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NEWS RELEASE

CJR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES FUTURE RETIREMENT

Litchfield – Anne J. Fitzgerald, President of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR), has reported that Executive Director John F. Boyd has decided to retire from the organization in the spring of 2012, following 35 years of service. Mr. Boyd has served as Executive Director for the past 16 years of his tenure at the Junior Republic.

“The Connecticut Junior Republic has been most fortunate to have someone of John Boyd’s caliber at the helm of the organization,” stated Mrs. Fitzgerald. “John’s vision, experience and knowledge of current trends in the field, have been invaluable to long range planning and charting courses of action in challenging times,” she said. Mrs. Fitzgerald commended Mr. Boyd for transforming the Junior Republic into a position of leadership within the field of services for children and families.

The CJR Board of Directors has formed a search committee and it is expected that Mr. Boyd’s successor will be selected in early 2012. Mrs. Fitzgerald indicated that Mr. Boyd will serve on the search committee for the new executive director and has assured the CJR Board of Directors that he will continue as long as necessary to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

The Junior Republic serves more than 1,000 boys, girls and families in ten locations throughout Connecticut. In addition to its evidence-based and family-focused residential program in Litchfield, and group homes in East Hartford and Winchester, which serve boys, CJR operates a residential program for girls in Waterbury. CJR also has community-based programs in Danbury, East Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, Torrington and Waterbury. These program locations provide an array of prevention and early intervention services, as well as intensive home-based care that provides support, therapy and guidance for the parents and guardians of troubled youth, thus ensuring that the entire family, as well as the boy or girl referred for service, receives assistance. CJR’s Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center, located on the

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Litchfield campus, provides special, vocational and alternative education for boys, ages 9 – 21, as well as transition services. CJR's education programs have grown significantly over the past two years, and enrollment now stands at nearly 70 boys, the majority of whom attend as day students and are referred by nearly 30 towns in five of Connecticut's eight counties. In 2010, the Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a first in the history of the Junior Republic.

Mr. Boyd reflected with optimism on the Junior Republic's future. "CJR is a leader in our field and we are very well-prepared and positioned to continue expanding and strengthening our programs in the future," he said. "We have developed an outstanding team of highly skilled and committed managers and staff to continue CJR's critical work with children and families," he continued.

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