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HARC Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Hartford, CT August 2010 HARC, Inc. is pleased to announce that it was awarded another three-year accreditation from CARF, International (formerly the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). A three-year accreditation represents the highest level of CARF achievement. HARC has been awarded three-year awards since its first accreditation in 1982.

The focus of the accreditation was on HARC's day services and employment programs. CARF surveyors spent three days inspecting HARC's compliance to a broad range of standards including: Leadership, Strategic Planning, Risk Management, Health & Safety, Information Management and Medication Monitoring.

HARC was also commended on the strengths it demonstrates in many areas. "HARC is a dynamic, progressive organization providing valued employment supports within the community. It is held in high regard by the persons served, funders, family members, and staff members."

Other commendations included, "The services HARC provides are well crafted and comprehensive and great effort is made to make sure that an atmosphere of full consent and

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inclusion is maintained. Principles and values are clearly evident and are a priority to HARC. Staff members are proud of accomplishments and rigorously pursue methods of service enhancement. HARC's systems and controls are sound, many reflecting measures of excellence. Personnel display a high aptitude for pushing the bounds of service excellence, seeking out better ways of supporting persons with very complex support issues.”

HARC currently has employment collaborations with numerous businesses in Greater Hartford, that provide training to 130 client workers:

Aramark Food Services
CIGNA Mailroom & Delivery
Day Pitney LLP
Flick International Food Services
Hudson Yankee RPM Distributors
Hartford Hospital Laundry
JCJ Architecture
KBE Building Corporation
Lincoln Financial
McElroy, Deutch, Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP
Next Generation Food Services
Otis Elevator
Reid & Riege PC
Robinson & Cole LLP
Rome, McGuigan, PC
Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center
UConn Foundation

According to Craig Sylvester, Managing Partner of Reid & Riege, PC, “Reid & Riege was a good firm before we had a HARC supported employment team, and it’s an even better firm now that we have the HARC support clerks and their job coach.”

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 now 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.

Please contact HARC for more information concerning supported employment collaborations.

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 <<http://www.harc-ct.org>> or call 860.218.6047.

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