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**State Chapter of World's Largest Women's Service Organization
Selects CCCI as Fundraising Recipient**

(Bristol, CT) -- The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut (GFWC/CT) has chosen Connecticut Community Care, Inc. (CCCI) as the recipient of a statewide volunteer and fundraising project for the next two years. State Project Director Bea Arneson said 4,000 members of 53 chapters in communities across the state will participate and hope to raise \$30,000 to assist CCCI clients and families through CCCI's "Independent Living Fund."

Arneson, a former CCCI Care Manager and Northwest Office Regional Director, nominated CCCI for the project. "CCCI's mission and our club's mission fit together very well. Many of our members are caregivers -- assisting their mothers, husbands and chronically ill children. I know first-hand how CCCI helps caregivers and their loved ones," Arneson said.

The GFWC is the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, non-denominational service organization of women focusing on education, health care, the environment and charitable giving. In 1990, the Club celebrated 100 years of volunteer service in communities large and small worldwide. The Connecticut Club was organized in 1897.

State President Jeanne Waseleski said members of individual chapters continuously support their communities by volunteering their time, participating in community service programs, and raising funds. Every two years, the chapter members choose one large project to support with an emphasis on helping a larger, broader group of people.

"In addition to fundraising, our members want to volunteer their time to help CCCI. The more we can be involved, the more connected members feel to the organization," Waseleski said.

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“All of us at CCCI are thrilled to have been chosen for this project,” said Patricia Morgan, CCCI’s Director of Development and Public Relations. “Funds raised by the chapters will help clients who cannot afford direct care services, personal or medical equipment and other items on their own.”

Morgan added that she has begun meeting with members of the various chapters across the state to familiarize them with CCCI and its various programs. Arneson said the Club’s last statewide project raised \$35,000 for renovations to the women’s wing of the Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill.

CCCI is a statewide, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting the elderly and individuals with disabilities to remain at home, avoiding premature nursing home placement. For nearly 30 years, CCCI has helped more than 100,000 clients and families through the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) and through its private-pay division, Care Management Associates, saving the state and its taxpayers millions of dollars each year that would have been spent on premature institutionalization. CCCI has regional offices in Watertown, Wethersfield and Norwich.

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