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CL&P Employees Help Children at Paul Newman's Camp

CL&P Sponsored Golf Tournament, in 17th year, raises over \$25,000 for The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp so seriously ill children can experience "camp".

New Haven, Conn. — August 5, 2010 — Connecticut Light & Power's annual employee-run golf tournament, now in its 17th year, will provide yet another great day of golf, while supporting seriously ill children at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp founded by Paul Newman in Ashford, Connecticut. This year's tournament will be held August 19 at the Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett Street in Portland. The tournament, open to the first 144 golfers who sign up and pay, has gained popularity over the years. Available spots fill up quickly. The \$150 per golfer fee includes a cart, greens fees, lunch and dinner with unlimited beverages during play, raffle prizes, a donation to the camp and a souvenir gift. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 10 a.m. (scramble format).

"This tournament promises an excellent golfing experience," observes Marvin Plaut, a CL&P employee and longtime organizer of the event. "It's a great way for small and mid-size companies to advertise their services while helping some of the most deserving kids on the planet." Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$100. Last year's tournament raised more than \$22,000 and brought the joy and healing of Camp to a host of youngsters with cancer, sickle cell anemia, HIV/AIDS, hemophilia and other serious illnesses. Together with its year-round programs and outreach to children in hospitals, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp serves 15,000 youngsters each year from Connecticut and across the northeast.

"CL&P's support of the camp began before we opened our doors in 1988 when a group of CL&P employees volunteered to help us establish electric service," said J. Michael "Mike" Smiles, Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Chief Development Officer. "They were so engaged by the Camp, our mission and the children that they have continued to support us every year since by providing volunteer services, hosting the golf tournament and attending our fundraising events."

Jeff Butler, president and chief operating officer of CL&P is proud of CL&P's employee commitment to the camp and has supported the golf tournament with an additional corporate contribution. "A week at the camp gives children with cancer and other illnesses a great outdoor experience while providing an opportunity to meet other children facing similar challenges," said Butler. "We are honored to provide them with a sense of hope despite the challenges they face."

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About The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

Founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is a non-profit, residential summer camp and year-round center serving children and their families coping with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions. Each year, Camp programs provide services to more than 15,000 children. All of the Camp's services are provided free of charge. For more information, see www.holeinthewallgang.org.