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Connecticut Voices for Children Welcomes Three New Board Members

Connecticut Voices for Children, a statewide research and advocacy organization dedicated to improving opportunities for children across the state, welcomes three new board members with extensive experience in child development, nonprofit management, philanthropy, and education.

Ellen Shemitz, Executive Director of Connecticut Voices for Children, announced the following new directors:

David Nee, a Fairfield resident, recently retired as the first executive director of the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, founded in 1993 to improve education for Connecticut's children. Prior to his leadership of the Graustein Memorial Fund, Mr. Nee acted as the executive director of the Ittleston Foundation and of the Florence V. Burden Foundation. He has served on the boards of the Connecticut Academy for Education in Math Science and Technology, and Grantmakers for Children Youth and Families. He co-chaired the Governor's Early Childhood Research and Policy Council from 2006-2009. He founded and continues to serve on the Board of the Connecticut Center for School Change.

Nancy Roberts, a resident of West Hartford, is the former President of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, a regional association of grantmakers in Connecticut, where she served for 22 years. Prior to that post, she managed the Howard and Bush Foundation in Greater Hartford. She currently serves as a board member of the Hartford Seminary and Plowshares Institute. She is a past member of the advisory board of the Workforce Solutions Collaborative and the Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services, a past board member of the Foundation Center in New York and the Council on Foundations, and a founding board member and past chair of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers.

Ann Baker Pepe, a Hamden resident, serves as the Director of Development at the Foote School, an independent K-9 preparatory school in New Haven, where she has led a steady growth in the school's fundraising, developed alumni relations and coordinated communications for more than 15 years. Ms. Pepe previously worked at Wesleyan University in the University Relations, Annual Fund, and Admissions programs. She is actively involved in the New Haven community, especially through her volunteer work at Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP) where she chaired the LEAP Dinners Committee for 10 years and currently serves as Board Chair.

[Note to reporters: photos of the new board members are attached.]