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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Over 460 People Attend Retirement Party  
For MARC's Executive Director Laurie Prytko**

Over 460 crowded Maneeley's Banquet Facility in South Windsor, on Friday, January 6, 2006 to wish Laurie Prytko a happy, healthy retirement and thank her for over 25 years of service to people with disabilities and the community. Laurie and her husband, Walt, plan to visit friends and do extensive traveling over the next year.

Guests for the evening included, Peter O'Meara, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, who presented a proclamation on behalf of Governor Rell designating January 6, 2006 as "Laurie Prytko Day" in the State of CT; a proclamation from CT General Assembly was presented by State Senator Mary Ann Handley and State Representatives Barry, Stone, Thompson and Ruwet. Manchester Mayor, Josh Howroyd, presented a citation on behalf of the citizens, town administration, and the board proclaiming January 6, 2006 as "Laurie Prytko Day" in the Town of Manchester.

All members of MARC's Board of Director's were in attendance, with Thom Ford, President, making remarks on behalf of the Board. Two tokens of appreciation were given to Laurie to celebrate her leadership at MARC.

Also in attendance were retired Town Manager Steve Werbner, Sue O'Connor, President of The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Peg Dignoti, Executive Director of ARC/CT.

***About MARC, Inc. of Manchester***

Founded in 1952, MARC, Inc. of Manchester, Connecticut is a not-for-profit agency that supports over two hundred people with disabilities in Manchester and surrounding towns.

MARC, Inc. is dedicated to advocacy on the local, state, and national level. We deliver diverse services to ensure that all people have the opportunity to live, work, and enjoy their community according to their individual choices.

MARC, Inc. is located at 376R West Middle Turnpike in Manchester, CT. Visit MARC's Web site at [www.marcct.org](http://www.marcct.org).

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