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**With a Grant from the Bishop's Fund for Children
Person-to-Person Sent Nine Kids to Camp this Summer**

Darien CT, October 31, 2010 – The Bishop's Fund for Children granted \$5,000 to the Person-to-Person Campership Program, which underwrites the cost of summer camp for Stamford schoolchildren from low-income households.

P2P Director of Social Services Marina Thomas notes that the Campership Program is a necessity for low-income families. "The working poor want their children to be in a safe and nurturing environment when school is out during the summer months, but their options are limited." Funded entirely by individual donors and grant-makers such as the Bishop's Fund, the Campership Program sends hundreds of children each year to more than 15 area day camps for the entire summer.

Created to enhance awareness of the plight of children at risk throughout Connecticut, the Bishop's Fund supports various social service programs that aid these children. "Our missions are complementary – to educate people about the need while providing opportunities for those in need," says Thomas, "and we are most grateful for their generous contribution to this important program."

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New Student Leadership at Person-to-Person Youth Group



New P2P Youth Group Leaders are [l-r] Justin Lee, Sarah Graves and Sara Smith of Darien High School, Imani Barnard of Trinity Catholic High School and Virginia Lorthe of Stamford High School.

Darien CT, October 31, 2010 – Each school year, a new team assumes leadership of the Person-to-Person Youth Group – well-trained students from area high schools who, on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, greet clients and schedule appointments in the Reception area and oversee all operations in the P2P Emergency Food Pantry and Clothing Center.

For the 2010/2011 school year, the leadership team is composed of Imani Barnard who attends Trinity High School, Virginia Lorthe of Stamford High School and Darien High School students Sara Graves, Sara Smith and Justin Lee.

“Because of the generosity of our youth volunteers, Person-to-Person is able to expand its service to meet the needs of our clients outside of normal office hours,” notes Celeste Marsh, Co-Coordinator of the Youth Group. “We are especially proud of the manner in which these kids conduct themselves as they have direct contact with our clients.”

Person-to-Person serves those in need throughout Lower Fairfield County – providing financial assistance to pay for emergency medication, the security deposit for an apartment or heating and electric bills,



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scholarships for college students who are striving to break the cycle of poverty, or counseling and referrals for people who have never before been faced with a financial crisis. The agency maintains a Clothing Center where clients may select free, gently-used clothes and an Emergency Food Pantry in which clients may self-select groceries for a full week of meals.

Youth Group leader Justin Lee says “It’s rewarding to be able to help others in our community so they can have a better quality of life.”

In addition to their work at the agency, the Youth Group has responsibility for funding and maintaining the P2P program that distributes car seats to low-income families to ensure that their infants and small children are properly restrained in automobiles. Past fundraising efforts by the Youth Group to support this critical program have included the sale of P2P water bottles and hosting special film screenings at the Darien Playhouse.

To donate or explore volunteer opportunities, visit the Person-to-Person website at www.p2pdarien.org or call (203) 655-0048 for additional information.

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**A Grant from the Westport Young Woman's League
Helps Person-to-Person Clients with Utility Bills**

Darien CT, October 31, 2010 – For the working poor, making ends meet is a constant challenge. At Person-to-Person, the Utilities Assistance Program helps to mitigate this struggle by offering financial assistance to pay gas, oil and electric bills.

Marina Thomas, Director of Social Services at Person-to-Person, notes that this is one of the most important services provided by the agency. “Too often, the money that our clients earn is quickly gone once they have paid for rent. Then they have to concern themselves with the other necessities of daily living, such as keeping the lights and heat on.

“With the recent grant of \$1,000 from the Westport Young Woman's League (WYWL),” Thomas continues, “we'll be able to eliminate this worry for a number of families who come to us for assistance.”

As a non-profit philanthropic organization of women committed to promoting a sense of community through volunteerism, social activities and fundraising for local charities, the WYWL has provided consistent support to Person-to-Person throughout the years.

“We appreciate their financial assistance,” says Thomas. “More important, we know that our clients are very thankful for their assistance.”

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**Near & Far Aid Continues its Support
of the Person-to-Person Emergency Assistance Program**

Darien CT, October 31, 2010 – Following the announcement that the Board of Directors of the Near & Far Aid Association had voted to grant \$17,500 to the Person-to-Person Emergency Assistance Program, Person-to-Person Executive Director Ceci Maher noted that Near & Far Aid has contributed significantly to this program over the years.

“The Emergency Assistance Program is at the core of our service offering,” says Maher, “providing food, clothing, financial assistance, crisis counseling and referrals to our clients.”

