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The Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Greater Danbury Nonprofit Resource Center Unite

NORWALK, April 22, 2011 — The Fairfield County Community Foundation’s Center for Nonprofit Excellence and the Greater Danbury Nonprofit Resource Center are joining together to more effectively serve nonprofit organizations in Fairfield County.

The goal of both organizations is to strengthen nonprofit organizations so that they may have a greater impact in the community.

Since 2005, the Greater Danbury Nonprofit Resource Center (GDNRC) has helped nonprofits in Northern Fairfield County. The Center has over 100 members and offers training to nonprofit leadership and staff, and provides skilled volunteers, management and information resources, and networking opportunities for greater Danbury nonprofits.

“For six years, we’ve helped nonprofits develop their staff and build their organizational capacity. Going forward, this will be achieved more efficiently and effectively by joining forces with the Foundation’s Center for Nonprofit Excellence”, said Elaine Mintz, Director of the Resource Center.

As of July 1, the work of Greater Danbury Nonprofit Resource Center will be integrated with the Foundation’s Center for Nonprofit Excellence which will have a truly county-wide focus. Ms. Mintz will serve as Director of The Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

“Both the Greater Danbury Nonprofit Resource Center and The Center for Nonprofit Excellence have become well known for providing quality services around capacity building for our nonprofits”, said Michael Johnston, CEO of the United Way of Western Connecticut, fiscal agent for the GDNRC. “An interesting aspect of this joining is that they are truly leading by example: enhancing services and increasing their capacity while ensuring that the new Center will provide the local support on which so many have come to rely.”

According to Susan Ross, President and CEO of the Fairfield County Community Foundation, “The Center for Nonprofit Excellence will build on the work of both former organizations, providing nonprofit leaders with a year-round calendar of education and training workshops, information about the sector, and opportunities to share best practices, network, and collaborate.”

Going forward, a new member from northern Fairfield County will be added to the advisory committee for The Center for Nonprofit Excellence. The advisory committee recommends programs and services to strengthen the region’s nonprofit organizations.

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About The Fairfield County Community Foundation

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish their own charitable funds or contribute to existing funds focused on specific areas of need or communities in Fairfield County. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations’ national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$123 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.

About The United Way of Western Connecticut

United Way of Western Connecticut’s mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the power of caring communities to create lasting change. UWWC applies its resources through financial support, volunteerism and advocacy to change lives. United Way advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. It creates long lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of problems that prevent progress in these areas. LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become part of the change. The towns covered within UWWC’s region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman, Stamford, Warren and Washington. For more information about United Way of Western Connecticut, please visit: www.uwwesternct.org.