Community House names officers; welcomes 3 new board members

WEST HAVEN (June 30, 2011) – The West Haven Community House welcomed three new members to its board of directors at its recent Annual Meeting.

Community House Board President Richard Bruno delivered the annual “State of the Agency” address, welcomed the new members and announced the 2011-2012 board officers before more than 60 parents, staff, business and city leaders, including the mayor.

New board members are:

- Nancy Guman: Webster Bank branch manager (Campbell Avenue)
- Ed O’Brien: owner, Goldworks; chairman, West Haven City Council
- Frank Paolino: Principal of Carrigan School

Bruno noted that the Community House is like ‘the little train that could.’

“It’s no secret that times are tough,” he said, for parents, families, businesses, “and social service agencies.”

But just like ‘the little train that could,’ the Community House ended its 2010-2011 fiscal year on June 30 with stable finances, and effective programs. He cited the support of its board, donors, volunteers and staff in West Haven.

West Haven Community House, headquartered on Elm Street, has programs for pre-school, elementary and middle school-aged children and their families.

In addition, it offers a diverse program for adults with disabilities including residential homes in West Haven.

“We can look back at 2010-2011 as one where we weathered the storms, literally,” Bruno said. The severe winter “tested our facilities and affected our bottom line.”
“We thank everyone in the community for your support of programs for children and adults.”

Bruno then presented the new slate of officers for the agency’s 2011-2012 fiscal year that began on July 1:

Rich Bruno, President
Stacie Phan, 1st vice president
Ken Prisco, 2nd Vice president
John Onofrio, Treasurer
Gene Sullivan, Secretary
Frank Meyer, Assistant Secretary
Sharon Martin, Immediate Past President

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