

For friends of CP Rochester, Happiness House & Rochester Rehabilitation

Newsletter

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#### Innovative Collaborative Model will Serve Thousands with Autism









CP Rochester, Al Sigl Community of Agencies, and AutismUp announced they are collaborating to build a new Golisano Autism Center Rochester, which will expand and enhance autism services to serve the more than 10,000 people diagnosed with autism in the Greater Rochester and surrounding areas. The new Center will be named for philanthropist, Paychex and Golisano Foundation Chairman, *Tom Golisano, who announced that he is making a matching challenge grant of \$2.5 million to help build the Center.* The Golisano Autism Center Rochester will be located on South Avenue near Science Parkway and will include shared program spaces, a sensory gym, classrooms, therapy rooms and more. The total cost of construction for the 25,000 square foot building is \$4.8 million. Ground breaking is expected to commence in the fall of 2017 and opening is targeted for fall 2018.

Golisano said, "I am pleased to provide a challenge grant of \$2.5 million to help build this unique collaborative center, which will bring together a wide array of coordinated services and expertise under one roof. The Center will represent a significant improvement in how people with autism and their families can get the services they need over the course of their lifetimes. I hope that my gift will inspire others to join me and contribute in a meaningful way to this important endeavor." The first major gift toward the anticipated two-year challenge comes from the Golisano Foundation in the amount of \$500,000, making the total commitment-to-date \$3 million.

#### **New Center Will Transform Autism Services**

The establishment of the Golisano Autism Center Rochester will transform the delivery of autism services by colocating and coordinating resources offered by multiple autism providers, each of which offers specialized areas of expertise. This comprehensive, enriched and innovative model emphasizes collaboration amongst complimentary autism-specific programs in the community. The proximity of the Center to related medical services will insure ease of access for thousands of families seeking autism services.

The Golisano Autism Center Rochester will provide a continuum of services that span a lifetime and offer a full array of coordinated program options for infants, toddlers, youth, teens and adults including, but not limited to: behavioral and primary care supports; respite; community habilitation; social, recreational and therapeutic services; housing and employment liaisons. High quality, evidence-based school-age instruction, developed specifically for individuals with autism, will be provided by Mary Cariola Children's Center. Lead partners CP Rochester, Al Sigl Community of Agencies, and AutismUp will coordinate the addition of other affiliate autism service agencies to be housed at the Center.

"The Foundation and Tom's investment in the Golisano Autism Center Rochester will have a long-lasting impact on individuals with autism, their families and the entire community," says Ann Costello, Golisano Foundation Director.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in 68 has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). ASD is a life-long developmental disability diagnosed between ages two to five that impacts communication, interaction, behaviors and learning in different ways, and requires a unique approach to support services. The prevalence has grown at such an alarming rate that it has produced a significant gap in coordinated services for individuals and families.

"Our heartfelt thanks to Tom Golisano, Ann Costello and the Golisano Foundation Board of Trustees for believing in our vision to support the enhancement and expansion of autism services in our community." adds Mary Walsh Boatfield, President and CEO of CP Rochester.

See Autism Center page 3.



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# Expanding our outreach to more than 6,650 through our three agencies!

Partnerships and collaborations with like-minded agencies who share a belief in a common mission have made it possible for our agencies to thrive and help more people in the greater Rochester and Finger Lakes area live more complete lives.

In this issue of *Happenings*, you'll read about new initiatives such as the Golisano Autism Center Rochester -- a partnership among CP Rochester, Al Sigl Community of Agencies, AutismUp and Mary Cariola Children's Center; and partnerships or relationships with volunteers, employees, board members, corporations and foundations that support us in a variety of ways through their dedication and commitment to helping people of all abilities.

What would we do without all of you? Not nearly enough. Thank you for supporting our mission and helping us increase the availability, and quality of services and programs to more than 6,650 individuals and families.

As we move to the second half of 2017 and begin planning for 2018, we remind you to keep "Opening Doors and Enriching Lives" so that "What Happens Here Changes Lives Forever" and provides "Work. Wellness. Independence."

Mary Walsh Boatfield

Mary Walsh Boatfield President and CEO

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### **Collaboration Prize Finalist!**

Ability Partners, Inc. was named a Finalist for the Lodestar Foundation's 2017 Collaboration Prize and was awarded \$10,000. This is a national award designed to highlight exceptional permanent models of collaboration among nonprofit organizations. Ability Partners, Inc. was initially chosen to be one of 18 semifinalists from more than 350 submissions and was selected as one of eight finalists for the Prize by a selection panel comprising major supporters of nonprofit collaboration. Judges sought collaborations that exemplified the impact of working together on a permanent basis.



Board members interview with Collaboration Prize executive at CP Rochester.



**Amy Cram** 

I would like to share some very significant statistics with you:

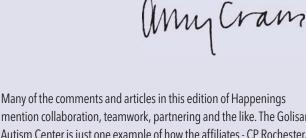
Happiness House is the 14th largest employer in Ontario County, and Physical Therapy services are the 18th largest in the region.

CP of Rochester is the 21st largest nonprofit in the region, and Physical Therapy services are the 11th largest in the region.