And though economists have said that the recession ended in the spring of 2009, the effects are continuing to have a profound impact on the working poor and on people who were, until recently, more financially secure. According to Maher, this is the first visit for many who come to P2P for assistance.

“People in this area are facing significant challenges – due to a medical emergency, a reduction in income or cessation of unemployment benefits,” she says, “so we appreciate the continuing commitment and support of Near & Fair Aid, which enables us to extend our services to meet the ongoing need.”

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**Frederick H. Leonhardt Fund – The New York Community Trust
Grants \$15,000 to Person-to-Person for the Harriet McCorkle Scholarship Fund**

Darien CT, October 31, 2010 – Each year Person-to-Person awards scholarships to college students who have demonstrated academic excellence, often providing the financial assistance necessary to close the gap between what a student is able to contribute from earnings and loans and the amount required for tuition, books and fees.

For the 2010/11 academic year, P2P received a \$15,000 grant from the Frederick H. Leonhardt Fund – The New York Community Trust for the agency’s Scholarship Program.

P2P board member and Scholarship Program committee chair notes that The Frederick H. Leonhardt Fund – The New York Community Trust has been a long-time supporter of this program. “This grant is an important one and we appreciate the fact that they have chosen to approve this funding once again.”

Over the past five years, Person-to-Person has awarded nearly \$1.6 million in scholarship assistance to more than 700 college students, according to Wilson. With students earning degrees from a variety of colleges and universities, which this year included Harvard University, Northeastern University and University of Notre Dame, Wilson is most thankful for the generosity of the individuals and institutions that underwrite these scholarships. “The Scholarship Program offers an enormous return on investment by creating a lifetime of possibility for young adults who might not otherwise be able to realize their goal of higher education.”

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**Mayor Michael A. Pavia Honors Stamford Residents
Juan Arbelaez and Shanice Owens for Academic Achievements**



[L-R] Lockhart Family Scholarship Recipient Shanice Owens
and Napolitano Family Scholarship Recipient Juan Arbelaez

Darien CT, October 25, 2010 – Juan Arbelaez, recipient of the Napolitano Family Scholarship, and Shanice Owens, Recipient of Lockhart Family Charitable Trust Scholarship for Academic Excellence, have been recognized for their significant accomplishments by Mayor Michael A. Pavia of Stamford. Both scholarship awards are administered by Person-to-Person.

In a ceremony attended by P2P board member and Scholarship Committee chair Rebecca Wilson and Julie Napolitano who, with her husband Dominic, funds the Napolitano Family Scholarship, Mayor Pavia commended Arbelaez and Owens for the dedication and hard work that have earned each of them numerous academic and personal distinctions.

Juan Arbelaez is a May 2010 graduate of Norwalk Community College, where he maintained a 4.0 GPA while majoring in Business Administration. While there, his accomplishments included placement on the Dean's List and membership in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He was also a recipient of the



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Barksdale Scholarship awarded for academic excellence.

Now a Bachelor of Arts candidate majoring in Finance at the University of Connecticut, Arbelaez continues to achieve – 4.0 GPA; Dean's List; Tau Sigma National Honor Society member; recipient of William H. Pitt Scholarship awarded for academic excellence.

Arbelaez has worked as an Accounting Assistant at the Jay Star Group in Norwalk, a Program Intern at the Stamford Partnership, a Program Assistant at the Student Conservation Association in Stamford and a Business Intern at Yerwood Center. His extracurricular activities include membership in the Student Government Association and Future 5 Coach.

Shanice Owens graduated from Westhill High School in May 2007. As a student, she maintained a 3.8 GPA and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, including ASPIRE Club and Sister-to-Sister

As a senior at Quinnipiac University, Owens is a Bachelor of Arts candidate majoring in Sociology and Elementary Education. With a 3.7 GPA, she is enrolled in the graduate teaching program and plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

In addition to her work at the Chester Addison Community Center, Owens is involved in the Admissions Office work/study program, the Community Action Project, the Black Student Union, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Pavia extended his recognition of the students by proclaiming October 15, 2010 as Juan Arbelaez Day and Shanice Owens Day in the City of Stamford.



Mayor Pavia and Juan Arbelaez



Shanice Owens and Mayor Pavia

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**Person-to-Person Receives \$10,000 Grant
from The Community Fund of Darien**

Darien CT, October 18, 2010 – As an independent, local, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization that addresses health and human service needs, The Community Fund of Darien is dedicated and committed to building a healthy community in Darien, Norwalk and Stamford. One of the ways in which the organization accomplishes this is by providing on-going financial support to agencies such as Person-to-Person.

