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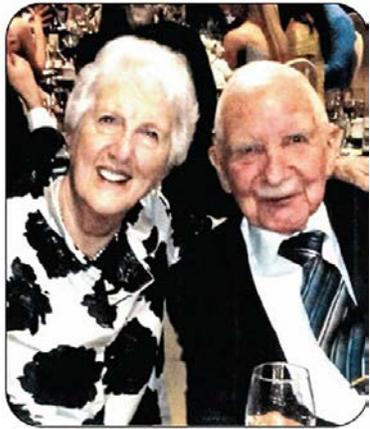
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Catherine & Elmar Frangenberg

The Humanitarian of the Year Award recognizes those who demonstrate enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to the agencies, the families we serve, and the community at large.

Catherine and Dr. Elmar Frangenberg have long demonstrated extraordinary generosity and commitment to the Rochester community through both their time and philanthropy.

For more than 40 years, Dr. Frangenberg has served as Medical Director for CP Rochester and Happiness House, providing dedicated leadership and compassionate care to more than 3,500 individuals—most of whom live with developmental, cognitive, physical, or acquired disabilities. Catherine has been an active member of the Ability Partners Foundation Board since 2016, helping to advance the mission and impact of the organization. Together, their deep connection to our agencies and unwavering dedication to the people we serve make them especially deserving recipients of the 2026 Humanitarians of the Year award.

Beyond their involvement with Ability Partners, Catherine and Elmar are highly engaged in the greater Rochester community. They have generously supported and served organizations including the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Pittsford Carriage Association, the Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club, the Health Advisory Board of EquiCenter, and the Al Sigl Foundation. As partners in service and philanthropy, the Frangenbergs continually give of themselves as volunteers, donors, and advocates—regularly participating in events, celebrations, and fundraising efforts that strengthen the organizations and communities they care deeply about.

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Nixon Peabody's generosity extends well beyond a single day of service. As a steadfast participant in Holiday Giving initiatives, the firm helps bring joy to families during Thanksgiving and the Christmas season through thoughtful adoption and gift support. Their sustained volunteerism and community partnership exemplify the very spirit of service honored by the Volunteer of the Year Award.



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COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Amy Cram & Bill Cram Chevrolet

Amy Cram has served as President and Owner of Bill Cram Chevrolet since 2012, leading a family-owned business that has been a staple of the community since her father, Bill, founded it in 1969.

Today, the family legacy remains as strong as ever, with three of Amy's four children working alongside her each day to carry the business into its third generation.

The dealership's deep-rooted connection to Ability Partners is personal. Amy's daughter, Rebecca, who has Down syndrome, received services from Happiness House that were vital to her development and success today. This firsthand experience fuels the dealership's passion for the foundation's mission.

Beyond her work at the dealership, Amy is a dedicated advocate for her industry and community. She currently serves as a member of the Ability Partners Foundation Board and the New York State Automobile Dealers Association Board, and is a former member of the American Red Cross Board and the General Motors Women's Dealer Advisory Council. Her leadership and impact have been recognized through numerous accolades, including the 2014 Athena Geneva Award and being named a 2015 New York State Woman of Distinction.

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BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jeffrey Baker

Jeffrey W. Baker's connection to Ability Partners began in 1985 when he answered a call for volunteers for the CP Rochester Gym and Swim program. What started as hands-on service quickly grew into decades of leadership. In 1986, he joined the CP Rochester Board of Directors, serving multiple terms as Board Chair and Vice Chair. Jeff played a pivotal role in the successful affiliation

of CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehab—helping to bring the organizations together under what is now Ability Partners. Following the affiliation, he continued his leadership across the affiliates' boards and became a member of the Ability Partners Foundation Board of Directors, where he currently serves as Vice Chair. He also represents Rochester Rehab on the Al Sigl Family of Agencies Board of Trustees.

