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Our Piece of the Pie Receives Nationwide Accreditation

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Our Piece of the Pie, a leading youth development organization in Hartford, has won accreditation from the National Youth Employment Coalition for its continued work in helping Hartford youth overcome barriers and achieve economic independence. The accreditation pilot sought to identify successful practices, foster a culture of continuous improvement, and continue to implement a national system of quality standards for youth organizations. OPP is one of four organizations nationwide to receive accreditation.

“This accreditation is a reflection of our dedicated and talented staff,” said Bob Rath, OPP president and CEO in a statement.

Our Piece of the Pie helps Hartford youth ages 14 to 24 become successful adults. OPP programs and services allow young people to rise above economic and social barriers to reach the goal of a degree from a two- or four-year college, vocational certificate and/or meaningful employment.

Jaime Seltzer, of West Hartford, has joined the **Arthritis Foundation, Northern and Southern New England Chapter**, as chief development officer. Seltzer joins the Arthritis Foundation with 30 years of experience in nonprofit development.

The **National Conference for Community and Justice of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts (NCCJ)**, founded in 1927 as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the **Perrin Family Foundation**.

The funding will support NCCJ’s teen educational and youth engagement program, the Youth Action Coalition.

The board of trustees for **Easter Seals Greater Hartford Rehabilitation Center** has elected new officers, including: John M. Jezowski, chairman; Arthur L. Soucy and David Radanovich, vice chairmen; John H. Stearns Jr., treasurer; and Dr. David M. Geetter, secretary. Jezowski is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management.

A resident of Wethersfield, he has been a volunteer with Easter Seals for 20 years.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center has announced that Charles W. Shivery, chairman, president and CEO of the Northeast Utilities (NU) system has been named chairman of the board of directors at the CCMC, effective immediately.

Shivery, a resident of Avon, replaces Thomas O. Barnes, chairman of The Barnes Group, whose two-year term as chairman of the medical center ended recently.