



Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis, Inc.

Creating Loving Families, Caring Adults and Capable Children

CELEBRATE FAMILY

Nearly \$10,000 raised at CCCC's biggest event of the year!

Guests at CCCC's annual spring event on April 28th at the New Haven Country Club experienced the emotion, sincerity and truth of youth performance poetry by the state's national poetry slam team, OneWord CT. Teen poet words about absent role models, influential mothers and interpersonal struggles resonated with many guests and reflected the challenges of youth served by CCCC.



Left to right- Youth poets with coach Lee Keylock; Slam Judge Chion Wolf from NPR and guests; youth poets.



Above- Kyle Ballou and Dr. Reginald Mayo; Left- CCCC Board member Louise Zito, CCCC Executive Director Cheryl Burack, Marcy Manware, Ted Kopy, CCCC Chair Steve Levine and CCCC Assistant Director Jacquelyn Farrell



Above- CCCC Executive Director Cheryl Burack awards Dr. Peter Troiano, Dean of Student Affairs at SCSU, with the 2011 Manware Community Champion Award to honor the staff and student community at Southern CT State University for their decade-long commitment to organizing a university-wide food drive for CCCC families. Annually, over 300 boxes of food are collected and stock CCCC's food pantry for the entire year.

"Congrats on another great event! I am constantly amazed at how fresh and unique CCCC keeps this event; from different venues to the creative and educational programming. The poetry slam was a great idea and extremely effective and thought provoking! Can't wait to see what you come up with for next year!"

- Peter Hicks, Vice President at Webster Bank and long-time friend of CCCC



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Connecticut has Parent Educator of the Year- CCCC's Noreen McElroy!

Noreen McElroy's dedication, talent and compassion has been recognized and appreciated by everyone at CCCC since she joined the Nurturing Families Program six years ago. Anyone who knows Noreen would not be surprised at her recent recognition on the national stage as Parent Educator of the Year!

Only five individuals nationwide received this honor, awarded by Parents As Teachers (PAT). PAT is an international organization that helps organizations and professionals work with parents during the critical early years of their children's lives to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development, and improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and success.

Noreen makes a difference in each family she visits. She goes into the homes of parents at-risk of child abuse or neglect and helps them to meet the needs of their young children. Parents easily find trust in Noreen and children adore her.

In her nomination application, Clinical Supervisor Galit Sharma wrote: "Noreen is sensitive and respectful of all families from different backgrounds. Through her help, many young parents are now in school or working as they continue to receive her support in parenting...Noreen's commitment and tireless efforts to help these families break the cycle of abuse, neglect and poverty and ensure a better life for both the parents and children, along with her high level of proven success, is what makes her well deserving of receiving the honor of becoming the PAT Parent Educator of the Year."



The Nurturing Families Program provides home visitation, parenting education and parenting groups to first-time parents with specialized outreach to fathers. The Pew Center on the States reports that services like these can help parents learn how to care for their children and themselves, and that children are safer, healthier and better prepared to learn as a result. Studies of the Nurturing Families Program by the University of Hartford's Center for Social Research indicate that parents in the program make significant gains in education, employment and self-sufficiency; spend more time with their children; and become more sensitive to their needs.

At this writing, this valuable program is in jeopardy and may not be included in the state's 2012/2013 budget. Call, write and email your state legislator and voice your support for this program. Find contact info for your representative on the following site: <http://nfnnewsandnotes.yolasite.com/>

www.ccccnh.org 203.624.2600

Save the Date!



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One Step at a time... Walking Against Domestic Violence

Put on your walking shoes and show your support for domestic violence prevention!

Families, kids and people of all ages are invited to this free event.

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Lighthouse Point Park (2 Lighthouse Rd, New Haven)
Opening ceremony begins 10 am
Walk distance approx. 1 mile



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

For more information, please contact Christie Ciancola, CCCC Victim Advocate, at 203.789.1425 ext. 312 or cciancola@cccnh.org.