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HARC, Inc. was delighted to have been invited to join in the 30-year celebration of one advertisement of its longest standing supported employment collaborators: the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter (MDM&C). MDM&C's presence in Hartford was established in 2010, as a result of its merger with Pepe & Hazard, a Hartford-based firm established by Louis R. Pepe and Stephen B. Hazard in 1983; the same year that New Jersey-based MDM&C was founded.

HARC's 20-year supported employment collaboration with MDM&C was established in 1994, and continued successfully through their merger and into the present day. In 2007, at its 56th Annual Meeting HARC honored the firm, then known as Pepe & Hazard, with its Employer of the Year Award.

As part of the law firm's 30-year celebration, held on February 27 at On20 Restaurant, HARC's ArtSparks Group displayed seven original watercolors. HARC president/CEO, Andrea Barton Reeves also presented an original ArtSparks painting to Alfred A. Turco of West Hartford, who heads MDM&C's New England Offices, including Hartford.

"We are very committed to the ongoing partnership we have with HARC and are pleased that we can pave the way for other law firms join in similar partnerships. It enhances our firm on a daily basis and it is a truly positive step for the community as a whole." states Mr. Turco.

According to Ms. Barton Reeves, "We are so pleased to have been invited to share in the MDM&C celebration, marking their 30 years. It has also been a wonderful and meaningful collaboration in supported employment for HARC and we truly look forward to collaborating even further to deepen the partnership that has been established." About MDM&C

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP is a diverse law practice with lawyers who place the client first. MDM&C has approximately 300 lawyers in ten offices in seven states and offers a full range of legal services. Visit http://www.mdmc-law for more information. About HARC

HARC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families. It was founded in 1951 by families, long before community services were

available and institutionalization was the only option. HARC remains a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and a major provider of clinical and supportive programs that span the entire lifetime: early intervention (Birth-to-Three), family support, respite care, employment and day services, residential, recreation, behavioral health and elderly services.

HARC is a Community Investment Partner of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and serves Greater Hartford. For further information about HARC go to the website: <u>http://www.harc-ct.org</u> or call 860-218-6047.

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