



## Press Release

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### **HARC's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**April 28, 2011, 5:30-8:00 pm at The Hartford, Tower Suite, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor**

HARTFORD, CT April, 2011 HARC, Inc., an organization serving people with intellectual and related disabilities will hold its 60th Anniversary Celebration at The Hartford, Tower Suite, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, on Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 5:30 – 8:00.

The event will be attended by friends and supporters of the organization, among them Mrs. Margaret V. Tedone, one of the original founders of the organization, Former Senator Billy Ciotto and Mrs. Ciotto, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services, Kathryn DuPree, Hartford Councilwoman rJo Winch and representatives from United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and many of HARC's community partners such as Robinson & Cole; Lincoln Financial; Guy Carpenter and Company; Travelers; Hoffman Auto Group; Kainen, Escalera & McHale; US Trust and Zachs Family Foundation.

Mrs. Margaret V. Tedone, will address the attendees with reflections on the founding of HARC by families, at a time when there were no community services to help those facing the challenge of intellectual disability.

Dr. Stephen Becker, President /CEO of HARC and Adrienne Merrick, one of HARC's talented self-advocates will also address the gathering.

To be introduced by Catherine Gibbons Way at the event, is the formation of The 1951 Founders Society. Named in honor of HARC's founding families and the year in which the organization began, The Founders Society recognizes individuals and families who provide substantial support to the organization's mission to help people with intellectual disability and their families enjoy lives of quality, inclusion and dignity by providing support, education and advocacy.

### **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 remains 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 its Annual Meeting on June 23.

*For further information about HARC go to its website, [www.harc-ct.org](http://www.harc-ct.org) <[http://www.harc-](http://www.harc-ct.org)*

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