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NEWS RELEASE

CONNECTICUT JUNIOR REPUBLIC RECEIVES \$1 MILLION LEGACY

Litchfield – The Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) recently received a \$1 million bequest from the Estate of Frederick Sturges, III. A resident of Old Lyme and a longtime friend of the Junior Republic, Mr. Sturges passed away in May of 2009. The first installment of the bequest was made in 2010, and a recently-received disbursement from his estate completes the legacy.

According to CJR Executive Director, John F. Boyd, Mr. Sturges' bequest is one of the three largest gifts ever received by the Junior Republic. As a bequest, this gift is designated by the CJR Board of Directors for the purpose of endowing the organization's programs and services.

"Fred Sturges was a loyal and generous friend to the Connecticut Junior Republic for more than 25 years," said Mr. Boyd. "He made many important gifts to our organization during his lifetime and his annual support helped sustain our organization for many years. This magnificent bequest speaks to the level of interest he had in helping at-risk and troubled children," he noted. "A gift of this size makes a considerable difference to our programs and services and significantly increases the funds in our endowment," stated Mr. Boyd.

He indicated that Mr. Sturges' bequest to the Junior Republic is an example of transformational support from the community. "We are very fortunate to have friends and supporters throughout Connecticut," said Mr. Boyd, also noting that CJR was established through the bequest of Litchfield resident, Mary T. Buel. Miss Buel left her farmhouse, land and \$5,000 to create a place to help wayward and troubled children when she passed away in 1900.

Over the years, CJR has received numerous bequests from others who wished to see the organization flourish and continue its work with children, youth and families. As the organization has grown, so has its endowment. "Bequests have played an important part in the development of CJR," stated Mr. Boyd.

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The single-largest gift that the Connecticut Junior Republic has received to-date was a bequest of \$1.6 million received in 2007 from an anonymous donor. Prior to that time, the largest gift CJR had received was a legacy of \$908,000 through the will of Peter R. Cable.

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. Today, the organization's combined programs serve approximately 1,200 boys and girls annually in ten locations throughout Connecticut.

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.