



STAMFORD, Connecticut (February 3, 2011)-St. Luke's LifeWorks (SLLW) and Fairway Market, one of the nation's premier food stores, have formed a groundbreaking Signature Community Partnership with two innovative programs:

1. Job Training, Internships, and Employment

The multi-faceted *Signature Community Partnership* is an innovative, unique initiative. Fairway and SLLW will collaborate on how to provide training for homeless individuals in areas such as culinary arts, customer service, and effective workplace communications. Fairway will also provide internship opportunities for SLLW participants.

Fairway will work with SLLW and its clients to identify employment opportunities within its metro area locations. This includes hiring participants at its store in Stamford and stores at other locations. **To date Fairway has hired 35 SLLW clients!** When Fairway hires a SLLW participant, Fairway and SLLW cooperate in the area of job retention, helping the participant not only maintain his/her job, but advance in the workplace.

2. Special Events

Fairway and SLLW will jointly hold several special events in the store each year. During special events, Fairway will donate 5%-10% of the receipts gathered to SLLW. **The first of these is the launch celebration, on Sunday, February 13 and runs through Saturday, February 19, 2011.**

St. Luke's LifeWorks is the largest provider of services to the homeless in Lower Fairfield County. Its mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve –and maintain – permanent housing and stability in their lives. This is a wonderful example of how working together within the community we can help people in need find permanent employment and break the cycle of homelessness.

Please help us celebrate on February 13th from 3-5pm! Join the community, Representative Himes, and Mayor Pavia as we kick off the partnership. The Fairway Stamford store is located at 699 Canal Street, Stamford.