We broke ground on the Happiness House Phase II Apartments early this year. These 30 units of affordable housing in partnership with NYS HCR and OTDA will be available soon! The units will feature eight studio-efficiency apartments for seniors 55+ and 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments for families and individuals.

Lt. Govenor Kathy Hochul (below) attended the ceremony and echoed the importance of this housing for families, seniors, and individuals struggling with homelessness.

CP Rochester celebrates its 75th Anniversary in September 2021. Keep an eye out for fun anniversary activities and celebrations.

Try our coloring contest on page 7!

If you have any special memories or shout-outs, send them to: reike@happinesshouse.org.

Ability Partners Foundation Upcoming Events:

**BOWLING for BUCKS**
March 2021
Time and Location - TBD

**Autism Awareness Walk**
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Time and Location - TBD

**5K RUN & 1M WALK FOR WELLNESS**
Saturday, May 1, 2021
Time and Location - TBD

**Fall Gala**
Friday, October 15, 2021
Time and Location - TBD
I am so grateful to the employees of Ability Partners, Inc. agencies including Happiness House, CP Rochester, and Rochester Rehabilitation and all essential employees. I truly appreciate their unwavering efforts to ensure high quality services for the 48 individuals living in our residences and several thousands more individuals living in the community during this unprecedented and ever changing time in the world due to the spread of COVID-19.

Direct Support Professionals employed in the Residential locations have “stepped up” to ensure that the most vulnerable individuals we serve receive the care and services they need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many of these staff are working countless hours each week during this most critical time. Additional support staff are engaging individuals in fun and motivating activities both inside their homes and safely outdoors.

Therapists and teachers in the Educational programs including special education services are providing distance learning, therapy and weekly calls to preschool student’s families.

Our Clinics are delivering Speech, Occupational, Physical therapies and Mental Health services via Telehealth to community individuals who depend upon these services. CP Rochester’s Family Dental Center reopened with reduced capacity, serving our most vulnerable population. Day Program and Community Habilitation is provided to individuals and their families who live in the community and rely upon these services. Fifty-six individuals at Rochester Rehabilitation employed through Manufacturing and Support Services and through State and Federal janitorial contracts continue to provide critically necessary assembly and cleaning services during this demanding time.

Non-direct support staff and volunteers have stepped up as well, delivering meals for those who work evenings, nights and weekends in the Residential programs.

I am so fortunate to lead such great organizations that care so much for others, their families and the community as a whole. Many thanks for the support and assistance of our Boards of Directors. Together, even in the most challenging of times, we will continue to make good things happen.

I look forward to healthier and brighter days for all.
Thank you for joining us at our Winter Gala and Auction in the Finger Lakes!

We celebrated volunteer of the year, Aaron Backhaus (bottom right), our keynote speaker Russell Cunningham (bottom left) and were joined by the Passalaqua family from Happiness House Geneva (top).

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Grand Prize Winner:
Heather Roller
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Mindy Golp - Team Pink Room
Ty Coppola - Team Ty’s Family & Friends
Dawn Curtis - Team Puzzle Piece
Liz Fratto - Team Jumping James

Top Runners Women:
Nicole Collins - 27m 26s
Ginelle Knittle - 29m 30s
Lori Henry - 29m 52s

Top Runners Men:
Derrick Day - 22m 56s
Shaun Collins - 26m 18s
Dominic Giunta - 29m 30s

Top Fundraisers:
#AnTheBoss - $2,446
Smile for Jaden - $620
Friends & Fitness - $400

Thank you to our sponsors for your support!

#VirtualAAW

Check out our event video:
#RaceWithAPF
Our heroes from Maple Ave want to see if you can spot all 10 differences!

***Answers are on pg 8***

Want a challenge?

Can you find all of the facemasks in the newsletter?

***Answer on pg 8***

Help us get ready for CP Rochester's 75th anniversary by coloring in our logo!
Submit your masterpiece to reike@cprochester.org by January 15, 2021 to be featured online and in our next newsletter!

What do you call a computer superhero?
Answer: A screen saver

What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine?
Answer: Inside Jokes!

Knock, Knock
Who’s there?
Wooden shoe
Wooden shoe Who?

