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**CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM, INC. ANNOUNCES
GLADYS LANGHORN THE WINNER OF ITS \$200 CHILD CARE CREDIT
GIVEAWAY**

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Poughkeepsie, New York, October ##, 2012—The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. is pleased to announce Gladys Langhorn of Fishkill as its *\$200 Child Care Credit Giveaway* recipient. As the sole winner, selected at random, Langhorn will get a \$200 credit at her child care provider, Tots-N-Us in Hopewell Junction.

This stroke of good luck could not have come at a better time for Langhorn, who grew up in the Bronx. For her, winning signified that things were starting to turn around for her and her family, who had recently lost 90% of their belongings in a house fire. “We basically had to start from scratch,” explained Langhorn. “It was devastating, especially for my daughter 4-year old Liani, who suffered Post Traumatic Stress symptoms after the fire. “She still asks, ‘When are we going home?’”

“When the Council decided to run the child care credit giveaway, we were hoping to make a difference in the life of a family,” explains Child Care Council Executive Director Jeanne Wagner. “The Council staff and board are delighted that the giveaway has unfolded as it has. Gladys is so appreciative and gracious, and she and her family are so deserving.”

“When the Child Care Council called me and told me that I was the winner, I was first in disbelief and then hopeful that life was heading back to normal,” says Langhorn. “I am just super, super humbled and can’t thank Jeanne and the Child Care Council enough.”

Langhorn recently started a new position as a receptionist for a real estate office in the Hudson Valley. Her daughter Liani attends full time at Tots-N-Us, which came highly recommended by Liani’s speech and occupational therapists. “The curriculum is just fantastic,” Langhorn explains. “The teachers work to develop motor and cognitive skills; they take the children on fun, educational field trips; and (the school) offers programs like *Sensory Fridays*.”

Hundreds of entries to win the *\$200 Child Care Credit Giveaway* were received by the Child Care Council.

For more information about the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, visit childcaredutchess.org or call 845.473.4141.

Since 1970, the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. has been an important resource between early childhood care and the community. The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam works to support accurate child care information to families by promoting affordable, quality child care and by strengthening the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

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