Rochester Rehabilitation serves over 3,000 individuals! Most recently, they held a successful Employment First Conference with over 200 in attendance and with Wegmans as the Presenting Sponsor.

Ability Partners, Inc. (API) is ranked the 43rd largest employer on RBJ's Top 75 list with 717 employees (an increase from 706 employees last year); and, API is ranked the 20th out of 26 largest nonprofits.

Thanks to all of our employees, board members, donors and participants for believing in our missions and continuing to have such an incredible impact on so many in our communities!





**Jeffrey Baker** 

Many of the comments and articles in this edition of Happenings mention collaboration, teamwork, partnering and the like. The Golisano Autism Center is just one example of how the affiliates - CP Rochester, Happiness House and Rochester Rehabilitation - with support from the Ability Partners Foundation, are working together, both within our own organizations and with others in our communities, to provide services to those in need. We take pride in what we do and it shows....and, as a result, our ability to fulfill our missions just gets better and better. Our future is looking very bright. Thanks to all of you for making that possible.



### **Autism Center continued...**

"We're excited to partner on this much needed project for our community, and are grateful to Tom Golisano for helping to make it a reality. The opportunity to coordinate and customize autism-specific services, and prepare for the next stage of life together under one roof, will be a dream come true for families. As a parent of a child with autism, I know how exhausting and confusing it can be to go from place to place for services," explains Sarah Milko, Executive Director of AutismUp.

"This innovative model for delivering autism-based services will be unlike anything else in our region," says Thomas O'Connor, President of Al Sigl Community of Agencies. "We anticipate that this model will be looked at on a national level and will eventually be the the go-to model for how a community prepares individuals with ASD for a successful and fulfilling life."

"Our community is fortunate to have the collective expertise and dedication of Al Sigl Community of Agencies, AutismUp, CP Rochester, Mary Cariola Children's Center and others." adds Ann Costello, Golisano Foundation Director. "Together their work will greatly improve quality of life, and the effectiveness of services delivered for individuals with autism, their families and providers alike."

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The Ability Partners Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established to raise and generate funds that will promote, support, and augment the continuation of long-term services for people with disabilities offered by CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation in the Finger Lakes and Greater Rochester areas including Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Wayne, Livingston, Monroe, and Orleans Counties.

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# Dr. Elmar Frangenberg Earns 2017 Health Care Achievement Award

CP Rochester and Happiness House Medical Director, Dr. Elmar Frangenberg, has spent close to 45 years working with the developmentally disabled and was recognized as the recipient of a Health Care Achievement Award in the Special Needs category by the Rochester Business Journal (RBJ). Each year, RBJ honors three winners in each of eight categories: Health Care Staff, Innovation, Management, Nurse, Physician, Senior Care, Special Needs, and Volunteer.



Dr. Frangenberg has been Medical Director for CP Rochester (CP) part time for the past 37 years and in January 2017, assumed that role at Happiness House (HH). In addition to his positions at CP and HH, Frangenberg worked as full-time Medical Director for Monroe Developmental Center (MDC) up until 2003, after close to 30 years. He continues to work part-time at MDC as a physician in the geriatric assessment clinic. Frangenberg is also a clinical assistant professor in the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry's (URSMD) neurology department. It was during Frangenberg's post-gradudate work through URSMD as a resident that he first interacted with the developmentally disabled. "I was really intrigued by my visits, as a neurology resident," Frangenberg said. After completing his medical training, Frangenberg was recruited to join MDC.

Dr. Frangenberg developed a passion for working with and treating those with developmental disabilities and this passion has earned him praise from his peers. "Dr. Frangenberg is a tremendous asset to each of the organizations he works with -- CP Rochester and Happiness House," said Mary Walsh Boatfield, President and CEO of CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation. "His clinical experience, compassion, keen insights and ability to successfully interact with a broad range of individuals, including staff, families, individuals with special needs, and clinical professionals, make him an invaluable resource."

One of Dr. Frangenberg's other passions is enjoying horse-drawn carriage driving with his wife, Catherine. They have three Morgan geldings and two carriages and participate in local riding events when possible.

# ESL Volunteer of the Year Award Presented to Catherine Frangenberg

Our good friend and Ability Partners
Foundation board member,
Catherine Frangenberg, was honored
as the recipient of the ESL Volunteer
of the Year Award at the 68th
Rochester Press Radio Club Day of
Champions Dinner Event.





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~ Mary Walsh Boatfield

Both Dr. and Catherine Frangenberg, who is a board member of Ability Partners Foundation, are dedicated to the health and well-being of individuals with developmental disabilities and we are incredibly grateful for all they do to support those with special needs.

# Volunteers Making Things Happen at CP Rochester! Jane

Besides the obvious benefits to society, scientific studies have shown that individuals who volunteer enjoy psychological and physical benefits, including increased satisfaction, improved sense of belonging, lower blood pressure, increased protection from Alzheimer's and decreased mortality.

At CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation, we value every minute that our volunteers give us. In this issue of Happenings, we are highlighting four CP Rochester volunteers. Last year, over 200 volunteers spent 13,000 hours supporting our mission and vision at CP Rochester. Whether they shared their time and talents building in the adaptive workshop, supporting adaptive sporting programs, providing clerical support, assisting in a preschool classroom or tutoring an adult learner, their impact was great! Join us as we highlight only a few of our volunteer heroes, but we show appreciation to each and every one of them.

#### **Donna McPherson**



Donna McPherson has been volunteering with Ben Hawkins, our Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, for three years. Donna assists Ben in providing a safe and fun water experience for participants of our integrated preschool program.

"I have learned a lot at CP Rochester about how wonderful it is to have such a center here in Henrietta that offers so much for those in need. It is a pleasure to come every week to see the smiling and friendly staff. They are a dedicated bunch, and super patient and loving with all the children. I love seeing all the children so happy to be in the water. For some, this is their first time in a pool situation. The confidence they get from this is amazing."

Donna has a two-year degree in food service management, was a hair stylist for many years, and has held a variety of jobs. She and her husband of 33 years have two grown children. Donna not only shares her time with the children here at CP Rochester, but she also volunteers with seniors at the Highlands Living Center.

#### **Ryan Tennant**



Ryan Tennant isn't new to volunteering. He has helped in physical therapy settings, an animal shelter and has provided homework assistance for kids. Ryan is, however, new to CP Rochester. A write up on Volunteermatch.org seeking volunteers to assist with SportsNet captured Ryan's attention, and he began helping us in December 2016.

Ryan, who received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology, is currently employed at Ginna Nuclear Power Plant in Risk Management Engineering. While supporting the community, Ryan is having fun helping with adaptive sports. He especially likes working with children and has formed a good relationship with program

staff who he feels are "very skilled, genuine, and enjoyable to spend time with."

Recently, Ryan found another way to give to CP Rochester – he made a donation through his employer-based non-profit donation program to SportsNet because he felt that the organization has been very welcoming and adds exceptional value to the community.

#### Janet Zimmerman



Janet Zimmerman, who worked as a teacher for students with special needs and now works part time as a bookkeeper, began

volunteering for CP Rochester's Day Habilitation Basic Education Program in September 2016.

She shares her Thursday mornings with adult students who have developmental disabilities.

Janet enjoys interacting with the class and helping and encouraging them to learn and feel successful. She works with Paul Arnold's team of volunteers who keep individuals on track during class by reading or assisting them with reading, helping with a variety of subjects and writing down answers for those who cannot physically do so independently.

#### **Angela Morton**



Angela Morton became involved with CP Rochester last summer supporting the summer recreation and preschool programs. Her favorite thing about volunteering

at CP Rochester was the connection that she made with the kids in the programs. She felt that they all made an impact on her life in a different way and in some cases, she got to know their family members who were "kind and encouraging." Angela liked the sense of community she felt at CP Rochester, and she took advantage of the opportunity to learn from the staff with whom she worked.

Angela attends Penfield High School, where she is involved in Key Club providing community service to others. She is the president of her school book club, through which she organized a book drive for donations of preschool-aged appropriate books for the Little Free Library at CP Rochester. Additionally, Angela works at the YMCA in child care and has worked as a Page at the library.

Angela, her sister and her parents, Sharyl and Bruce, live in Penfield and have a dog, Sasha.

# A Might at the Castle!



### Happiness House Gala Fundraiser Honored Champions of Disability Services

The Ability Partners Foundation held a sold out Gala Dinner and Auction Event at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York, and announced the recipients of several prestigious awards. The Belhurst served as the event's Founding and Major Sponsor (for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row). Nozomi Williams was our Friend Sponsor and Five Star Bank underwrote this event as Presenting Sponsor. WHAM-TV Journalist Patrice Walsh served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. All proceeds from the Ability Partners Foundation Gala Dinner and Auction Event support programs and services of CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation.

The event recognized several key individuals who have volunteered their time and service to make the agencies thrive. A father/daughter duo, Richard Hawks and Jackie Hawks Lyttle, was presented with this year's *Humanitarian of the Year Award*. Hawks is a Board Member of Ability Partners Foundation, Founding Member of the

Happiness House Foundation, and a retired Senior Vice President and Senior Fiduciary Officer of Canandaigua National Bank and Trust. Hawks Lyttle is the First Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Ability Partners, Inc., CP Rochester, Happiness House, Rochester Rehabilitation, and the Vice President of Product and Contract Management at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Past recipients of this award include: Robert 'Bob' Shick, John Horvath, Margaret 'Peggy' Clark, Charles T. Graham, Senator Michael F. Nozzolio, Kevin W. Reeder, Mary Herlihy Gearan, B. Thomas Golisano, Nozomi Williams, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, The Bonafiglia Family, Dr. Elmar and Catharine Frangenberg, and Harold Augustin.

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* was presented to J. Patrick O'Connell III, who graduated from Hobart College this May. Mr. O'Connell took on the organization of the Hobart Football "Tackles &

Touchdowns" fundraiser for Happiness House three seasons ago. Along with the Hobart Athletics Department, Mr. O'Connell, in his final year, has led this event to raise more than \$41,000. As part of the fundraiser, Mr. O'Connell and some of his teammates also visited Happiness House and spent time with the preschool children.

