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Fathers for Life Honored with Good Citizenship Award

BRIDGEPORT – The Connecticut General Assembly today honored Javier Santiago of Career Resources with a good citizenship award in recognition of his work helping fathers connect with and support their children and contribute to their community.

Mr. Santiago, who is an instructor with the Fathers for Life program of Career Resources, received a legislative citation at a ceremony attended by State Representative Felipe Reinoso.

“Mr. Santiago is a champion in promoting responsibility and motivating people to excel,” said Rep. Reinoso, explaining why he introduced the resolution for the citation to honor Mr. Santiago. “He demonstrates that where there is a will, there is a way.”

“Those of us who work with Javier and the fatherhood program how he inspires fathers to be the very best they can,” said Career Resources President/CEO Scott K. Wilderman. “Many of our dads never knew their own fathers and haven’t had role models until now. Javier and the program help them to be the parents they want to be.”

Fathers for Life serves 30 parents, mostly fathers, with case management, parenting, and life skills. Parents take part in a 13-week group curriculum and also receive help with child support and other issues. Career Resources also offers a parallel program for couples wishing to improve their relationship and parenting skills.

As the operator of the One Stop Center in Bridgeport, Career Resources serves job seekers and employers in southwestern Connecticut with job search assistance, computer labs and internet access, job posting, career coaching, training, and other services. Other Career Resources programs include STRIVE attitudinal job readiness training, Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation, Fathers for Life, and specialized job placement for mature workers and those with disabilities. For more information, call 203 634 6601 or visit us at 350 Fairfield Ave. in Bridgeport.

Pictured are Mr. Santiago, holding award; back row, left to right, Janice Cancel (sister), Gladys Santiago (mother), Ruben Cancel (brother), and Felipe Reinoso (State Representative). In the front row at left is Christian Cancel (brother).



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