

# Center for Children's Advocacy - Recent Events

Center for Children's Advocacy is dedicated to improving the lives of Connecticut's most vulnerable children.



**CCA held a March fundraiser** at South Windsor Ten Pin Bowling. In this photo, faculty and staff from the Capitol Region Education Council's (CREC) River Street School in Windsor.



**Brett Dignam, Esq., Chair of CCA's Board of Directors, welcomes Governor Rell to CCA** as she prepares to sign Public Act 09-193, new legislation that authorizes the state to seize property obtained through securities fraud to create a fund to reimburse victims. CCA lost significant funding from the JEHT Foundation this year when the Foundation closed as a result of investment losses with Bernard Madoff; this loss resulted in CCA staff cut-backs and reduced services as we work to secure additional funding.

*"You gave me hope to believe that I can succeed no matter how stuff can be difficult around me."*  
 - teen client living in Hartford area group home



**Graduation!** CCA Executive Director Martha Stone is happy to share the graduation celebration with Jeremy A., one of the Center's first clients.



### Keep the Power On clinics

CCA Attorney Bonnie Roswig (not shown) organizes free "Keep the Power On" clinics each year to help low income local residents maintain utility service.

Osarieme Uwaifo (left) a student at University of Connecticut School of Law; and Chanel Johnson, a paralegal student at Hartford College for Women, help families calculate their monthly budget.



Gio Prado (left), formerly with the Hispanic Health Council, and Jessica White, a nurse at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, help a single parent complete her application to avoid utility termination. 2009 clinics will take place at community locations in Hartford and Bridgeport.



**University of Connecticut School of Law hosted the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Sheff v. O'Neill.** Left to right: Plaintiff Carol Vinick; Plaintiff Tom Connolly; Plaintiffs' Counsel Martha Stone, Center for Children's Advocacy; Plaintiff Elizabeth Horton Sheff; Plaintiffs' Counsel Dennis Parker, ACLU Racial Justice Project; Author Susan Eaton; Phil Tegeler, Co-Chair Sheff Movement; Gina Chirichign, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice; Attorney John Brittain; Councilman Jim Boucher.



**Day Pitney and Bingham McCutcheon host Hartford area get-together.** CCA Board Member Rosalie Roth (left) and Donna Collins listen to presentations at the Day Pitney, Bingham McCutcheon Event in May 2009.

*"It was a pleasure to see such aggressive advocacy for a little guy with no voice."*  
 - State Child Welfare Attorney



**Day Pitney and Bingham McCutcheon host Hartford area get-together.** Highlights of the evening sponsored by Day Pitney and Bingham McCutcheon included presentations by: CCA Board Member Stanley A. Twardy, Jr., Esq. (left); Dr. Aric Shichor, Associate Professor and Division Head Adolescent Medicine, UConn School of Medicine, Director, Adolescent & Young Adult Health Program, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Director, Adolescent Health Service, CCMC; Honorable Douglas S. Lavine, Connecticut Appellate Court; Giovannie Mendez, former client of CCA's Teen Legal Advocacy Clinic, now attending college and working at a Hartford area group home for youth in the care of the Department of Children and Families.



CCA Board Members Deborah Freeman, Esq., Bingham McCutcheon; and Felix Springer, Esq., Day Pitney, generously sponsored a gathering to share CCA's important work with the Hartford community.



Jay Sicklick, Esq., CCA Deputy Director; and Hannah Benton, Esq., Equal Justice America Fellow and CCA Truancy Court Prevention Project attorney, listen to the presentations.