James King, Vice President/Commercial
Banking Officer of Lyons National Bank,
received the *Outstanding Board Member*of the Year Award. James is currently Vice
President/Commercial Banking Officer for
Lyons National Bank. He is the Chair of the
Audit and Finance Committee for Ability
Partners, Inc., and also serves on the Long
Range Planning Committee. He actively
supports our mission and recruits new
members for the Board along with
donations for our agencies. In addition,
Mr. King volunteers on the Boards of the
Geneva Revolving Loan Fund and Geneva
Lakefront Childcare Center.



Humanitarian of the Year Award Winners, Jacqueline Hawks Lyttle and her father, Richard Hawks



Volunteer of the Year Award Winner, J. Patrick O'Connell, 2017 graduate of Hobart College

Awards... 25 years



There were five "Years of Service Awards" given to those who have served the agencies for more than 10 years, including Ann Kurz (25 years - above left), Mary Herlihy Gearan (15 years, above right), Michael Coppola (15 years - middle right with board member Justin Bruckel), and Jackie Hawks Lyttle (10 years - pictured at right with family).



The annual Gala is one of the Foundation's most prestigious events and is made possible through the enthusiasm and generosity of the sponsors and friends, including Belhurst Castle as the Founding and Major Sponsor of the event; Friend, Nozomi Williams; Five Star Bank as Presenting Sponsor; and BonaDent Dental Laboratories and The Bonadio Group as Major Sponsors.

The Corporate Plus Sponsor was Frank Marianacci, Inc. and Corporate Sponsors included: Bill Cram Chevrolet; Hobart College Athletics; eVero Corporation; Key Bank; LECESSE Corporation; Lyons National Bank; Massa Construction, Inc.; Nationwide Retirement Plans; and Relph Benefit Advisors.

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Keynote Speakers







Left: Mike and Nanci Bentley, their son MJ and niece Cierra Hernandez. Middle: Keynote speaker Kim Cromwell with Mary Walsh Boatfield. Right: Friend Nozomi Williams

Another highlight of the evening was the inspirational words from Keynote Speakers Mike and Nanci Bentley, and Kim Cromwell, as well as friend Nozomi Williams. The Bentleys spoke in support of Happiness House and the progress their son MJ has made over the past four years after he was diagnosed at six months old with a rare syndrome called Pallister-Killian Syndrome. The Bentleys feel that they "have become better parents and advocates with the continued support of Happiness House," and that their son has truly defied all odds thanks to this support. Cromwell described her gratitude for Happiness House's Traumatic Brain Injury Structured Day Program and how it has helped her recover and live more fully after two strokes. Williams, a humble and longtime supporter of Happiness House and Ability Partners Foundation, who was recently honored with the *Women of Distinction Award* from the New York State Senate, spoke of her personal journey and commitment to making opportunities available that will help those with disabilities to thrive.

# March ~ Traumatic Brain Injury Month





Top left: Happiness House team at Canandaigua Bottom left: Rochester Rehabilitation team at University Ave.



TBI participants encouraged employees and others to wear their jeans to work to raise awareness of Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Many of our Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program participants shared their stories in videos that were posted on Facebook. Living with a TBI is sometimes frustrating and challenging, but each of our participants found help. They are all participants in TBI programs at Happiness House. Engaging in activities, seeking assistance through supportive programs, and being patient with themselves and others allows those living with TBI to be their best. Happiness House offers programs to help those with TBI maintain or improve one's ability to live in the community, including:

- Independent Living Skills Training (ILST)
- Home & Community Support Services (HCSS)
- Service Coordination

- Community Integration Counseling (CIC)
- Positive Behavior Intervention Services (PBIS)
- Structured Day Program
- STEPS to Independent Living Program

CP Rochester offers clinic services and Rochester Rehabilitation offers employment programs for those with TBI.



#### \$10,000 Awarded to CP Rochester for Lift Free Technology

Mr. Kilian J. Schmitt, entrepreneur, public benefactor, and founder of the Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Foundation is remembered by those who knew him as a true gentleman who believed in personal sacrifice and giving for the greater good. The foundation that he founded in his name, and that of his wife Caroline, is committed to assisting those in need, including individuals with disabilities and the elderly. To that end, the Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to CP Rochester. The grant was made in support of the "Lift Free" technology initiative.

CP Rochester is grateful to Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt for their commitment in seeing to "the greater good" for many years to come, and we thank the Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Foundation for this support.

# \$240,000 Gifted from Golisano Foundation for Transitional Apartments

In October 2014, Golisano Foundation gave CP Rochester a grant of \$40K to begin preliminary work (architect drawings, engineering studies, etc.), on development of Transitional Apartments to be located on Pinnacle Road in Henrietta, New York. At that time they pledged another \$200K when we were closer to doing construction. In February 2017, CP Rochester received the remaining \$200K for building renovations to the 'transitional apartments' for young adults with disabilities. Rather than construct a new building for the transitional apartments, CP Rochester plans to renovate a former Individualized Residential Alternative building located on Pinnacle Road currently owned by the Al Sigl Community of Agencies.

