



# NEWSLETTER

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

## Welcome Winners!

As a volunteer or supporter of Everybody Wins! CT, you are probably aware of how much your commitment means to our children, schools, and communities. We've designed this newsletter to keep you up to date with our programs and highlight some of our students' achievements. We hope you enjoy it and welcome your feedback.

## A Little History

As we move into the year 2007, I marvel at the changes we have made in a few short years. As many of you know, Everybody Wins! was born in 1991 when Arthur Tannenbaum decided the best way to engage young students and help them learn to love books is by reading to them. That was 16 years ago. Today, there are 16 Everybody Wins! affiliates throughout the country serving more than 8,500 children.

## Readers as Leaders

A special thank you to all the sponsors of the Readers as Leaders program. Because of your generous support and ongoing commitment to children, Everybody Wins! CT is now providing four Readers as Leaders programs in Hartford and one in New Britain.

Thanks also to Everybody Wins! USA. With a \$20,000 grant, we are now able to implement our long-term vision of tying our two programs together. Jumoke Academy has housed a Power Lunch program for the past three years, and now Jumoke will also host a Readers as Leaders program.

When students graduate from the Power Lunch program in grade 6, they will now have the opportunity to mentor younger children and pass on their love of reading.



## Power Lunch

Students from the Power Lunch program at Clover Street Elementary School in Windsor recently learned the power of words. Students, along with the ALSTOM Power volunteer reading mentors, made Valentine's Day cards to send to our men and women serving in the military. During lunch, students and their reading mentors wrote special messages showing support for our troops.



Everybody joined in the fun. Anthony Jackson, school coordinator of the Power Lunch program, provided direction and purchased materials for the projects, while volunteers from ALSTOM Power brought in small American flags to use. Even

Clover Street School staff joined in. One teacher mentioned that she is a Blue Star Mom (a mom who has a child serving in the military). She spoke to the third graders about how lonely and homesick our fighting troops are and explained to the students how much their cards and letters help morale. Everybody involved in the project was a winner! Students, ALSTOM Power volunteers, and Clover Street School staff learned the power of working together and reaching out to others. And everybody learned the power of the written word. So, remember, reading is not only about books. When you read (or write) with a child, everybody wins!

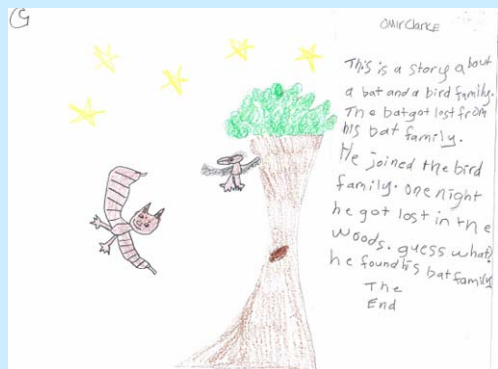
## Everybody Wins! Wish List

- Books
- Computers
- Computer projector
- School supplies (paper, crayons, etc.)
- Bookcases
- Office color copier

If you wish to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to "Everybody Wins! CT" and mail it to the attention of Donna Gordon, Executive Director, Everybody Wins! CT, 30 Arbor Street, Hartford, CT 06106

## Kids Corner

This picture is the Bat Story, by Omir Clarke of JP Vincent School. Volunteer is Gail Pillow.



Roses are Red, by McKoi Alaia Brown of JP Vincent School. Volunteer is Dorinda Wells.



### What's New

- A new board president – Ann Waller – Director of Communications at The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.
- A new treasurer – Lloyd Smith.
- A new grant writer – Dorothy Paleologis – what a find!
- A new mission statement (see page 1).
- A new Web site... check it out at [www.everybodywinsct.org](http://www.everybodywinsct.org) (Also, we invite you to visit our Web site and order books through our Amazon link. Everybody Wins! CT gets a donation for every order you place!)
- Two new Readers as Leaders programs – one in New Britain and another in Hartford.
- A new staff incentive program with Goodwin College.
- A new cookbook highlighting recipes by students, volunteer reading mentors, and educators at the schools. (Available for purchase - \$5.)
- A new public service announcement designed by Fox 61.



### Night of the Chefs



More than 150 guests enjoyed sampling gourmet foods and beverages and bidding in a silent auction at Everybody Wins! CT's first fundraising event, which was held November 9 at the Connecticut Culinary Institute's new

quarters in Hartford. Television and radio food expert Prudence Sloane emceed the festivities while culinary students worked side-by-side with chefs from area restaurants.

Everybody Wins! CT raised over \$21,000 from the Night of the Chefs event! This money will be used to provide more opportunities to students involved in our **Power Lunch** and **Readers as Leaders** programs.

The evening's main feature was a lively cooking competition among three American Culinary Federation accredited programs — which guests could observe in the three glass-enclosed kitchens! Teams from the Center for Culinary Arts, the Connecticut



Culinary Institute, and Manchester Community College each created meals from a mystery basket of ingredients for judging. Norwalk Community College also joined in the team cake decorating display and individual cake decorating competitions.

The winning schools received donations to their scholarship programs.

*The Everybody Wins! Foundation thanks all our wonderful partners and sponsors for their financial support and for providing us with volunteer reading mentors. Thanks for helping to make Everybody Wins! CT a success!*

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