile children with multiple disabilities, with a way to take a break, rest and recharge from the rigors of caring for their child. HARC offers an array of options in a variety of locations to meet the wide-ranging needs of different families. In-home assistance, organized family retreats, and weekend day-camping are a few of those options.

The event, which was supported by 32 sponsors, and over 50 in-kind donors and underwriters, drew approximately 400 walkers and over 100 volunteers. Among them were teams from HARC's member families; group homes; staff and Board of Directors; St. Mary's School; The Simsbury Public Schools; Simsbury Boy Scout Troop #175 and many other friends of HARC.

Honorary Chair of the event was Peter Zaffino, President/CEO of Guy Carpenter and Company, LLC. Mr.

Zaffino played a very active role in personally securing many of the sponsorships for the event.

The event was dedicated to all the supporters who helped to make this year's event a success.

Platinum Sponsors, for the event were Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC, of New York and Hartford; NBC 30 Partners in a Caring Community, Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd of Bermuda and Werth Family Foundation of Woodbridge, CT.

Gold Sponsors for the event were Allied World Assurance Company of Farmington, CT; Nathalie & John Berger of New Jersey, Eileen and Charles Higham of Simsbury, CT; Interim Healthcare of Farmington, CT; Kirsten & Peter Zaffino of Darien, CT; and Marion & Sal Zaffino of Granby, CT.

Co-chairs for the event were Jackie Benton and Chrissy Barnard of Simsbury, along with a volunteer committee of Sara Allan, Kelli Hermsen, Tracy James, Kelly McDonough and Jen Schulz of Simsbury; Bob Wild of Plainville; Marion Zaffino of Granby and Mark Hann, President & CEO of Victory Motor Sports Marketing Services of East Granby.

Bob Maxon, NBC 30 Meteorologist, and "Mark the Shark," NBC 30 Traffic Reporter, once again co-hosted the event.

HARC, Inc. (HARC) was formed in 1951 by parents of children with intellectual disability. HARC remains true to its mission of helping people with intellectual disability and their families enjoy lives of quality, inclusion and dignity by providing support, education and advocacy.

HARC currently serves over 1500 people annually and runs 11 group homes and condominiums and 7 individual residential support settings in the Greater Hartford area.

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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