"We applaud CP Rochester's vision to create a transitional residence for young adults with disabilities who, with appropriate support, are capable of learning the skills necessary for independent living," said Ann Costello, Executive Director of the Golisano Foundation.

"There is an urgent need for young adults with physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities, including autism, to access community-based housing and begin the transition from living with families and caregivers to building a life for themselves within the community," said Mary Walsh Boatfield, President and CEO of CP Rochester. "These individuals have a strong desire to pursue and create their own plan for community housing."

The design and function of CP Rochester's transitional apartments will closely mirror the successful transitional apartments constructed by Happiness House in Canandaigua, which were funded in large part by the Golisano Foundation. The Happiness House transitional apartments, which opened in 2012, were created to be a stepping stone for individuals with a disability as they moved from living with family or in a certified setting, to living independently in the community of their choice. Tenants work side-by-side with staff to assess their current strengths and needs. Once tenants identify their goals, staff provide support and training to assist them in increasing their independence. The one goal shared by all tenants is that they will transition from this 'training setting' to a 'traditional community' apartment sometime in the next few years. Common focus areas for training include personal safety, tenant-landlord responsibilities, how to be a good neighbor, money management, health and wellness, community access, home maintenance, cooking, nutrition, and self-care.

Within the transitional apartment model, tenant supports are individualized based on goals and needs. Supports can be funded by one of the New York State Community Based Waivers (for individuals with a developmental disability, a traumatic brain injury, or acquired disability), no-fault insurance, or self-pay. Tenants are provided a safety net by having timely access to staff 24 hours per day, seven days a week. This safety net provides the individual, as well as their family and friends, with a sense of security. Tenants will develop meaningful relationships with others who are going through similar experiences. As the Happiness House model has proven, these relationships continue even after individuals have moved on to community apartments.

CP Rochester's transitional apartment building will offer seven, one-bedroom units with a large common area that includes a kitchen and recreational space. The agency is working with the Town of Henrietta for final approval of its design. CP Rochester anticipates the apartments will provide support and training for 15-20 individuals during its first 10 years of operation. Construction is expected to begin in August of 2017.



#### **Rochester Rookies Receive Funds**



Rochester Press Radio Club Children's Charities Fund awarded SportsNet \$1,000 to be used in support of the Rochester Rookies Track and Field team.

Attending Nationals was a thrill for our competitors and their families in prior years. The positive, confidence-building impact the Rochester Rookies program has on children diagnosed with disabilities only continues to grow as they progress in the program. The \$1,000 gift will be used to underwrite competition related expenses, team travel, and adapted equipment transport.



#### DHSNY-NICIP Awards Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy/Happiness House \$587,942

New York State excitedly announced \$100 million in grants were awarded to 237 applicants in the state. Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy/ Happiness House was awarded \$587,942 for capital improvements needed at their Geneva headquarters after a very competitive RFP process. Applicants were evaluated based on the scope of the proposed project, the number of clients who will benefit, how critical the project is for helping the nonprofit service it's target population, how necessary the project is for allowing the nonprofit to serve a new population, as well as other factors.

The Geneva location is home to Early Intervention, Preschool, Day Care and is an Article 16 Clinic site. Most of the current HVAC system is 24 years old and beyond its "useful life." Many of the windows are cracked, do not close with a proper seal, or present opportunities for mold due to water condensation and an outdated, rusting and leaking air conditioning system. The funds we received will be used to replace the entire HVAC system and all windows throughout the building.



# \$25,000 Gift from the Al Sigl Sports Committee for Various Programs

At a luncheon, member organizations of the Al Sigl Community of Agencies presented information regarding their unique programs supported through the fundraising efforts of the Al Sigl Sports Committee. Following the presentation, Mr. Matt Weins and Mr. Pat DiLucia, co-chairs of the Al Sigl Sports Committee, presented President and CEO Mary Walsh Boatfield with checks in the amount of \$12,500 each for CP Rochester and Rochester Rehabilitation. The funds will be used to support the following initiatives:

- \$7,500 scholarships for students enrolled in the BELL Program through CP Rochester's collaboration with Roberts Wesleyan College and Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES
- \$5,000 Shared Ski Adventures (SSA) operations and certification training for SSA ski volunteers
- \$7,000 scholarships to individuals with financial need who enroll in WorkForce Academy training
- \$5,500 language translation services for individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

We thank AI Sigl Sports Committee members for the time and effort they dedicate to fundraising initiatives throughout the year in order to make this generous support possible!



#### \$50,000 awarded to Rochester Rehabilitation for Workforce Academy Training Expansion

Rochester Rehabilitation (RR) will expand its workforce academy division through a \$50,000 award granted by Andrew M. Cuomo's New York State Regional Economic Development Council. RR will use the funds to develop a direct care professional training program. The academy offers targeted, effective and accessible workforce training programs that prepare new workers and current professionals with meeting industry needs for an inclusive, diverse, and qualified workforce.



We are grateful to have received \$10,000 from the Lilliputian Foundation as the presenting sponsor for the 2017 Run for Fun 5K Run, Walk and Kid's Run and \$2,500 as a Training Sponsor at the Second Annual Rochester Rehabilitation Employment First Conference.



