



# Planning Ahead for Children

ChildPlan Inc. is a non-profit collaborative advocacy group made up of 17 different organizations and agencies in East Hartford which provide programs and services to children and families in East Hartford.

**The mission of ChildPlan Inc. is to proactively and effectively collaborate with the East Hartford Community to improve the quality of lives of our children and families.**

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Over this past year ChildPlan has experienced tremendous successes and growth within its organization. The Holiday Season is a wonderful time to reflect upon these successes and to offer thanks to those who have volunteered time, money, and/or resources in support of ChildPlan's mission. On behalf of ChildPlan, I would like to formally acknowledge the generosity of many individuals and organizations that have assisted us in obtaining our goals over this past year.

### THANK YOU....

- .....to Anson Mooney, Hartford Despatch, and Scott Livingston, Horst Engineering, for their generous corporate donations, and sponsoring ChildPlan's Corporate Breakfast on December 7, 2006 at Rentschler Field.
- .....to Frank and Cecil Collins for agreeing to serve as our Annual Appeal chairman/woman.
- .....to Pratt & Whitney, Goodwin College, and Hoffman Auto Group for their generous Corporate Giving
- .....to Dr. Marion Martinez for her constant support of initiatives with the schools, most specifically the after school and PLTI programs to help families
- .....to all past annual appeal donors & members for their current and FUTURE generosity, which is vital to our success
- .....to our funders: William Caspar Graustein Foundation, Children's Trust Fund, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, East Hartford School Readiness Council, EH CDBG, EHBOE, SBM Charitable Foundation, and the Mayor's Charity Ball. You are the backbone to the success of ChildPlan!
- ....AND our most sincere thank you to Mayor Melody Currey, founding member and ardent supporter of ChildPlan for the past 14 years. Melody's advocacy, support and leadership have fostered the growth of ChildPlan's organizational mission and goals, and has laid the foundation for future expansion and financial viability.
- .....and last but by no means least, to all of our WONDERFUL board members and ChildPlan Staff (Donna and Karen) who have volunteered endless hours to benefit the children and families of East Hartford.



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**I wish you all a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Best Wishes,  
Debbie

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## CHILDPLAN SCARECROW CONTEST AT FALL FEST 2006

The FIRST ChildPlan Scarecrow Contest was held on Saturday, October 21st at the East Hartford Town Green — fun was had by all! The weather turned out to be a bit windy and cool, however, despite that we had 25 families that decorated their own scarecrows!

We had some great themed scarecrows like a hippy, a mad cow, a secret agent. People were asked to donate 25 cents per vote, and the winners were the People Empowering People in Spanish graduates that decorated their scarecrow in ethnic clothing including an elaborate sombrero and even real make-up for her face. Congratulations to our PEP en español graduates who won the first scarecrow contest trophy! The scarecrows were displayed on Main Street and at the Town Green to be share with the community.



Volunteer/Board Member Kristine Beane made a baby scarecrow to recruit families



Maria Guzman and the People Empowering People graduates won first place!

We look forward to having the contest again next year at the Fall Fest.

Due to the great response, we are going to have more than 25 scarecrows available.

This program was funded by East Hartford ChildPlan Early Childcare and Education Committee

## PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE CLASS OF '07

Our second Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) began on October 28th at an all day retreat held at Silva's Youth of Today.

The seventeen parents were welcomed by East Hartford's Mayor Melody Currey, Senator Gary LeBeau, and State Representatives Michael Christ and Henry Genga. The retreat forms a foundation and encourages the bonds needed for parents going through the PLTI 20-week course.

Four classes have been held on topics such as: Thriving with Diversity, The Change Process, Parents as Change Agents, and Defining a Problem and Working Towards a Solution. Classes to come will cover the following topics: The Intentional Use of Language, How Community and Local Systems Work, Networks and The Power of

Media and How to Use It, and Using Your Voice. The second ten weeks will explore law, as well as state and local government.

A special thank you to Manny and Cheryl Silva who have been kind enough to donate their space and lend their daycare staff to ChildPlan so that we can hold our classes at a very convenient location (childcare is provided free for PLTI students).

ChildPlan is very pleased to have seventeen dedicated parents taking this year's PLTI under the leadership of our 2006 PLTI graduates Doug Edwards and Dawn Homer-Bouthiette (for the first 10-weeks). We look forward to our local graduation this Spring!

This program is funded by the Town of East Hartford, East Hartford Board of Ed. and East Hartford School Readiness

## MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION



An open membership reception was held on September 28, 2006, at Two Rivers Magnet School. The event was hosted by Senator Gary LeBeau and East Hartford State Representatives: Christopher Stone,

Michael Christ and Henry Genga.

The approximately 50 people in attendance learned more about ChildPlan through the social hour, brochures, a PowerPoint presentation, and our speakers. We gained five new members from the evening.

If you missed the reception and would like more information about becoming a member of ChildPlan, please call Donna or Karen at 860-569-5630, or email [kareng.childplan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kareng.childplan@sbcglobal.net).

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS KRISTINE BEANE AND OKSANA HART. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO CARRY OUT CHILDPLAN'S MISSION!**



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