**Fairfield**

**Credits, Clients and Awards**

**TaxOps**, a tax firm with a new office in Stamford, was recently named the best small firm to work for by Accounting Today. The award recognizes TaxOps for its commitment to creating a workplace environment that values and supports the professional and personal success of its exceptional staff. Earlier in 2012, TaxOps was named to the Inc. 5000 as one of America’s fastest growing companies. The Accounting Today award criteria is based on workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, demographics and a survey to measure employee experience. TaxOps achieved top ranking in the small-sized company category.

**The Kennedy Center**, headquartered in Trumbull, recently received two ity of Bridgeport Department of Central Grants for a total of $102,776. The funding will provide green and safety upgrades to two Kennedy Center residential homes in Bridgeport – Carroll Apartments and Probus House – for individuals with disabilities and special needs. The Kennedy Center is a nationally accredited, nonprofit, community-based rehabilitation organization that currently serves 2,000 individuals annually.

**Newsmakers**

**Gary Purpura** recently joined TaxOps as managing partner of the tax firm’s new Stamford office. He specializes in helping partnerships and corporations develop tax strategies and minimize tax exposure. Previously, Purpura was a lead tax partner with Ernst & Young for Fortune 500, middle-market and entrepreneurial clients. The Stamford office is the first out-of-state venture for TaxOps.  
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**Nancy K. Wills**, of Wallingford, was recently appointed to the founding faculty of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. Wills, a professor in the department of medical sciences, is responsible for developing the physiology curriculum for the medical school, which will open in the fall of 2013. Previously, Wills was professor and interim chairperson in the department of physiology and biochemistry at Texas Chiropractic College. Before that, she spent the majority of her academic career at the University of Texas Medical Branch where her last appointment was as a professor in the department of neuroscience and cell biology. Wills has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Ohio State University and a doctorate and master’s degree in physiological psychology from the University of Virginia.  
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**Shripad Desai** was recently appointed managing director of AmeriCares India. He will oversee all its aid programs, including emergency response activities and medical donations to health care providers, along with health education and training programs. Desai is also responsible for a highly successful mobile clinic program in Mumbai’s Andheri and Chembur slums that serves 36,000 patients annually. Previously, Desai served as head of sales, marketing and strategic planning for Chiron Panacea Vaccines in Mumbai and also held positions with Oral CDx India, Novartis, Sanofi and AstraZeneca in India. He has a Bachelor of Science degree and a master’s degree in marketing management from the University of Mumbai.

**On the Go:**

*Business, Etc.*

TUESDAY JAN. 15

**Temple Israel Networking Group** (TING) for individuals in their job search), 2 p.m., Temple Israel, 14 Coleytown Road, Westport. Free and open to the public. For information, call 227-1293.

**Snapshot**

**Connecticut Light & Power** President William Herdegen presented Human Services Council (HSC) Board of Directors President Doug Adams with a $500,000 check Dec. 14 to help HSC supportive housing facility in Norwalk. The facility consists of 44 individual units, counseling and job placement assistance for people who might otherwise be homeless. State Sen. Bob Duff (D-Norwalk) and House Minority Leader Larry Cafero (R-Norwalk) and the HSC worked for a year to secure the contribution.

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**Cap:** From left, Doug Adams, Bob Duff, Larry Cafero, and William Herdegen.

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