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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Connecticut Junior Republic Announces New Chief Financial Officer**

Litchfield – John F. Boyd, Executive Director of the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR), recently announced the appointment of Patricia Shishkov to the position of Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Shishkov will oversee a broad range of responsibilities in her new position, including all business functions, oversight of the organization's financial activities, as well as the maintenance of its Litchfield campus, including the Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center, Bertha Wheeler Pool and Gymnasium Complex, the D' Assern Dining Room and other facilities associated with its Litchfield residential and education programs. Ms. Shishkov's responsibilities will also include the maintenance of its East Hartford and Winchester Group Home properties and all business and facilities contracts associated with CJR programs in Danbury, East Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, Torrington and Waterbury. Combined, CJR's programs in ten locations throughout Connecticut serve more than 1,000 boys, girls and families annually.

Ms. Shishkov brings more than 15 years of business experience to the Connecticut Junior Republic. Most recently, she served as Director of Finance and Operations and Interim Executive Director for Northwest Connecticut Association for the Arts, Inc. (The Warner Theatre), a highly regarded regional performing arts center in Torrington. Her positions with the Northwest Connecticut Association for the Arts spanned more than 12 years and encompassed increasing responsibility within the organization. Prior to her tenure with the Warner Theatre, Ms. Shishkov was the business manager of Cypress Management in Waterbury and a distribution analyst for Unisys Corporation in Lombard, Illinois. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Northern Illinois University and resides in Barkhamsted with her husband and two children.

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“We are delighted that Trish Shishkov has joined the staff of the Connecticut Junior Republic,” stated Mr. Boyd. “She has excellent contacts and experience and will be an integral part of our management team,” he said.

Founded in 1904, the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) provides care, treatment, education and family support for at-risk, special needs and troubled young people so they can become productive and fulfilled members of their homes, schools and communities.

The Junior Republic conducts a residential program for court-referred young men on its Litchfield campus. Special, vocational and alternative education programs are provided for boys from communities throughout Connecticut in this location through CJR’s Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center. Transition and related services are also provided.

CJR also provides residential care for boys at its group homes in East Hartford and Winchester and short-term, residential crisis intervention for girls at its Center for Assessment, Respite and Enrichment (CARE) in Waterbury. A broad spectrum of prevention, early intervention, family support, and intensive home-based services, and aftercare, are provided for boys and girls through CJR’s offices in Danbury, East Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, Torrington and Waterbury (two sites).

A private charitable organization, the Connecticut Junior Republic is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). CJR is supported by gifts 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](mailto:hbarton@cjryouth.org).