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Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Receives Three Grants from the Fairfield County Community Foundation to Support Summer Youth Programs

(New Haven, CT July 30, 2012) The Fairfield County Community Foundation, one of the area's largest nonprofit organizations, generously awarded grants to three branches of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA to help support summer youth programs.

The Bridgeport YMCA will support their Summer Day Camp Programming thanks to their \$11,000 Fairfield County Community Foundation grant. Children ages 5-12 in the Bridgeport South End will be participating in traditional camp activities as well as numerous personal growth and developmental programs.

Summer evenings will be enjoyed by youth 11 – 18 in the East End of Bridgeport, thanks to the Fairfield County Community Foundation \$18,000 grant awarded to the Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA. Recreational, educational and social events are planned to help keep kids entertained in a fun, safe environment.

The Lakewood-Trumbull YMCA will be offering camp scholarships to outdoor Camp Tepee with their \$5,000 Fairfield County Community Foundation award. Experiencing the beauty of nature at Camp Tepee, playing in the field, hiking in the woods and swimming in the pond will be made available to area children in need.

"We are very grateful to the Fairfield County Community Foundation for this funding," said Pam Hearn, Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Vice President of Financial Development. "Summer is important time for kids to stay active, have fun and meet new friends."

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes philanthropy to build and sustain a vital and prosperous community where all have the opportunity to participate and thrive.

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The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is a community service agency dedicated to addressing community needs that enrich families, promote health and wellness, develop youth and build self-esteem for all. YMCA membership and participation is open to everyone regardless of race or ethnic background, religious preference or ability to pay.

In 2011, the CCC YMCA served 3,000 families daily in child care programs; 10,000 kids participated in youth sports programs; 15,500 children took advantage of the Y's instructional swimming lessons; 4,693 kids attended one of our day camps, 776 youth experienced the magic of resident camp; and 1,685 people were served through one of our housing programs. The CCC YMCA also provided \$3.37 million in direct financial assistance to more than 6,000 children, individuals and families.

The Central Connecticut Coast Y is based in downtown New Haven with eleven Y branches in Greater New Haven and Greater Bridgeport while also operating YMCA Camp Hi-Rock, a 1,000 acre residential and day camp in Mt. Washington, Massachusetts. **W** cccymca.org **P** 203 777 9622

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds or contribute to existing funds. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded \$151 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.