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**THE VILLAGE RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM  
GREATER HARTFORD JAYCEES FOUNDATION**

Hartford, CT – August 3, 2004 – The Greater Hartford Jaycees Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Village to expand services at their Village South Center for Community Life located at 331 Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant award from the Jaycees, which will help us develop after-school programs in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford," said Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of the Village. "It is exciting to bring Boys and Girls Clubs and the S.M.A.R.T Moves program to the South Green neighborhood of Hartford at the Village's site!"

The S.M.A.R.T Moves (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) prevention/education program addresses the problems of drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity. Based on proven techniques, the program uses a team approach involving Club staff, peer leaders, parents and community representatives. More than simply emphasizing a "Say No" message, the program teaches young people how to say no by involving them in discussion and role-playing, practicing resistance and refusal skills, developing assertiveness, strengthening decision-making skills and analyzing media and peer influence. The ultimate goal is to promote abstinence from substance abuse and adolescent sexual involvement through the practice of responsible behavior.

"The Greater Hartford Jaycees are thrilled to be funding the expansion of the S.M.A.R.T. Moves program to the Village's site across the street from Bulkeley High School," said Eileen Campbell, president of the Greater Hartford Jaycees Foundation.

The Greater Hartford Jaycees Foundation, Inc., the grant-giving entity of the Greater Hartford Jaycees, seeks to improve the quality of life for Greater Hartford residents. The Foundation distributes a portion of the proceeds earned from its sole fund-raiser, the Buick Championship, through the Children's Fund, grants, scholarships, and other programs. Since its inception in 1971, the Foundation has awarded over \$15 million to programs benefiting the area's youth, elderly, disabled and disadvantaged.

Founded in 1809, the Village was one of the first agencies in the country to provide homes for neglected children. For almost 200 years it has been a vital resource to children and families throughout the region. Today, the Village continues its mission to *“Build a community of strong, healthy families who protect and nurture children.”*

For more information about the Village, please visit [www.villageforchildren.org](http://www.villageforchildren.org).