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An Evening with Butch & the Gang

New Haven, Connecticut – January 15, 2010 – When Westport Country Playhouse opens its doors at 7pm on Tuesday, January 26, it will be to celebrate the work of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and the values of its founder. "An Evening With Butch & The Gang" will feature a screening of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, the film from which the Ashford, Connecticut camp for children with serious illnesses takes its name.

"The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp reflects the playfulness, generosity and contagious goodwill of its founder," observed James Canton, the Camp's Chief Executive Officer. "The purpose of this special evening is to inspire all in attendance with the values that Paul Newman held so dear and that are brought to life every day at the Camp he started more than twenty years ago." Each year, the Camp serves 15,000 children through its many programs. About 40 Fairfield County youngsters attend the Camp's summer program annually.

The event promises to be the Camp's largest friend-raiser of the year and is being graciously hosted by Westport Country Playhouse.

"We are honored that the Camp chose Westport Country Playhouse as the venue for their 'Butch & the Gang' celebration," said Michael Ross, Playhouse managing director. "Given Paul Newman's strong affiliation with this historic theater, it's a perfect fit."

"Westport Country Playhouse has a long history of supporting The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp," said Canton. "This event is yet another example of how they have generously supported our efforts to serve children whose lives have been turned upside down by serious illness.

Doors open at 6pm, with the program beginning at 7pm. Tickets for "An Evening with Butch & the Gang" cost \$50 each. To purchase tickets, visit holeinthewallgang.org/butchandthegang or contact Jennifer Weeks, Director of Special Events, at (203) 772-0522 x.19 or Jennifer.weeks@holeinthewallgang.org. All proceeds benefit The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and help to underwrite its services for seriously ill children.

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