Over the past 40 years, Jeff's steady guidance, legal expertise, and deep compassion have shaped the growth and impact of Ability Partners. He was instrumental in the creation of the Golisano Autism Center and, alongside his wife Carol, generously supported its construction and continues to serve as Chair of its Board. Together, they established the Ability Partners Foundation Acts of Kindness Endowment Fund to provide meaningful support to the individuals and employees we serve. Jeff's unwavering dedication, thoughtful counsel, and genuine respect for every member of the Ability Partners family are why we proudly recognize him as the 2026 Board Member of the Year.

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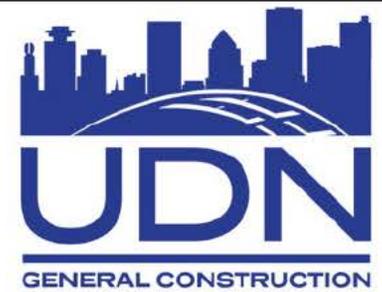
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- Happiness House Preschool/Clinic
- Ability Partners SportsNet Program
- CP Rochester Family Dental Program
- Happiness House TBI Structured Day Program
- CP Rochester Clinic
- CP Rochester Day Habilitation Program



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HOST & AUCTIONEER

Joe Lomonaco

Creative Producer at iHeartMedia



Since his natural habitat is behind a microphone and in front of an audience, Joe is the perfect combination of professional announcer and amateur auctioneer.

He jokes that his hobby is “shaking down rooms full of well-dressed people for money – for great causes”.

Joe has been a part of the Honoring Heroes Gala and Ability Partners family for many years.

PRESIDENT & CEO

Darrell J. Whitbeck



Darrell J. Whitbeck serves as President & CEO of Ability Partners and Ability Partners Foundation. Before leading Ability Partners organizations, Whitbeck held various clinical and leadership roles within the agencies for over 20 years.

Beginning his careers as an Occupational Therapist, Whitbeck has specialized in serving individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as well as those who have sustained Traumatic Brain Injuries.

Darrell and his wife, Jill, who is also an Occupational Therapist in the same field, reside in West Henrietta with their two wonderful children, Emily and Wyatt.

PROFESSIONAL MAGICIAN

Joel Greenwich



Joel Greenwich is a professional magician who has devoted over twenty years to creating genuine moments of wonder that bring people together.

He has performed at weddings, corporate gatherings, trade shows, galas, fundraisers, and private celebrations throughout the region. From intimate close-up magic to thoughtfully crafted stage presentations, Joel tailors each performance to match the occasion and engages audiences, large or small.

Visit his website at greenwichmagic.com or catch him at NY Beer Project in Victor every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m.

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Gala Festivities

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour

Silent auction, wine cork pull

Open Bar: wine, beer, cocktails, soft drinks, and water

Hand passed hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. Begin Dinner

Your choice between

Beef Tenderloin with pinot noir sauce

Sautéed Norwegian Salmon with citrus beurre blanc

Boneless Chicken Cutlet Brushetta topped with tomato brushetta and provolone

Vegetable Risotto in a creamy arborio rice with parmigiano-reggiano

7:10 p.m. Presentations, Awards Program, and Lucky 7 Auction

The Legott Family, Keynote Speakers

Patricia Davila, Keynote Speaker

Remarks by Darrell J. Whitbeck, President & CEO

Ability Partners video

Award Presentation

Lucky 7 Live Auction

8:45 p.m. Dessert Auction / Goodies & Coffee

Dessert auction, featuring five cakes, 6 pints of ice cream, and a cheesecake. All are up for bid from our dessert sponsors.

Goodies will be offered to guests with coffee and tea

9:00 p.m. Close of the Program / Checkout

Please note: Checkout will open at the close of the program and there will be no early check-out. It is at this time where you will go back to the registration table to collect the items you've won and determine the best method of payment. We accept cash, credit, and checks.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Legott Family

Allison and Eric Legott are honored to be this year's featured family in celebration of the impact of Happiness House.

