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Photo Left to Right -

Rob Cashel, Chairman of Board of Directors of CCFSA and President of Family & Children's Agency

Family Services of Greater Waterbury's Sandy Porteus, Executive Director, Lisa Archie, Clinician,
Tony Edwards, Board President

The Honorable Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., CT State Representative, 142nd District and CCFSA Family
Legislator of the Year - 2006

FAMILY CHAMPION AWARD

At the first annual *Family Champion* award reception on June 15th, the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (CCFSA) recognized 32 outstanding staff and Board members from its 16 member statewide agencies for their commitment to empowering families and building strong communities.

Chosen by their peers, Family Services of Greater Waterbury is proud to recognize Ms. Lisa Archie, LCSW and Mr. Tony Edwards as this year's Family Champions.

Lisa Archie, LCSW has been a clinical social worker at Family Services for the past seven years. She serves some of the most vulnerable clients, both children and adults many of whom have been traumatized through physical or sexual abuse. Lisa consistently works in a respectful and kind manner ensuring that her client's basic needs are met first. As the trust levels build, she then effectively engages her clients to address their difficult life challenges. Both the Agency and her clients are very fortunate to benefit from Lisa's professional talent and gifts.

Tony Edwards, Board President has been in his position as president since January 2006, and has been actively involved with the Family Services Board of Directors since 2000. Mr. Edwards has played an active role with board and staff members as Chair of Strategic Planning and annually hosts the "State of

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the Agency” staff and board retreat where he presents the updated Long Term Strategic/Operational plan and newly established Agency Annual Goals. Mr. Edwards is extremely energetic, committed to numerous local community initiatives and always has a huge British smile and plenty of wisdom to share with all.

Family Services of Greater Waterbury, a private, not-for-profit multi-Services agency, is committed to strengthening families and individuals through quality Services, community collaboration and social advocacy. For more information, please contact Paul B. Parvis at 203-756-8317, pparvis@familyservicesgw.org or visit our website, familyservicesgw.org

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