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## **Local Non- Profit Welcomes New Champions**

**Hartford, CT---** February 22, 2011 marked the official launch of Our Piece of the Pie's Champions Council. Our Piece of the Pie®, Inc. (OPP®) has been serving urban youth in Hartford since 1975 and in an effort to enhance and expand its services to other communities throughout Connecticut, has enlisted the support of several long-standing local leaders. Peter Kelly, Ed Budd and Don Wilson are the first to have joined OPP's elite group with several others expected to follow as discussions continue.

**Peter G. Kelly** is a founder and senior principal of the firm Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.

Mr. Kelly has served in over a dozen National Democratic Party leadership posts, ranging from National Treasurer (1979 - 1981) and National Finance Chairman (1981 - 1985) to senior advisory positions (1988 Gore Presidential campaign, 1992 Clinton Presidential campaign and Gore 2000 Presidential campaign) and Co-Chairman of Clinton-Gore '96 (Connecticut). Mr. Kelly served on the Democratic National Committee from 1976-1992.



Mr. Kelly is one of the original architects of the U.S. private sector initiative on democratization efforts abroad. He was a founder and Treasurer of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. He was a founder, Chairman and Director of the Center for Democracy, a bipartisan foundation, from 1984 to 1997. He serves currently as a director and Chairman of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems based in Washington, D.C. and as a director and Vice Chairman of IFES, Ltd. based in London, UK.

Over the years, Mr. Kelly has served on over three dozen civic boards, local, national and international. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center and St. Francis Care, Inc. He is Director and Immediate Past Chairman of MetroHartford Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of St. Francis Hospital Foundation, Chairman of the World Affairs Council of Connecticut, a Founder and Chairman of Malta House of Care Foundation, Inc. (funding free primary health care to the uninsured of Central

Connecticut), Trustee of CNA (formerly known as The Center for Naval Analyses) and Director of the Phillips Screw Company.

Mr. Kelly received his J.D. from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, his B.S., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In 2003, Mr. Kelly received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Central Connecticut State University.

**Edward H. Budd** served as chairman & Chief Executive Officer of The Travelers Corporation from 1982 until his retirement in 1993. Mr. Budd served as a Director of Travelers Corporation, Verizon Communications, Delta Air Lines Inc., and as a Trustee of Tufts University.



*“OPP is inspiring. It is making a meaningful and measurable difference for our youth. It is helping many young people transition from an often rudderless period of finding themselves to a time when they are motivated, organized and achieving success.”*

**Don K. Wilson, Jr.**'s steadfast commitment to excellence is shown in his 32 year journey at the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company's Philadelphia branch office, through his retirement as the company's Executive Vice President.

From 1994 through 1998, Wilson was a consultant with American Phoenix Corporation of Connecticut, a subsidiary of The Phoenix. He has previously served as Chairman of the Board of the Spencer Turbine Company and as Director of Salient 3 Communications, Inc., Kingsbury, Inc., Mechanics Savings Bank and the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada.



Active in the community, Mr. Wilson has been Chair of The Connecticut Commission on Children and Youth, Junior Achievement, Hartford Action Plan on Infant Health and the 1994 United Way Campaign Chairman. Honorary Director of the Hispanic Health Council, a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, a Trustee of Saint Joseph College, a Director of The Asylum Hill Boys and Girls Club Development Association and a Director of Riverfront Recapture Inc. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Northwoods Stewardship Center of Vermont, past President of the Board of Trustees of the Watkinson School and Executive Director of the Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation of Connecticut.

Mr. Wilson states, *“I am attracted to OPP because their mission is to get our young people into post-secondary education and a job. This is critical for our future.”*

Our Piece of the Pie is honored to welcome its newest Champions Council members and looks forward to expanding this group within the next few months.