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Linda Kelly Named Foundation President

Beginning next month, Linda J. Kelly will take over the reins as president of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. After an eight-month nationwide search, the Foundation's board of directors selected an area resident to succeed Mike Bangser, who steps down in October after 16 years at the Foundation.

"I am deeply honored by the board's confidence in me and am thrilled with the opportunity and privilege to serve the Greater Hartford community in this capacity," said Linda, who has lived in Hartford for over 30 years.

"I can think of nothing more exciting than devoting myself full-time to the community that I love and have been a part of for decades."

"Linda is the right person for this job," said Mark Korber, board chair. "She brings superior intelligence, leadership and management skills honed from her corporate, government and nonprofit board experience. Even more importantly, she has a deep love for, and commitment to, our community."

"Linda was chosen from a pool of highly qualified candidates both from the area and out of state, including individuals with experience in nonprofits, foundations, government, and corporations," said Mark.

"This is absolutely the perfect position for me at this time in my career," Linda said. "I can think of nothing more exciting than devoting myself full-time to the community that I love and have been a part of for decades."

Since 1997, Linda has served as a Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control. Linda previously served as Deputy Commissioner of Banking, and as senior vice president and general counsel of the former Shawmut Bank Connecticut.

Linda has also served a variety of area nonprofit and civic organizations, often as board president. She is currently trustee of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, as well as trustee and officer of The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, The Amistad Foundation, and Riverfront Recapture. She is past president of The Hartford Courant Foundation, University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Families in Crisis, and Blue Hills Civic Association.

"I look forward to building upon this very strong institution, and promoting even greater collaboration among those working to strengthen the Greater Hartford community," said Linda.

A New Way to Enjoy Glastonbury

This summer, visitors and residents of Glastonbury will have a new way to enjoy the town's center. Amid the historic buildings and quaint shops along Main Street is a new footpath connecting the downtown with an existing system of trails along the Connecticut River.

The trail project will round out the town's Riverfront Park, which includes a new Community Center scheduled to open this summer. Both projects received support from the Hartford Foundation.

"The Foundation has been a catalyst for the project," said Raymond Purtell, Glastonbury's Director of Parks & Recreation, about the new trail connection.

Funding from the Foundation helped the Town leverage donations of labor and equipment, which enabled more trail to be constructed than originally planned.

The trail, lined with benches and an attractive fence, begins at Main Street and then crosses over wetlands and through an agricultural field on its way to the scenic Connecticut River.

"This trail connection is the beginning of what will become an extensive trail system in Glastonbury's Riverfront Park," said Purtell.



Mayor Perez Unveils Blueprint To Help Hartford's Young Children Succeed

Hartford has taken a bold step forward to equip its young children to succeed in school and beyond. And, the Hartford Foundation is proud to have played a key role in this effort.

Hartford has achieved success in many areas of services for young children and their families. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of early education centers that meet rigorous national standards. The screening rate to identify lead poisoning in Hartford's young children is one of the highest in Connecticut — 73.8 percent.

Now, under the direction of Mayor Eddie Perez, the City has developed a comprehensive five-year Blueprint for Young Children. It builds on successful programs in Hartford and across the country. The Blueprint outlines six goals and the steps necessary to achieve measurable outcomes for young children. These include health screening for all Hartford newborns and making full-time quality early education available for all Hartford children.

"We know that Hartford's children can succeed, but only with our help," said Mayor Perez.

The Mayor created a new leadership structure in his office to focus specifically on young children. A Mayor's Cabinet for Young Children, composed of early childhood education and health professionals, as well as representatives of Hartford's business, parent, and philanthropic communities, will provide direction and guidance. A new Office for Young Children will carry out the Blueprint.

The Hartford Foundation provided funding and staff expertise. Chris Hall, vice president for programs and special projects, and Richard Sussman, director of the Foundation's Brighter Futures Initiative, served on the Blueprint Team that developed the plan.