#### Monroe County Department of Human Services Awards Rochester Rehabilitation with \$250,000 Paths to Empowerment Grant

Thanks to County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, Rochester Rehabilitation offers an Aftercare Services Program in partnership with Monroe County Department of Human Services to coordinate and leverage existing services to maximize success for individuals working towards employment retention and self-sufficiency.

The Aftercare Services Program: Paths to Empowerment (Supporting Individuals from Public Assistance to Self-Sufficiency) provides support to individuals using evidence-based, person-centered practices, trauma informed care principals, and comprehensive intake assessments.

Some services available include transportation, credit repair that can lead to home ownership, childcare during job retention groups and activities, job coaching and placement, mentorship, and linkages to cultural and recreational activities, financial literacy, and career

# **AEDs Awarded through Grant to Rochester Rehabilitation**



The Florence M. Muller Foundation was organized to support charitable, scientific and educational initiatives, with one of its primary funding interests being Health Care. We are pleased to announce that Rochester Rehabilitation (RR) is the recipient of a \$5,100 grant to purchase three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) needed to

provide an expedient, knowledgeable and effective response to potential Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) events that may occur in our daily provision of services. The installation of these AEDs and the training of staff in their use will enable RR to enhance its response to a potential SCA event, should one occur.

RR thanks the Florence M. Muller Foundation for their generosity and support of this important initiative.

#### **Other Generous Grant Awards**

**Nozomi Williams** awarded Ability Partners Foundation \$11,520 in support of the Gala Dinner & Auction Event.

**Wegmans** awarded Rochester Rehabilitation a \$7,500 grant as Presenting Sponsor of the Second Annual Employment First Conference focusing on employment outcomes for special populations.

**The NYS Elks** presented CP Rochester with a check for \$2,500 to purchase an Autism and Learning Differences Tool Kit for Ray's Social Club, with any remaining money to be used for Ray's Social Club activities.

#### CP Rochester, Happiness House and Rochester Rehabilitaion Receive Grants from Ability Partners Foundation



Since its inception, the Foundation Board has approved over \$60,000 in grants to benefit CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation programs and services. Recently, the following awards were presented:

#### CP Rochester (awarded \$5,000 total):

- Game Time Elevated Sandbox submitted by Ben Hawkins, CP Rochester's Adapted Physical Education Teacher and Laurie Benwitz, Education Coordinator for \$1,396
- SportsNet facility storage improvement initiative (in collaboration with RIT) submitted by Michael Cocquyt, SportsNet Supervisor for \$1,618
- Day Habilitation Health and Wellness submitted by Kate Leonard, Senior Supervisor for \$1,986

#### **Happiness House (awarded \$5,000 total):**

- Sportime Super-Expand-O-Mat for Canandaigua OT/PT Gym submitted by Kristina Whitbeck, MS, OTR/L, Alison D'Angelo, PT, DPT, and Laura McGorray, PT, DPT for \$938 (for 4 mats)
- Transition Home Improvements submitted by Donna Poccia, Vice President, Individual and Family Support Services for \$2,667
- Sensory Room Enhancement for Maple Avenue IRA submitted by Tiffany Yancey, Apartment Manager/Behavior Coordinator, for \$1,395

#### Rochester Rehabilitation (awarded \$5,000 total):

- Promethean Board for the PROS program submitted by Donna Smith, PROS Director for \$2,250.93
- Paint walkways of production floor/revamp the space in the front entryway of the University Avenue facility submitted by Terrie Meyn, Executive VP and COO for \$2,749.07



# **Autism Awareness Walk Surpasses Goal**

Ability Partners Foundation and Autism Services of the Finger Lakes hosted their 7th annual Autism Awareness Walk at Eastview Mall, led by five-year-old Honorary Chair, Emma Sherman. This year's event raised over \$33,000, surpassing the \$31,000 raised in 2016. Funds raised support services the agencies offer to individuals of all ages exhibiting characteristics of or diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Matt Tumbelekis of Sound Entertainment provided DJ services, and there was face painting, a bake sale, and costumed characters to bring smiles to all. Free t-shirts were provided to nearly 550 attendees creating a sea of purple and coral throughout the mall!

Honorary Chair, Emma Sherman, was first introduced to Happiness House in 2014 through Early Intervention Services of the Finger Lakes at Happiness House's Autism Diagnostic Treatment Clinic, allowing her to receive the care and treatment that she needed directly through Happiness House. "Throughout Emma's time at Happiness House, it cannot be said enough about how

patient, kind, and supportive staff have been to Emma and our family," describes Emma's mother, Melissa Sherman. "Without these qualitites, knowledge, and use of therapeutic interventions, Emma would not be where she is today." Emma is projected to start kindergarten in the Fall of 2017.





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# **SportsNet Program Continues Momentum**

The SportsNet program provides adults and children with disabilities the opportunity to explore adaptive sports and inclusive recreation. Activities include cycling, golf, canoeing, hockey, basketball, and more.

For more information, or to make suggestions regarding new recreational opportunities we should offer, contact Mike Cocquyt, SportsNet Supervisor, at 585-334-6000 x1120. He will be happy to speak with you!



