

# CCARC celebrates 10-year milestone

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NEW BRITAIN — CCARC members and supporters gathered July 24 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization being a yearlong facility located on 950 Slater Rd.

Formerly known as Central Connecticut Area Retarded Citizens and abbreviated to its acronym in recent years, CCARC opened in 1952 and began servicing people with disabilities on the second floor in a warehouse at Hartford Square.

CCARC President Richard Judd said the organization has since developed 11 homes in the greater New Britain area.

“We deal with people who have various disabilities from down syndrome, brain injury from an automobile accident. We also provide care such as counseling and health replacement.” CCARC CEO

Anne Ruwet said over the years the organization has worked hard each day to provide the best care possible to their clients. “Our goal has been to make this building an accessible and welcoming building not only for the 150 clients that come here every day, but also for our employee’s families, volunteers and community at large,” she said.

Ruwet said there were “numerous factors” in choosing 950 Slater Rd. as a new location 10 years ago. “Our roots are in New Britain,” she said, “so all of our families who helped start this organization in 1952, this is where they all are, this is how we started. When we began to look for either property or buildings, we wanted to make sure we found something in New Britain to continue our roots.”



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In attendance Thursday evening was Mayor Erin Stewart, who praised CCARC and also Ruwet for all the hard work they have done for the city the past 10 years.

“We’re proud that the city of New Britain is celebrating with them in conjunction their 10 years of success here, also their dedication to the community and population in which we are so grateful to have. Anne Ruwet deserves all the credit and the work that she has done is amazing. She built this organization from the ground up and has gotten so much support, not only from the community, but also statewide recognition.” For more information about CCARC, call (860) 229-6665 or visit [www.ccarc.com](http://www.ccarc.com).