According to Person-to-Person Executive Director Ceci Maher, The Community Fund has been very generous over the years and has recently made a concerted effort to help meet the needs of those who come to P2P for assistance. “This \$10,000 is in addition to a special grant that The Community Fund made earlier in the year to provide critical support to people living in poverty in lower Fairfield County,” notes Maher.

“While the recession may be over,” she says, “we continue to experience an increase in the number of people coming to us for financial assistance or food – many of whom are coming to the agency for the first time.”

Whether the need is for a grant to fund a family’s move from a temporary shelter to a permanent residence or counseling and referrals to help an individual navigate the social safety net, P2P is able to provide these services thanks to the generosity of grant-makers such as The Community Fund of Darien.

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**Bertyon Jean-Louis Awarded
the Lockhart Family Charitable Trust Scholarship for Academic Excellence**



[L-R] P2P Board Member and Scholarship Committee Chair Rebecca Wilson,
Lockhart Family Scholarship Recipient Bertyon Jean-Louis and Norwalk Mayor Richard A. Moccia

Darien CT, October 11, 2010 – Bertyon Jean-Louis, a junior at Sacred Heart University, has been awarded the Lockhart Family Charitable Trust Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Administered by Person-to-Person, this scholarship is granted to students with excellent academic records who have thought about the future and are one of the first in their family to attend college.

A Norwalk resident, last week Jean-Louis was recognized for his significant accomplishments by Mayor Richard A. Moccia of Norwalk. In a ceremony attended by P2P Board Member and Scholarship Committee Chair Rebecca Wilson and P2P Executive Director Ceci Maher, the Mayor commended the scholarship selection process that brings young people of talent to the fore, noting that Jean-Louis “serves as a positive example of academic, athletic and social attainment that gives great pride to my office and all citizens of Norwalk.”

Jean-Louis is a 2008 graduate of Brien McMahon, where he maintained an excellent academic record while engaged in numerous extracurricular and community activities, including Norwalk Hospital Volunteer, Breast Cancer Walk, Student Tutor, Math Club, Chamber Choir, Football, Wrestling and Track & Field.



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As an Accounting Major, his accomplishments include membership in the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First-Year Students and placement on the Dean's List. A member of the Accounting Club and Rotaract Club, Jean-Louis also competes in Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field. Jean-Louis is studying to become a Certified Public Accountant. Toward that goal, he is taking the maximum credits allowed each semester to attain the CPA credit requirement and has interned at KPMG in Stamford.

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**Members of the Jewish Community Honor Tradition
to Reach Out and Help Those Who Are Less Fortunate**

Darien CT, October 1, 2010 – Each year, children and adults at Jewish houses of worship in the area collect food during the High Holy Days, beginning with Rosh Hashanah and concluding with Yom Kippur.

This year, nearly 11,000 pounds of food was collected – restocking the shelves of the P2P Emergency Food Pantry with coffee, cookies, crackers jelly, juice, tea and oatmeal – which has helped to provide enough groceries for more than 10,000 meals per month.

The houses of worship that participated in this food drive, which is part of the *Tikkun Olam* (“Repairing the World”) tradition that calls for the Jewish people to reach out to those who are less fortunate and provide assistance, included Temple Beth El, Congregation Agudath Sholom, Chavurat Aytz Chayim, Fellowship for Jewish Learning, Chabad of Greater Stamford, Young Israel of Stamford, and Temple Sinai in Stamford plus Chavurat Deevray Torah in Greenwich.

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Long-Time Supporters Designate Gift for Person-to-Person



[L-R] P2P Executive Director Ceci Maher, First County Bank Assistant VP and Darien Branch Manager Prabhat 'PJ' Jadhav and Gregory J. Palmer of Palmer's Market

Darien CT, October 1, 2010 – The Palmer Family, individually and through Palmer's Market, have been long-time supporters of Person-to-Person – providing the brown paper bags for the annual Postal Food Drive, donating groceries for the Emergency Food Pantry and contributing to the Annual Campaign.

Most recently, Person-to-Person received a \$1,000 grant from the First County Bank Foundation as a designated gift on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory J. Palmer.

When informed of the gift, P2P Executive Director Ceci Maher remarked, “Just when we think that the Palmers do more than expected to help our clients, we are surprised by another instance of their constant generosity.”

The timeliness of this gift cannot be overstated, as P2P is heading into a period of high client demand for assistance with utility payments and other emergency services during the winter months.

“The generosity of Greg, his wife and the Foundation,” says Maher “will help us meet the need of those who come to P2P for assistance.”

