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Norwich-based Pardon Team now a non-profit

NORWICH — The Norwich-based Connecticut Pardon Team has been designated an official non-profit organization.

The group, organized in 2004, is made up of Norwich Alderwoman Jackie Caron, the founder and chairwoman; Image Consultant Dianne M. Daniels, president and executive director; Attorney Linda J. Sullivan, the team's legal advisor; and Richard Caron, Sr., treasurer.

The team provides tools and information to help people work through the pardon process after successfully completing their parole or probation and remaining conviction-free for at least five years.

The group has held forums throughout Connecticut, including a recent forum in Waterbury that drew more than 500 people.

“We are continually surprised by the number of people who contact us and need our help,” Caron said. “We are committed to bringing the information and tools that individuals need to clear their names and get that ‘sword’ out from above their heads.”

Now that the team has officially been recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the process of seeking grant funds and expansion of the team's programs can begin in earnest. The team's next scheduled Pardon Forum will be held on Dec. 14 in cooperation with State Senate Majority Leader Martin M. Looney, and in Middletown in January 2007.

For more information on the Connecticut Pardon Team and it's members, visit their website at <http://www.connecticutpardonteam.com>

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