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**CAROLINE HOUSE AWARDED GRANT FROM
THE PITNEY BOWES FOUNDATION**

BRIDGEPORT, CT - Caroline House recently received a grant from the Pitney Bowes Foundation to support the Mother and Child Literacy Program. Grant funding will help Caroline House enhance its ESL and life skills classes for low-income women and their children. Family literacy activities contribute to educational success and self-confidence for mothers and children enrolled in classes on the East Side of Bridgeport.

Through the Mother and Child Literacy Program, women learn important English-language skills, as well as tools and techniques needed for daily living. Their preschool children are welcomed into a safe and nurturing environment where the children learn, grow and achieve school-readiness skills needed to transition to kindergarten and beyond. School-age children benefit from tutoring after school and in the summer.

"We are pleased to support the literacy and education efforts of the Caroline House. Engaging young learners is the best way to build a strong foundation for school success," said Kathleen Ryan Mufson, President of the Pitney Bowes Foundation.

"We are grateful for the grant support of the Pitney Bowes Foundation," said Peg Regan, SSND, Executive Director of Caroline House. "The Pitney Bowes Foundation's dedication to our initiatives helps improve lives of many deserving families through literacy and education. Every child in the preschool program is now communicating in English. Mothers and their children regularly participate in our "Mommy and Me" read-aloud program. With the help of dedicated volunteers who tutor children after school, the children are showing improvement and greater confidence in reading and math. As we welcome women who come to Caroline House to learn English, we are inspired by their devotion to their families and dreams of a better life. We are especially inspired by their courage and commitment and belief in themselves."

About Caroline House

Caroline House is a literacy education center located on the East Side of Bridgeport. The center was founded in 1995 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The Caroline House mission is: *To enable women and children to reach the fullness of their potential through education in English language and life skills.* To learn more about Caroline House and ways to support its educational programs, contact Cyndie LaMastra at 203-334-0640, clamastra@thecarolinehouse.org, or visit www.thecarolinehouse.org.

About the Pitney Bowes Foundation

The Pitney Bowes Foundation is a private entity with a mission to provide funding to literacy, education and employee involvement initiatives. For information about these programs, go to <http://www.pb.com/community>. General information about Pitney Bowes is available at <http://www.pb.com>.

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Photo caption: *Caroline House in Bridgeport was recently awarded a grant from the Pitney Bowes Foundation to support the Mother and Child Literacy Program. The grant helps provide educational program needs to benefit inner-city women and children.*