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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT CJR ANNUAL MEETING

Litchfield -- The Connecticut Junior Republic's Board of Directors held its annual meeting and election of officers and directors on September 18. Anne J. Fitzgerald of Watertown was elected President. A member of the CJR Board of Directors since 2003, Mrs. Fitzgerald serves as program director of the F. and P. DeRosa Memorial Fund, a New Jersey-based foundation providing scholarships to inner-city middle school and high school students in New York and New Jersey. She also works on a part-time basis for the Watertown Library Association. Mrs. Fitzgerald succeeds Attorney Charles E. Roraback of Goshen as President of the CJR Board of Directors.

Patrick J. Boland of Litchfield was elected as Vice President. Mr. Boland has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2006. He retired in 2004 after serving as a Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Global Credit Risk Management Department at Credit Suisse First Boston, in New York.

Joseph J. Greco of Litchfield was re-elected as Treasurer. Mr. Greco is President and Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Litchfield. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Bank since 2002 and is Vice Chairman of the Connecticut Bankers Association.

Carol G. Bramley of Litchfield was re-elected as Secretary. Ms. Bramley is a manager for the Torrington-based Branig Capital Markets and serves as assistant treasurer of the Litchfield Aid of CJR. She is also a past president of the Aid.

CJR Executive Director John F. Boyd thanked Mr. Roraback for his service as President. He noted that Mr. Roraback guided the Connecticut Junior Republic through three years of growth and change, which included the opening of a new Family Support Center in Waterbury and a new therapeutic group home in Winchester, as well as the closure of CJR's DCF-funded residential program in Litchfield earlier this year.

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During Mr. Roraback's tenure as president, CJR also received contracts from the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) of the Judicial Branch to establish a new residential program for boys on its Litchfield campus; to expand its community-based program in Danbury; and to open a new office in Torrington. The education program on CJR's Litchfield campus also diversified and expanded during this time to provide special, vocational and alternative education, as well as transition and related services for boys from communities throughout western Connecticut. As a result of these program changes, CJR continues to serve youth from communities throughout Connecticut, with more boys, girls and families than ever before served from the region between northern Fairfield county and Connecticut's northwest corner.

Founded in 1904, the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) has provided residential and community-based care, treatment and education for troubled and at-risk young people for more than 100 years. Today, the organization's combined programs serve approximately 1,000 boys and girls from communities throughout Connecticut. CJR operates group homes for boys in East Hartford and Winchester, a short-term residential program for girls in Waterbury, and community-based programs serving boys and girls in the Danbury, Torrington/Northwest Connecticut and Greater Waterbury regions. Special, alternative and vocational education programs, as well as transition and related services, are provided for boys on CJR's Litchfield campus.

A private charitable organization, the Connecticut Junior Republic is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). CJR is supported by contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations, and through service contracts funded by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) of the Connecticut Judicial Branch, the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), and by Connecticut's public schools. For further information, please contact Hedy Barton, Director of Development and Public Relations (860) 567-9423, extension 252; or by email: hbarton@cjryouth.org.