

# Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.

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Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan Team  
First Place Spelling Winners during Family Services of Greater Waterbury's  
Sixth Annual Eleemosynary Spelling Bee  
Held at the Villa Rosa, Waterbury, CT  
May 17, 2006.

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Wesson Energy, Inc. Team  
Second Place Spelling Winners  
And Winner of Best Cheer during  
Family Services of Greater Waterbury's  
Sixth Annual Eleemosynary Spelling Bee  
held at the Villa Rosa, Waterbury, CT  
May 17, 2006



The Worx Group, LLC Team  
Third Place Spelling Winners  
Family Service of Greater Waterbury's  
Sixth Annual Eleemosynary Spelling Bee  
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Carmody and Torrance, LLP  
Winners Best Theme (Legally Blondes) and Best Costume Prizes  
during Family Services of Greater Waterbury's  
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Can you spell Kohlrabi? Next question – do you know what it means? Both had importance during Family Services of Greater Waterbury's sixth annual eleemosynary spelling bee at the Villa Rosa, Waterbury, CT on Wednesday, May 17. Nine local corporations and organizations produced their best three spellers and seven cheerleaders in hopes of winning the regionally renowned spelling bee championship or prizes for best costume, best cheer or best costume. During a "sudden death" round, the Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan team correctly spelled Kohlrabi, which by the way is a plant in the mustard family having a thick basal part of the stem that is eaten as a vegetable. It is also referred to as a *turnip cabbage*. Wesson Energy took second place and the Worx Group, LLC, though valiant in their efforts, placed third. Mr. Tom Chute of WATR Radio superbly and articulately pronounced all the words for the teams, and at the close of the evening, he was clearly relieved by the declaration of a winner. Our panel of astute judges included Semina DeLaurentis, co-founder of the Seven Angels Theater and actress as well as Bob Sagendorf, Mr. Chute's broadcast cohort. Mr. Harry Cashin, III roamed with microphone in hand throughout the audience assisting Mr. Chute and popped the helium-filled balloon suspended over each team's table following an incorrectly spelled word. The balloon bursts were few and far between – the spellers were incredibly good! Carmody and Torrance, LLP won best theme and costume and Wesson Energy, Inc. swept the best cheer prize. Our event's major sponsors included Webster Bank and the Naugatuck Savings Bank Foundation for which we are grateful. The other teams participating in this year's event included Bank of America, F & S Oil Company, Naugatuck Bank, Naugatuck & Beacon Falls Chamber of Commerce and Drs. Leone and Orellana and friends.

The spelling bee raised or netted over \$13,000 for Family Services, according to Sandy Porteus, executive director of Family Services of Greater Waterbury. She added that everyone had a great deal of fun; that the camaraderie was overwhelming and that all proceeds will be used in support of the Agency's programs and services. She also thanked Mr. Jay Carlson of G&R Manufacturing for chairing the successful event.

Family Services of Greater Waterbury, a private, not-for-profit, 501 (c) 3, multi-Services agency, is committed to strengthening families and individuals through quality services, community collaboration and social advocacy. For more information, please contact Paul Parvis at 203-756-8317, ext. 3026 or email [pparvis@familyServicesgw.org](mailto:pparvis@familyServicesgw.org). The agency's web site address is [familyservicgw.org](http://familyservicgw.org)

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