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Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Funds YWCA *Time Out for Parents* Program

Hartford, CT- YWCA Hartford Region recently received a transitional operating support grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving in the amount of \$95,000. The grant will support the YWCA TOP program (*Time Out for Parents*), a child abuse prevention program that provides a safe, nurturing environment for children and support to families at-risk of child abuse. Funds from the grant will be used for the costs of a case manager, two childcare staff and administrative overhead.

“We are very grateful for the support of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to continue this important program in the community,” said Deborah Ullman, CEO YWCA Hartford Region.

The TOP program offers case management and supportive services to help parents and caregivers manage their own challenges as they improve relationships with their children. Caregivers develop individual goals and action plans that reduce or eliminate instability in their lives, while experienced YWCA staff provide care for their children in its licensed centers. In 2009, TOP served 68 children and 59 parents.

YWCA received this grant after the Department of Children and Families (DCF) eliminated funding to therapeutic childcare programs like TOP. TOP is also supported by United Way of the Northeastern and Central Connecticut and the Town of Manchester.

“While the Hartford Foundation supports a broad range of programs provided by nonprofits, from arts and culture to housing and community development, services for families and children receive the greatest percentage of our grants year after year,” said Maria Mojica, vice president for programs. “We are pleased to enable this key program for parents to continue,” she added.

TOP programs are currently offered in Hartford and Manchester. The program is open Monday – Friday. For more information on the TOP program, contact the YWCA Hartford Region at (860) 525-1163 or visit www.ywcahartford.org.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women’s membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs

and services in the greater Hartford area including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region, dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents for the past 85 years. The Foundation receives gifts from thousands of generous individuals and families, and last year, awarded grants of more than \$25 million to a broad range of area nonprofit organizations. For more information about the Hartford Foundation, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.

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