Their daughter, Willa Legott began attending Happiness House at 18 months old through the Early Intervention Program after not meeting some of her milestones. From the very beginning, her therapists and teachers became trusted partners in her development and truly an extension of their family. Willa is sassy and mighty, full of determination and personality that inspires everyone around her.

With their encouragement and guidance, Willa continued through preschool, and in October 2023, at age three, she was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome. While the diagnosis brought challenges, the unwavering support from Happiness House brought strength, clarity, and hope.

The Legott family is deeply grateful for the compassion, expertise, and dedication of the team who have walked alongside them every step of the way. They are proud to share their story in support of the life-changing work being done every day at Happiness House.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Patricia Davila

Patricia Davila has been an active member of the Rochester Rehabilitation Center community for the past four years. Through her involvement with Ventures PROS and the adult education programs offered by One Source, she has gained valuable skills, support, and personal insight.

Patricia's journey is shaped by significant medical challenges, including a brain aneurysm at the age of ten and preventive surgery at sixteen. These experiences taught her resilience, adaptability, and the importance of advocating for herself. Despite the obstacles she faced—from navigating misunderstandings from others to overcoming her own self-doubt—Patricia has consistently demonstrated strength, perseverance, and a commitment to personal growth. She has turned many situations others once believed impossible into meaningful accomplishments.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in December 2017, working hard to meet life's challenges with courage and determination. Patricia later joined the Ventures PROS program, where she not only strengthened her coping skills for managing depression, anxiety, and self-doubt, but also developed lasting friendships and a renewed sense of confidence and purpose. She successfully completed the program in April 2025.

Today, Patricia is proud to serve at the Rochester Rehabilitation Center's Mental Health Clinic, where she feels inspired knowing that her work makes a meaningful difference in the lives of others every day.

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Auction Procedures

Each guest received a paddle (with number) at the registration table to be used for the cash appeal as well as the dessert auction. That number must be used throughout the auction for bidding. Unless otherwise specified, all goods and services must be redeemed within one year of the auction.

Silent Auction

The bidder may enter a bid by using their mobile device to access our online mobile bidding platform. If you do not have a smart phone, or are having trouble, please find a committee member. You will be kept up-to-date with how your bid is doing and will receive a message if you ever get outbid. At the end of the timed silent auction, you will receive a text message alerting you to which baskets you won.

Lucky 7 Live Auction

The bidder may enter a bid by raising his/her paddle so that the auctioneer/committee members can see it. Bids, once won cannot be withdrawn. The auctioneer will ask for bids at various price points. Committee members will take down paddle number of the winner.

Dessert Auction

Bidders will raise their paddles to signify the price point they would like to pay for the item as prompted by the auctioneer. The winner will have the option of sharing with their table or taking their goodies home.

Close-out and Payment *unavailable during the program*

At close-out, you may purchase your auction items with cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, or Discover. Close-out begins at the end of the program. All items must be picked up and payments must be made the evening of the Gala! Arrangements may be made to pick up larger items.

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Silent auction closes promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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Dessert Auction

A special thank you to **Ability Partners Waiver Services Program, Club 86 Bagels & Cakes, Get Caked, Leo's Bakery & Deli, Molly V's, and Sweet Solutions** for the generous donations!

These delicious treats look too pretty to eat!

Dessert 1: Famous Strawberry Layer
White cake layered with strawberries and whipped cream and topped with fresh strawberries!

Dessert 2: Famous Chocolate Layer
Chocolate cake layered with chocolate whipped cream and topped with a layer of fudge.

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Dessert 3: Lucky in Love (and cake)
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Vanilla cake with red buttercream, artfully decorated with a fortune flair.

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Dessert 6: Sweet Destiny
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Dessert 7: Bet on the Berry
Creamy cheesecake swirled with white chocolate and raspberry from the Cheesecake Factory.

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