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The Clarity of Generosity

Hartford, CT... Just a month ago, Stanley Frank President of Gem Jewelry knew virtually nothing about Our Piece of the Pie®, Inc. (OPP®), a non-profit which helps urban youth become successful adults, but after spending a morning with CEO Bob Rath, Mr. Frank opened his heart as well as his wallet, writing a \$10,000 check to the agency!

Mr. Frank has experienced his share of struggle throughout his life. Growing up attending North-West Elementary then proceeding on to Weaver High School to finish his formal education in 1955, Mr. Frank feels a connection and desire to give back to those growing up facing similar circumstances.



Appearing in court several times as young boy, Frank seemed to be going no where fast. Then in 1965 Frank decided enough was enough. He cleaned up his act, followed his passion in sales, found a life partner, “Jeanie” Frank, and opened Gem Jewelry. After years of building an extremely successful business together which now consists of four stores throughout central Connecticut, Stan and Jeanie remained consistently involved in supporting community programs. For over 15 years, the Franks hosted a holiday party for hundreds of less fortunate Hartford kids at the Charter Oak Cultural Center. They gave money to various charities, including a \$20,000 donation to Stanley’s Alma mater of Weaver High School in 2006.

Now two years after Jeanie’s death, Frank continues to carry on their generous legacy in the community of Hartford. “I want to give back. I’ve been so fortunate in my life that it’s only right to spread those lessons and wealth with those who I feel I can impact the most” Frank proclaimed.

Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) serves urban youth from ages 14-24 through a one-on-one relationship based strategy. Youth Development Specialists assist youth in the attainment and

retention of meaningful education and career goals leading to financial independence. Last year alone, OPP served 1,119 youth and completed its first successful year of operating “Opportunity High School” in partnership with Hartford Public Schools, which redirects those over-age, under-credited youth towards the completion of their high school diploma.

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