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CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHSIDE FAMILY CENTER'S HOMELINKS PROGRAM RECEIVES \$2,000 GRANT FROM AURORA WOMEN & GIRLS FOUNDATION

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Catholic Charities announced today that it has been awarded \$2,000 for its Homelinks Program at Southside Family Center, located at 15 Newfield Avenue in Hartford. The Homelinks Program assists low-income women to become economically self-sufficient, self-employed licensed home day care providers. Homelinks helps participants to overcome the barriers to creating their own home day care business by helping women to prepare business plans and access business loans, market their business, understand health and safety requirements and understand business finances, including accounting and tax requirements.

Southside Family Center is part of the Brighter Futures Initiative of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, in collaboration with Catholic Charities. Southside Family Center is an educational support center for the whole family, with the primary goal of improving the school readiness skills of Southwest Hartford's young children. Southside Family Center offers a comprehensive array of services that help to strengthen family and community relationships and parents play a major role in designing programs that reflect the needs of the community.

Catholic Charities is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the State of Connecticut and has been the licensed, accredited social service arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford (Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties) for more than 90 years. The Agency serves 30,000 people of all faiths annually from 34 locations throughout Connecticut and is an employer of more than five hundred social service professionals. For more information on Catholic Charities, please visit our website at www.ccaoh.org.

The Aurora Women & Girls Foundation was founded in 2000 by a group of forward thinking women who wanted to make a difference for other women and girls in their own community. Their mission is to invest in and inspire women and girls in the Greater Hartford Community. For more information on the Aurora Women & Girls Foundation, please visit their website at www.aurorafoundation.org.

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