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**Catholic Charities Centro San José Program Awarded \$15,000 Grant from United Way of Greater New Haven's Success by 6 Initiative and \$150,000 Grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven**

(HARTFORD, CT August 25, 2009) Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford is excited to announce that its Centro San José Family Center located in the Fair Haven area of New Haven has been awarded a \$15,000 one year grant to support family center programming as a part of the United Way of Greater New Haven's Success by 6 Initiative and a \$150,000 grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to be received over a four year period.

Centro San José is a Family Center where families can obtain comprehensive education and training in positive practices that promote the healthy development of young children in their neighborhoods," said Rose Alma Senatore, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities.

Centro San José offers a comprehensive array of programs including a full day, full year school readiness programming accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, year-round comprehensive youth programming, a food pantry and Diaper Bank, and family literacy, adult education, parent leadership and parent education programming.

Support from the United Way and The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven will allow Centro San José to significantly enhance the quality of early care and education experiences in New Haven, increase parents' and primary caregivers' knowledge of the important developmental milestones their children, and ensure that more of New Haven's young children enter school ready to learn and succeed.

Catholic Charities is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the State of Connecticut and has been the licensed, accredited social service arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford (Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties) for more than 90 years. The Agency serves 30,000 people of all faiths annually from 34 locations throughout Connecticut and is an employer of more than five hundred social service professionals.

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