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CITY OF HARTFORD CELEBRATES NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY WITH 8TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY FAMILY FAIR **Saturday, September 11, 2010**

---News and Community Advisory---

“The 8th Annual Grandparents Day Family Fair,” will be celebrated Saturday, September 11th 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.

Families can bring a picnic lunch while enjoying this event filled with games, 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 highlight the importance of a strong family foundation and what better place to do it than in our historic parks. 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 Carlos Rivera, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

This Saturday Hartford celebrates families with three great events at Bushnell Park: The 8th Annual Grandparents Day Family Fair by the Carousel, the 15th Annual Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Gospel Festival & Fair and The 2010 Discover Hartford Bicycling & Walking Tours.

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