Send a joke or riddle along with your name and age to reike@cprochester.org and your joke could end up in the next newsletter!
This donation provides the Ventures PROS program with new laptops as they transition to remote services.

UNITED WAY COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND

This is United Way's worldwide fund, which is helping communities "respond, recover, reimagine and rebuild" during this uncertain time.

ABILITY PARTNERS, INC. ($3,573)

All API agencies were provided with COVID-19 basic supplies, gowns & hand sanitizer, and funds to purchase vinyl gloves.

CP ROCHESTER ($4,800)

This donation provides new laptops for Children's program as they switch to online learning.

UNITED WAY PROJECT UPLIFT

This program, with assistance from ESL, has provided support to community members residing in Monroe County experiencing barriers to well-being and economic stability, including help with car repairs, school and childcare expenses, medical bills and other needed supports.

ROCHESTER REHABILITATION ($143,000)

This donation allowed Rochester Rehab to serve 186 individuals and families across all three locations and allowed for qualifying staff to take advantage of the funds as well.

MARY CLARK THOMPSON GRANT

This $1,700 grant will be used to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the Happiness House classroom at the Golisano Autism Center.

KARPUS FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Golisano Autism Center was awarded $100,000 to be used toward their Family Resource Lounge.

Marilyn Lichtman Foundation for CP Rochester's Family Dental Center. Grant funds will cover costs associated with patient desensitization visits which are not reimbursable as insurance doesn’t recognize behavior management or desensitization as necessary to treatment.

This donation provides new laptops for our educators and clinicians providing remote learning and clinical services.

HAPPINESS HOUSE ($4,800)

This donation provides SmartBoards and Playground Equipment for the Children's Programs at both the Geneva and Canandaigua site of Happiness House.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM ($12,000)

This donation provides SmartBoards and Playground Equipment for the Children’s Programs at both the Geneva and Canandaigua site of Happiness House.

STRUCTURED DAY PROGRAM ($10,000)

This donation provides the Structured Day Program/TBI individuals to replace their current program van.

RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE ($4,125)

This donation provides the children and adults in our residences with upgraded appliances and furniture.

AWARDS RECEIVED

AMONG THE AGENCIES

CP Rochester received a $50,000 donation from the Marilyn Lichtman Foundation for CP Rochester’s Family Dental Center. Grant funds will cover costs associated with patient desensitization visits which are not reimbursable as insurance doesn’t recognize behavior management or desensitization as necessary to treatment.
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WE RECOGNIZED THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF ALL OF OUR STAFF THROUGH VIRTUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENTS.

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We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family health and safety. CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation face new challenges as we adapt to COVID-19’s impact local, state, and nationwide.

We are ensuring the safety and welfare of the 7,900 individuals and families we serve while maintaining a healthy workforce of over 700 employees. Unanticipated costs for personal protective equipment were incurred as our employees worked diligently to put New York State health and safety protocols in place. While much of this is out of our control, we are dedicated to finding ways to serve the individuals we support.

COVID-19 has also put some of our programs in jeopardy, for example, our Early Intervention program, that has experienced a significant decrease in revenue. Without this program, the window of opportunity which addresses developmental needs such as communication, physical, social and emotional development, adaptive behaviors, and cognitive abilities of infants and toddlers birth to three years old will be missed. Another example is our Family Dental Center, which offers desensitization services to patients whose health insurance does not cover the cost of this critically needed service. The facility, designed to accommodate individuals with physical disabilities and mobility issues, includes a feeling room and lift for transfers from wheelchairs. Specialized dental chairs, customized treatment rooms, and dental equipment create the optimal environment to maximize the effectiveness of each treatment.

All support from the Annual Campaign will benefit CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation. Each agency offers an educational array, therapeutic, recreational, residential, and family support programs and services for children and adults with and without disabilities.

Thank you for being part of our family. With you, all things are possible.

Richard Hawks, Jr.
Chair, Ability Partners Foundation

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585-402-7448

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5415 County Road 30
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-9510

Children’s Programs
585-394-1190 (Canandaigua)
315-789-6850 (Geneva)

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585-685-8300

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1000 Elmwood Avenue
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