Pictured above are Jim Kelly and SportsNet Program Supervisor, Mike Cocquyt.

#### **Kelly for Kids Grant**

The Kelly for Kids Foundation was established by Jim Kelly, Buffalo Bills and Pro Football Hall of Famer, to serve disadvantaged and disabled youth in Western, New York. In the past five years CP Rochester has been the recipient of Kelly for Kids Foundation grants totaling \$7,795 including support of Shared Ski Adventures and the purchase of new classroom equipment for Augustin Children's Center.

Michael Cocquyt attended the Kelly for Kids Foundation's 10th annual luncheon where Jim Kelly presented him with a \$1,295 check to be used to purchase a "Start Smart Golf Starter Kit" for SportsNet's golf program. The purchase of this equipment will enable SportsNet to make the golf program available to more children with physical and cognitive disabilities, especially those who are exploring the sport of golf for the first time.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Kelly for Kids Foundation for their continued support.

#### **Al Sigl Grants**

SportsNet, a partnership among the Al Sigl Community of Agencies, CP Rochester, and Rochester Rehabilitation has been awarded \$6,981 in gifts through the Al Sigl Foundation.

A special gift of \$3,905 was received from Ellie Smith in memory of her husband, Jack Smith. Mr. Smith served on the Al Sigl Board of Trustees and was the founder of SportsNet and the *Rochester Wheels* basketball team. This recent gift will be used to support the summer recreation program and provide for Shared Ski Adventure (SSA) scholarships, with the remainder to be applied toward the purchase of an adapted golf cart.

A second gift of \$3,076 was made through the Lester Harrison Fund. Mr. Harrison was a coach and owner of the *Rochester Royals* and is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame. This gift will be used to purchase aquability equipment, and provide for SSA ski rentals, with the remainder to be applied toward the purchase of an adapted golf cart called the SoloRider.

Al Sigl Foundation recently issued a third gift totalling \$3,339 in grant funds from the Lester Harrison Family Fund to put toward three initiatives in our SportsNet programs: continued fundraising efforts for the SoloRider, covering rental fees for the *Earn Your Turns* local ski and snowboard program at Northampton Park, and the purchase of new aquatics equipment to grow our Aquabiltiy program to another location. This program offers range of motion and strengthening exercises in a heated therapy pool for active older adults of all abilities.



Pictured from left to right are Brian O'Sullivan (former SSA volunteer), Megan O'Sullivan (former SSA skier), Lynn Keller (Director of Agency Advancement), Pat DiLucia (Co-chair of the Al Sigl Sports Committee), Mary Walsh Boatfield (President and CEO of CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation), and Matt Weins (Co-chair of the Al Sigl Sports Committee).

#### SoloRider Golf Cart is a Reality!

We are excited to announce that SportsNet has received the remaining funds needed to purchase the SoloRider Golf Cart! The remaining \$5,000 needed was provided through a grant from the National Alliance for Accessible Golf, Inc. who awarded a grant

to the Marty Turcios Golf Foundation to support CP Rochester's purchase of a Paragolfer unit.



### **Accolades and Awards**



Cheryl Garlock, Mary Walsh-Boatfield and Tina Bennett

CP Rochester held its 2016 4th Quarter Employee Recognition celebration recognizing all service anniversaries for the quarter with the following milestone anniversaries:

- Tina Bennett, Volunteer Manager, with 30 Years of Service!
- Cheryl Garlock, LMSW, Start-up & Support Broker, with 30 Years of Service!
- Chanel Terrell, Habilitator-In-Home Services, with Five Years of Service!

Deshawndra Webb was recognized for her promotion to a Lead Caregiver in Wrap Around last quarter! We also welcomed 18 new hires who began during 4th quarter!

Mary Walsh Boatfield was awarded a

Presidential Medal of Honor from Hobart and William Smith Colleges which was recently published in the Finger Lakes Times.

Boatfield, along with nine others, was recognized by President Mark Gearan (also featured to your right)! Gearan said, "With unwavering commitment to the Geneva community and beyond, these 2017 President's Medal recipients stand as exemplary models of service, engagement and fortitude."

Patrice Walsh was awarded a *Champion Award* from Ability Partners Foundation at the Gala

Dinner & Auction Event. Ms. Walsh, who recently retired from her position at WHAM-13 News as a Reporter, has had a tremendous impact on our agencies through her in-kind service and dedication. Her reported stories have helped raise awareness throughout the greater Rochester community of the many services available to those with differing abilities.

Cheryl Garlock, LMSW, Start-up & Support Broker at CP Rochester, shown at the far left, not only celebrated 30 years with CP Rochester, she was also the recipient of a first-of-it's-kind Home Services Award from the New York State ELKS.

Congratulations



Cheryl!

Nozomi Williams was the recipient of the Geneva Rotary's prestigious Service Above Self Award for her work with Happiness House and many other organizations in the Geneva and Canandaigua communities.



Mark and Mary Gearan were honored as recipients of the 2017 Dorinne Maxwell Memorial Citizenship Award at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in April.