A summary of the Hartford Blueprint for Young Children is available online at www.hartford.gov.



Celebrating the Mayor's unveiling of a Blueprint to help Hartford's young children succeed are kindergartners from Mount Olive Child Development Center. With them are Robert Henry, superintendent of schools; Chris Hall, from the Hartford Foundation; and Mayor Eddie A. Perez.

Quiet Woman's Generosity to Last Forever

In 1969, Hope E. Scattergood was a young and newly-widowed Wethersfield resident. She lived quietly, worked for a few years at the local phone company, and enjoyed spending summers at the shore of her native Rhode Island. She was regarded by those who knew her as a lovely, dignified, and very private person who loved nature and believed in supporting Hartford-area charities.

Mrs. Scattergood died in October 2003 at age 82. Her will included gifts to environmental causes she cared about and a large unrestricted bequest to the Hartford Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of Hope Scattergood, the Arthur and Hope E. Scattergood Fund will be used to support the critical work of nonprofits across the region for years to come.

Agency Lauded for Efforts to Protect Farmington River

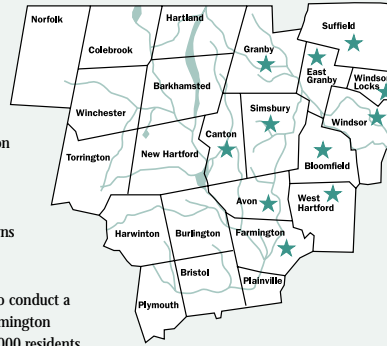
The Farmington Valley was recently named one of the nation's most nature-friendly communities, according to Chris Duerksen, author of the book, *Nature-Friendly Communities*.

The accolade is due in large part to the work of the Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA). The book credits FRWA's biodiversity project, which received support from the Hartford Foundation, as one of the most ambitious ecosystem studies in the state. Data is collected by field scientists and provided to seven towns in the Valley to help them conserve unique ecosystems without stopping growth.

This year, FRWA also received a grant from the Foundation to conduct a public education campaign designed to reduce pollution in the Farmington River watershed, which provides drinking water to more than 600,000 residents of the region.

"The number one threat to water quality in our area is an increase in the amount of paved or hardened surfaces, leading to more water runoff," said Eric Hammerling, executive director of FRWA. "This leaves us with a triple whammy of less groundwater, more polluted rivers and streams, and an increased chance of flooding and erosion during storms."

FRWA's public education campaign will provide 11 towns with specific ideas on how to reduce runoff pollution. For more information about FRWA and its programs, visit www.frwa.org or call 860-658-4442.



The Farmington River Watershed Association will conduct a public education campaign in 11 towns designed to reduce pollution in the Farmington River Watershed.

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More than 40 scholarship recipients and their family members gathered at a reception to celebrate their achievements with donors and volunteers who make the scholarships possible. In 2004, the Hartford Foundation awarded \$800,000 in scholarships, through 70 funds created by individuals, families and organizations, which benefited more than 350 students from the region.

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*Hartford seventh-grader Kozani Medina was surprised and proud when her comic book was chosen for publication in a nationally-distributed book. More than 60 students from five Hartford after-school programs participated in *The Comic Book Project*, an arts-based literacy initiative hosted by Teachers College of Columbia University. The students attend programs funded by the Hartford Foundation's After-School Initiative.*

In Other News

Yvette Meléndez Thiesfield joined the Foundation's Board of

Directors in July. Yvette is an active community leader and serves as chief administrative officer for the Connecticut State University System. She also serves on the boards of the Governor's Prevention Partnership and the YWCA of the Hartford Region. Yvette has held leadership positions for several State departments in the areas of education and human services.



Joining the Foundation's staff

as program officer is **Pete Rosa**. Pete has an extensive background in education, most recently as chief student affairs officer with the Connecticut State University System. Active with several area nonprofits, Pete has served on the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain and is president of the Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education.

