



# NEWS

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## **STAR Center Selected for “Global Day of Giving” by XL Capital Ltd.**

June 10, 2009: On Thursday, May 27, 2010, thirty-two employees from XL Capital Ltd. in Stamford built and planted a platform vegetable garden, painted building trim, laid a mulch bed, removed excess shrubbery, fixed property signs and performed other repairs at the STAR Center for individuals with developmental disabilities on Wolfpit Avenue in Norwalk. The donation of community service was part of the company’s “Global Day of Giving” employee volunteer day dedicated to supporting the communities in which XL companies operate. More than 160 volunteer projects were planned in cities around the world.

XL Capital’s “Global Day of Giving” project coordinators Stephanie Gomes and Joseph Wilson explained that their goal was to select a charity where they could have the most impact. “The STAR Center was appealing to us because of their broad outreach among people with developmental disabilities in Mid-Fairfield County. They provide a wide range of programs, and they serve an extensive and diverse population (individuals with developmental disabilities).”

STAR’s Executive Director Katie Banzhaf said, “We are very thankful for the generosity of XL Group and all they were able to accomplish in one day at our facility. We enjoyed having them here. The platform garden was an instant favorite among our clients—everyone was ready to start planting immediately!”

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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. We create 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.

For additional information about STAR, call 203-846-9581 or visit STAR's website at <http://www.starinc-online.org>, Twitter page at **STAR\_Inc\_** and Facebook Fan Page titled **STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...**

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Photo: XL Capital employees and STAR clients form friendships during volunteer project.