The Dorinne Maxwell Memorial Citizenship Prize honors Dorinne Maxwell, a friend of Hobart Athletics from the time she and her husband, Bill, arrived on campus in January 1991 until her death on Nov. 1, 2006. Dorinne was devoted to her family, to Hobart Athletics, and to the community of Geneva. In her humble, quiet way, Dorinne was actively involved with St. Stephen's Church, the Red Cross, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and especially the Geneva Center of Concern.

The award is presented annually to a student, member of the staff or faculty, or to a friend of the Colleges whose service mirrors the ideals of Dorinne Maxwell and whose helping hand has enriched the lives of others. The recipient selects a charity to receive a monetary contribution in Dorinne Maxwell's memory. The Gearans will honor Maxwell by giving this year's donation of \$2,000 to Happiness House to support their mission.

# Rochester Rehabilitation Upgrades Space





Rochester Rehabilitation (RR) has made improvements at the University Avenue location over the past several months.

Volunteers from CP Rochester's Adaptive workshop helped RR build a wall to split the large training space into two separate rooms. Conference and training rooms, new computer workstations, and an upgraded bathroom have been added.









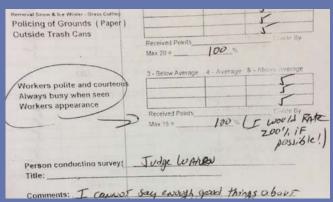
#### **DDRO Funds Respite Recruiter**

Happiness House has been awarded a Family Support Services grant through the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO). Through this initiative \$22,888/year for up to five years, will be provided to engage a part-time Respite Recruiter whose primary function will be to work closely with families residing in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties to recruit, interview and hire Respite staff best suited to meet their loved one's needs. The Respite Recruiter will develop firsthand knowledge of the current roster of Respite staff, their skill attributes and availability so that timely matches can be arranged with new Respite service enrollees.

To be eligible to receive Happiness House Respite services individuals must be OPWDD eligible, reside at home with family and in need of consistent, high quality Respite services. With this additional resource Happiness House anticipates being able to serve 13 new individuals with self-directed services for whom Respite is an identified service. They also anticipate decreasing the number of families currently "waitlisted" to receive Respite services by 50% (from 20 to 10), and decreasing the average amount of time any family must wait for this service due to lack of identified staff resources.

This award will enable Happiness House to expand delivery of a critically needed service in an underserved region of the Finger Lakes.

#### **Judge Warren Kudos**



Rochester Rehabilitation workers earned praise from Judge Warren for their work performance and professionalism at the Federal Building downtown. On a recent above average quality assurance review, Judge Warren commented, "I cannot say enough good things about the wonderful job James and his crew do for us. They are always positive, good humored, and a joy to be around. The best part of my day is chatting with the crew when I see them in chambers or around the building. They are truly a treasure! Outstanding work and outstanding people. I am honored to work with James and his crew."

# **Understanding Where Your Gift Goes**

Ability Partners Foundation supports the missions of CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation, so it is important to understand where monetary and in-kind gifts go once they are given by a donor.

Nearly every gift given to CP Rochester (CP), Happiness House (HH), Rochester Rehabilitation (RR), and Ability Partners Foundation (APF) benefits ALL organizations! Monies raised from the two *Galas*, the *Autism Awareness Walk*, 5K Run for Fun, Francis 'Ben' Bonafiglia Golf Tournament, Dash to Cash, and Bowling to Raise Bucks are accepted by APF. This means, by participating in any agency event, your contribution helps **all three** agencies! Now, donors' gifts carry a much greater impact. In addition, general gifts to CP, HH and RR throughout the year benefit all three agencies.

There are certainly exceptions to the rule. Gifts that are made to a specific program or service at an agency are reserved solely for that agency. For example, if a donor wishes to give \$1,000 to the HH Structured Day Program, Ability Partners Foundation will process the gift and only apply it to that specific program at HH. Where this is typically most prevalent is with in-kind gifts (furniture, food, etc.) but it can happen with monetary gifts as well. In order for this type of *donor designated* gift to occur, the donor must submit the request in writing when making the gift.

When writing a check to benefit CP, HH or RR, we ask you to make it out to **Ability Partners Foundation**. However, even if your check is made out to one of the agencies, it will still benefit all three (unless you designate your gift to a specific program or agency).

Thank you for your generosity over the years! Rest assured, CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation apply good stewardship to any and all gifts given to our agencies. If you would like to make a donation now, you can do so using the enclosed envelope, or visit us on-line.

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The Ability Partners Foundation team *Spread The Word* in Victor...and encouraged participation from eight of the businesses that share space at Victor Place. Several employees from all three agencies — CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation shared awareness posts on Facebook.

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Every member of the CP Rochester (CP), Happiness House (HH) and Rochester Rehabilitation (RR) family has the power to make future change possible. Together, we continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of programs and services for the 6,650 individuals we serve each year.

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For more information on making an immediate or long-term legacy gift to CP, HH or RR, call Cheryl Schaefer-Coppola, Vice President of Ability Partners Foundation, at 585-412-9040 x1325 or via e-mail at ccoppola@happinesshouse.org.





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