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**Person-to-Person and OPUS Invite all to Participate in
“We Give Thanks” This November**

*Host Dinner Parties with Your Friends and Family
To Help Raise Funds and Awareness for Person-to-Person*

Darien CT, September 20, 2010 – Person-to-Person and OPUS for Person-to-Person invite all to be part of “We Give Thanks,” a new and unique endeavor to celebrate the start of the holidays while raising funds to help low-income individuals in the Fairfield County region. Anyone is welcome to participate by hosting a dinner party for their own friends and family at any time during the month of November.

Hosts simply let their guests know that they are participating in “We Give Thanks” Month. In lieu of bringing food, wine or a hostess gift, guests are asked to consider making a financial donation, of any amount, to Person-to-Person at the end of the evening.

Donations can be made in the form of cash, check or credit card and 100% of all donations are tax deductible. All funds raised as part of “We Give Thanks” will go directly to help low-income families and individuals from surrounding communities pay for rent, oil bills, and other basic essentials this coming winter.

“We Give Thanks” is supported by generous local businesses Palmer’s Market and Leary’s Liquor Cabinet.

Event sponsor Palmer’s Market will be providing menu suggestions and floral services to hosts. For those interested in hosting a dinner party, but choose not to cook, Palmer’s will also provide catered dinner options to “We Give Thanks” hosts. As added incentive hosts will receive a special discount off their total Palmer’s bill for purchases made for their “We Give Thanks” dinner.

In addition, Leary’s Liquor Cabinet will offer hosts help with wine pairing and other beverage-related suggestions to complement the occasion and meal.

Those who wish to host a dinner party or learn more should contact Liz Koons at koons@optonline.net or (203) 940-0588 or Missy Radin at missyradin@optonline.net. Upon signing up, each host will receive a packet of information that will include additional information about “We Give Thanks” to share with guests, proof of hosting a party in order to receive special discounts at Palmer’s Market and Leary’s and



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donor forms for guests to complete.

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Person-to-Person Registers 500 Schoolchildren for Summer Camp.



Two of the 500 children from low-income families who will attend summer camp through the Person-to-Person Campership Program.

Darien CT, May 3, 2010 – It is Saturday. Parents are waiting in line at the Saint Luke’s Parish Hall in Darien to register their sons and daughters at one of 15 area day camps. One mother has gotten there at 3:30 in the morning to ensure that her children will be in a safe and nurturing environment during summer vacation. By 4:30 am there are a number of families awaiting the arrival of Person-to-Person staff and volunteers for the annual Campership Program registration. By 9:30 am more than 198 elementary and middle schoolers have been registered for summer camp.

For more than 40 years, the Person-to-Person Campership Program has funded camp each summer for hundreds of Stamford schoolchildren who qualify for the free or reduced-price school lunch program. “This program is incredibly important to low-income, working families,” says Person-to-Person board member Beryl Williams, who serves as the program chair. “Struggling to make ends meet, these families have very limited childcare options once the school year is over. Having their children in day camp for six to eight weeks gives them peace of mind.”

The School and Family Resource Facilitator for the Stamford Public Schools, Williams also notes the benefits for the children. “We have relationships with camps that have an academic curriculum, offer extended day programs, provide breakfast, lunch and snacks, or work with children who have special needs,” she says, “so the children not only have the opportunity to enjoy their summer, but are also provided with a rich and stimulating experience that supports their social and educational development.”



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Williams looks forward to this day each year. “There are returning families, but I also meet new people. And they all truly appreciate the program.” Turning toward a mother approaching the table, Williams gestures for the woman to have a seat. She notices the woman’s daughters and then points to the coloring books and crayons off to one side. The mother nods, the girls smile; in a moment, the children are drawing. Williams and the woman then begin the camp registration process.

On this Saturday, 500 schoolchildren are registered to attend a full summer of camp. The average cost per child is \$600 and paid for by the Person-to-Person Campership Program, which is funded entirely through donations made by individuals, community organizations and local foundations.

For more information about the Campership Program or to make a donation, call (203) 655-0048.

About Person-to-Person

Person-to-Person, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, was originally established in 1968 by St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Darien. Its mission was simple: to bring together the needs of people in disadvantaged areas of nearby communities with the resources of people in Darien and the surrounding areas, thereby providing basic emergency services to low-income individuals and families living in lower Fairfield County. A volunteer-driven agency, Person-to-Person is committed to helping clients achieve self-sufficiency through practical help, advocacy, education and problem-solving initiatives. Programs include Emergency Assistance, Campership and Scholarship. In 2009, Person-to-Person helped 24,780 people avert crisis and make ends meet. These efforts are made possible by in-kind donations, a force of more than 2,000 volunteers and financial contributions. More information can be found on the web at www.p2pdarien.org or by calling (203) 655-0048.

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