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East Hartford Mayor's Charity Ball Donates \$5,000 To Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS)

July 9, 2014, East Hartford, CT -- East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc today presented a \$5,000 donation in support of the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) which services the towns of East Hartford, Manchester, and South Windsor.

Opened in January of 2013 in a former firehouse on Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor, the facility is shared by the three municipalities and provides care for sick, stray or injured dogs, cats and other animals, a variety of classes for the community including obedience training, grooming, Pet CPR, first aid, and more. The building is named for former South Windsor Police Chief Gary K. Tyler, an advocate of regionalism in a state of town-centered government.

Said Mayor Leclerc, "I am pleased to present this check to TRACS in recognition of their outstanding services to the local communities: educational training classes for owners and children, providing a temporary place for displaced animals to stay, finding them new homes and reconnecting pets with their owners".

The 2014 East Hartford Mayor's Charity Ball, held in March at Rentschler Field, raised over \$65,000 to benefit charities of the Mayor's choice. In addition to TRACS, other 2014 recipients include East Hartford Interfaith Ministries, Friends of Center Cemetery, Friends of East Hartford Seniors, East Hartford YMCA, and the Friends of the Library.

About the Mayor's Charity Ball

The Mayor's Charity Ball is a bi-annual fundraising event that was created to bring people together to celebrate East Hartford. At this sold-out event residents, visitors, the business community and dignitaries come together to raise money for charitable causes. The generous donations of both guests and sponsors enable area non-profit organizations to continue to thrive and provide for all generations in the community.

About TRACS:

TRACS (Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter) is a municipality-owned and operated animal shelter serving the communities of South Windsor, Manchester and East Hartford. Their mission is to provide a humane, caring facility for sick, stray or injured animals and provide the community with adoptable pets and education. For more information please contact TRACS at 124 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, CT 06074, 860-648-6239.



Caption for photo: Mayor Marcia Leclerc holds “Elvira”, a stray dog that was adopted today at the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS). The Mayor was visiting TRACS to present a \$5,000 check from the Mayor’s Charity Ball in recognition of the outstanding animal care and adoption services that are offered there for the towns of East Hartford, South Windsor and Manchester.



Caption for photo: Mayor Marcia Leclerc (left) presents a \$5,000 donation from the Mayor’s Charity Ball to Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) in recognition of the outstanding animal care and adoption services that are offered there for the towns of East Hartford, South Windsor and Manchester.