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## **CITY OF HARTFORD CELEBRATES NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY WITH 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY FAMILY FAIR**

**Saturday, September 10, 2011**

**---News and Community Advisory---**

**“The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grandparents Day Family Fair,” will be celebrated Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bushnell Park near the Carousel.**

The City of Hartford celebrates this day in honor of more than 2,000 grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in Hartford and more than 18,000 grandparents raising kin in the State of Connecticut. Hartford-based organizations are preparing a short march that will celebrate the occasion locally before a national grandparents-raising-children rally hits Washington, D.C. the following week. Community Renewal Team’s Generations Campus, Catholic Charities, Capitol City Ryders and the City of Hartford would like to invite grandparents, caregivers and their families to participate.

Families are asked to meet in front of Hartford City Hall at 10am to walk over to Bushnell Park’s Carousel. Families can bring a picnic lunch while enjoying this event filled with games, moon bouncers, arts and crafts, family relays and other entertainment. Grandparents and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about special services and programming that are available to them in their community.

“This celebration is a wonderful way to celebrate our families and highlight how our historic parks contribute to improving our quality of life. Here families can enjoy each other, the great outdoors, wonderful entertainment and receive important and useful information,” said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

“Our Grandparents Day Family Fair has become a wonderful tradition in the City. In addition to the services we provide to these very important families, it is a great pleasure to be able to provide the Hartford community with such a great opportunity to honor their work and have fun in the process” stated Raul Pino, Acting Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

This Saturday Hartford celebrates families with three great events at Bushnell Park: The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grandparents Day Family Fair by the Carousel, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Gospel Festival, the historic Bushnell Park Carousel, the treasure in downtown Hartford will turn 97 years old this year. It is one of less than 200 antique wooden carousels that remain in operation in the U.S. down from thousands at the turn of the century.

For more information about this family fair, please contact Milagros Acosta (860) 757-0853.