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Governor Malloy Visits LARC

Torrington: Governor Dannel P. Malloy visited LARC on January 10th to learn about our vision of *Community for All*. Joining him was Terry Edelstein, the Governor’s Nonprofit Liaison.

During his visit, Governor Malloy was able to see first-hand the diverse, creative, and efficient programs that LARC provides to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism.

Specifically, the Governor met three individuals in LARC’s Day Support Option (DSO) program, and learned how fiscal cuts impact individuals, their families, and their service providers. He also met two students from the School to Community Transition program and heard how LARC is preparing young adults to prepare them for the workplace by developing social and life skills.

According to Larry Cassella, Executive Director, “The Governor learned about the plight of nonprofit service providers and our important role as the safety net for a vulnerable population. By meeting several individuals that LARC supports, he was able to put a face to potential state budget cuts.”



Gov. Malloy learning about the efforts to raise money for “Banking for Babies” by Robert Giarnese.



Gov. Malloy with DSO participant, Jean Kozlak and Transition students, Robert Simmons and Kyle Luthy.



From left to right: Ann Bowen, President LARC Board of Directors; Terry Edelstein, the Governor’s Nonprofit Liaison; Katherine Marchand-Beyer, Director of Community Supports, LARC; and Larry Cassella, Executive Director, LARC.