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**STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...Selected for
United Way "Day of Caring"
by Norwalk Office of Managers Investment Group**



PHOTO: Volunteers from Managers Investment Group of Norwalk are flanked by William Casale, Director of Operations at STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way, and Cheryl Bieling of United Way Coastal Fairfield County.

September 29, 2009: STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way... was selected as the recipient of a generous donation of time, talent and resources from Managers Investment Group in Norwalk and the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.

The "Day of Caring" program of United Way encourages area service-oriented companies to utilize their manpower by contributing volunteer projects to the communities where they work. For this particular project, twenty-three employees from the Norwalk office of Managers

Investment Group (MIG) performed improvements to a group home of Norwalk's STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way... The home, which accommodates five residents with developmental disabilities, is one of several properties owned and operated by STAR, whose mission includes encouraging individuals with developmental disabilities to live with greater independence and self-sufficiency.

Employees from Norwalk's Managers Investment Group employees spent a full day completing a list of tasks, including painting the interior of the home, planting and landscaping the front façade with shrubs, flowers and ornamental grasses; pulling up carpeting and setting down "hardwood" style flooring suitable for wheelchair-bound residents. STAR's Director of Operations, Bill Casale commented: "We are thankful to United Way and Managers Investment Group. The volunteers were enthusiastic, organized and motivated to complete as much as possible in the time we had. This had a positive, tremendous impact on our residents and staff at this home, as well as the entire organization and community."

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STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way is a not-for-profit organization serving individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, as well as providing support services to their families. STAR provides a wide range of programs and services to more than 500 children and adults with developmental disabilities, including Recreational Programs, Day Programs, Job Training and Placement, Social Services and Advocacy. STAR creates opportunities for individuals to live full lives with independence, freedom of choice and personal growth by providing support, services and advocacy. We inform and encourage the community to recognize and appreciate the value of all individuals.

The United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. The organization focuses on the building blocks for a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. To accomplish this, United Way energizes and inspires people to make a difference; reflects the diversity of the communities they serve; serves as leaders and trusted partners in crafting human care strategies within and across their communities; builds coalitions around these strategies; increases investments in these strategies by expanding and diversifying their development efforts and supporting the efforts of others; measures, communicates about, and learns from the results of their efforts .

