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Catholic Charities Receives \$3.2 Million Grant for Early Reading First Program

(HARTFORD, CT August 22, 2008) Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford is excited to announce that it has been chosen by the United States Department of Education as a recipient of a grant in the amount of \$3.2 million to fund its award-winning Early Reading First Program.

“The three year grant will fund efforts to enhance the early language, literacy, and reading development of preschool age children from low-income families through instructional strategies and professional development based on scientifically-based reading research,” said Rose Alma Senatore, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities provides comprehensive full year early childhood education services in centers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The centers offer child care primarily for preschoolers ages 3 to 5, School Readiness Programs, health and nutrition services, mental health consultations, educational and social activities, family involvement and support, Early Reading First programming, and much more. Services are provided using a sliding scale fee schedule.

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 42 locations throughout Connecticut and is an employer of more than five hundred social service professionals.

For more information on Catholic Charities and its Early Reading First Program please visit our website at www.ccaoh.org.

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