

*Everybody Wins! CT provides reading enrichment programs that engage students, encourage leadership and learning, inspire a love of reading, and build stronger communities.*

## Welcome, Carol Scully

Everybody Wins! CT Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Carol M. Scully has joined Everybody Wins! CT as our new Executive Director. Carol has extensive experience in the non-profit sector in a variety of positions, including program manager and project coordinator, manager of volunteer services, and acting executive director.

Carol holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut as well as a Non-profit Management Certificate from Sacred Heart University. She has served on a number of non-profit boards in various roles including president and treasurer, including the CT Collaborative for Volunteerism, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Asylum Hill Elderly Network, Brain Injury Association of CT, Community Health Charities, the parent association boards for The Ethel Walker School and Renbrook School.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Carol to our organization and will have the opportunity to meet her in the very near future. We anticipate that under her guidance, Everybody Wins! CT will continue to grow and serve more and more children in the Greater Hartford area.

Beverly Boucher  
President of the Board



*Beverly is a reader at Clover Street Elementary School. She is shown here with Kijano Habien, her reading partner last year.*

## Executive Director's Message



I would like to thank the Everybody Wins! CT Board of Directors and staff for welcoming me as your new executive director.

I am very proud to be a part of this team and to have the opportunity to work with such a great organization and awesome mission. I hope that together we can build on the success of our programs and continue to move forward helping Everybody Wins! CT change more children's lives.

Sincerely,  
*Carol Scully*

## Welcome New Schools and New Programs

### SAND Readers as Leaders Sunshine Breakfast Club

Ana Colon, senior coordinator for Everybody Wins! CT, has added another session of reading at Sand School in Hartford. On Wednesday mornings at 7:30, you can find ten 6<sup>th</sup> graders sharing their love of reading with their first-grade buddies.

### Readers as Leaders Unofficially Arrives at Milner

There is a secret society operating this year at Everybody Wins! CT Readers as Leaders programs. You'll have to visit Milner School library on Wednesdays to be able to catch a glimpse of this group in action. These new 7<sup>th</sup> graders, previously Power Lunch participants, have agreed to become reading mentors themselves. Rita Gross, who has been facilitating the Milner Power Lunch program for 6 years, suggested they read to younger students on the Power Lunch waiting list. Milner will be the 4<sup>th</sup> school after Jumoke, Gaffney (in New Britain) and SAND that embraces the vision of Everybody Wins! CT.

### Power Lunch Sessions Are On Fire...

But there's no need to worry: The firefighters from the Blue Hills Engine Ladder 4, Engine 14 are in the house at Jumoke Academy, and firemen from the Phoenix Society are reading with the students at SAND Elementary School. This is all thanks to the perseverance and tenacity of Kate Tedford, our AmeriCorps Volunteer Outreach Coordinator. Kate's commitment to increasing our volunteer base to include community employees required City Special Services authorization and the creation of a complicated schedule for our volunteers. The students are so excited when the firefighters arrive in their uniforms eager to share their passion for reading.



### Quote from Camp Jewell Participant\*

*"When I saw the height I was terrified because I'm scared of heights. So I said to myself, 'I'm going to do this.' You guys really helped me go again and do it saying it's safe and you won't fall off. As I got there it took me a minute to gather myself, take it like a man, and go. After it was all done, I felt as if I could do it again."*

\*Students in the Readers as Leaders program participate in leadership and literacy training at Camp Jewell to prepare them for their assignment.

### Featured Volunteer — Spring 2009

Our new "Featured Volunteer of the Month" was created to recognize the efforts of our many volunteer mentors who are increasing their student's prospects for success in school.

This month we honor Richard Brigham, a retired elementary school teacher. Richard was looking for a venue to continue to share his knowledge and skills and came to the Power Lunch program at Clover Street Elementary School this fall. Each week, Richard brings in vocabulary flash cards to help his young student practice after they finish their book. Since the introduction of those cards, his student's vocabulary has grown immensely. We cannot thank Mr. Brigham enough and look forward to seeing the pair reach new milestones together.

**And of course, thank you to ALL of our volunteers every month!**

### Young Readers As Leaders Featured In *The New Britain Herald*

The Readers as Leaders program collaboration with the La Pensee Academie at Lincoln Elementary School was recently featured in an article in *The New Britain Herald*.

The students of the La Pensee Academie have been mentoring kindergarten students through one-on-one reading sessions and acting as role models both scholastically and socially. Once a week, the La Pensee students read a book to their reading partners. Afterwards, the kindergarteners are given the book to take home. Every four weeks or so, the La Pensee students also have an opportunity to select new books to add to their own home library.

The program has several benefits: La Pensee students have an opportunity to put their leadership skills to use in their own school community, and the younger students have the privilege of one-on-one attention from older students who are eager to share their love of reading with them.

La Pensee Academie is the brainchild of Dr. Jeff Mulqueen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, and is supported by Sharon Beloin-Saavdra, President of the New Britain Board of Education.

*\*You can see the article in the  
2/7 Edition of The New Britain Herald.*

### Everybody Wins! CT Wish List

Volunteer Mentors	School Supplies
Children's Books	Bookcases
Office Computers	Colored Copy Paper

If you wish to make a tax-deductible financial donation, please make your check payable to **Everybody Wins! CT** and mail it to:

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### FUNDRAISING

Want to help us with fundraising events? Email Kate Tedford at [KTedford@everybodywinsct.org](mailto:KTedford@everybodywinsct.org)

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