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## OPP AWARDED \$200 THOUSAND FROM BANK OF AMERICA

**Hartford, CT**—Our Piece of the Pie®, a leading youth development agency in Hartford, announced today that it has been awarded \$200 thousand in unrestricted grant money from the Bank of America.

The money, awarded under the bank’s Neighborhood Excellence Initiative™, will be used to help OPP increase its workforce capacity to accommodate a growing demand for its services. OPP offers programs helping young adults achieve their goals of a two or four year college degree, vocational certification, and rewarding employment.

“This money will help us greatly as we strive toward our mission of helping Hartford youth become successful adults,” said Bob Rath President/CEO of OPP. “We thank Bank of America for their continued generosity and commitment to the young people of this city.”

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative honors awardees in three categories: **Neighborhood Builders**—local non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant communities; **Local Heroes**—community leaders who contribute significantly to the health of their neighborhoods; and **Student Leaders**—exemplary high school students with an interest in improving their neighborhoods.

Bank of America has embarked on an unprecedented 10-year goal of giving \$1.5 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the quality and vitality of their neighborhoods.

OPP serves more than 3,600 youth between the ages of 14 and 24.

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