

# OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

## Health Care Professional of the Year

### Eric B. Geller, M.D.

Dr. Geller has contributed a substantial amount of his practice to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For many years, he has treated several of The Arc/Morris' consumers who have the most involved and complex epilepsy we have ever seen. His work has been the single most critical factor in their quality of life—and in several instances, he has been the key to their ability to live in the community.

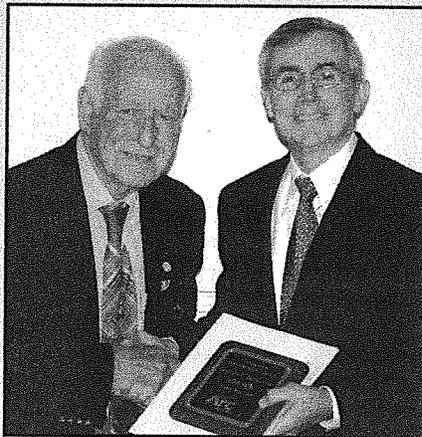
He is nationally recognized in his field and is currently the Director of the Adult Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at The Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Barnabas Health. We were honored to present Dr. Geller with the 2013 Health Care Professional Award.



Dr. Eric Geller and Tom Baffuto

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Sal Iannacone and Jim Gallagher

## Distinguished Service Award

### Saverio (Sal) C. Iannacone

For the last year, Sal Iannacone has worked tirelessly on the development of our new Hanover Respite Group Home in Cedar Knolls. Although staff at the agency have been at the table, Sal's volunteer efforts have relieved us from countless hours of work, allowing time to be spent on other tasks. In the early stages of the project, Sal not only secured architectural and engineering services at very low cost, but worked behind the scenes to help secure substantial funds for the project.

However, this just touches the surface of Sal's long standing relationship with The Arc/Morris. A leader in Hanover Township for over 50 years, his support of people with special needs has paralleled his public service. Committed not only to our work, but the many other agencies in his community, Sal has been there in a very significant way.

While he should be enjoying his time at his vacation home in Florida, he remains the epitome of a public servant—including being on the respite group home construction site daily to make sure everything is just so!

For his lifetime of services to our community—and many others—we were honored to present Sal with our Distinguished Service Award.

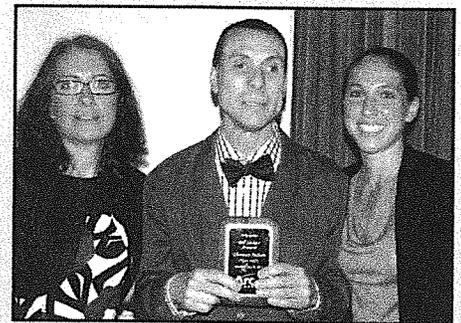
## Bill Sackter Citizenship Award

### Tom Julian

Tom Julian was raised here in New Jersey and has lived semi-independently for over 20 years. He is a resident at our Eden Lane Group Home. He currently works at our Hanover Center and has held a variety of jobs over the years. During his free time he loves to ride his bike, attend church, and attend McARP activities. Last season he accepted the position of Manager for the Women's Basketball Team at Drew University. He attended practices and their home basketball games, was given a uniform and really enjoyed serving in this new role...and is looking forward to this coming season!

Tom remains close to his mother, Doris, and sister, Dale, both of whom he visits regularly. He is the proud uncle of two nieces. Tom's aspirations for the future are to have a girlfriend and to have more money!

Congratulations Tom on receiving the Bill Sackter Citizenship Award. You truly deserved it!



Dr. Dawn Hall-Apgar, Tom Julian, Brittany Gaetano

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I know I have said it before, but it warrants repeating—I like our Annual Awards Program!

At a time of great change in the field of developmental disabilities—and a certain amount of trepidation—there is something about our annual recognition that is comforting. I think it's a function of knowing that whatever has changed over nearly 60 years of serving our community, there have always been people and groups that have embraced our mission and values. That has been a constant.

While there were many highlights in this year's event, what really struck me was that two of our most coveted recognitions were given to individuals truly at the opposite ends of their lives. Will Van Emburg, an eighteen year old on the cusp of his high school graduation was given the Volunteer of the Year Award, while Sal Iannacone, a ninety year old, whose energy level can rival Will's, received the Distinguished Service Award.

Will stepped forward earlier this year to serve as Head Swim Coach for our Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program. Despite his own academic and personal swimming commitments at Mt. Olive High School, he did an incredible job, and despite moving on to even bigger and better things, is confident that he will continue to be involved with people with special needs in some way.

Meanwhile, despite decades of service to his community on multiple levels, Sal Iannacone has just refused to slow down. When he learned of our interest in replacing one of our existing Respite Group Homes, he immediately offered to lend a hand. And that he did. From the earliest stages of the development, Sal's planning, oversight and dogged determination have brought the home to near completion.

While Will's service to his community is only beginning, Sal's is one that has spanned more than half a century. As Will looks forward to attending Indiana University in Pennsylvania this fall, Sal's college experience is a distant memory.

But what better pair to pay tribute to this year. While they are very different in so many ways, they are also extremely similar. And that is most exemplified in their willingness to give of themselves—a trait that has drawn them to The Arc/Morris and one that we are truly fortunate to have received.

And I'll close with what I have said before—is it any wonder I like the Annual Awards & Volunteer Recognition Ceremony?

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## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS CONT.

### Distinguished Community Service Award

#### The Volunteer Emergency Squads of Morris County

In virtually every community that we have had a presence in over the last 30 years, we have the good fortune of being supported by that town's ambulance and first aid squad. These overwhelmingly all volunteer squads provide basic life support and ambulance transportation to area hospitals. They are incredibly well trained, respond with lightning speed and display the utmost professionalism in their interaction with consumers and staff.

#### We thank and congratulate the following:

Budd Lake First Aid and Rescue Squad

Cedar Knolls First Aid Squad

Chatham Emergency Squad

Chester First Aid Squad

Flanders Rescue Squad

Long Valley First Aid Squad

Morris Minute Men

Emergency Medical Services

Morristown Emergency Medical Services

Parsippany Volunteer Ambulance

Randolph Rescue Squad

Rockaway Neck First Aid Squad

Rockaway Township Fire Department

Birchwood Fire Company #4

Roxbury Chemical Engine

Company #1 Fire & EMS



Members of the Roxbury First Aid and Gail Paradise



Irene Hansen, Kylee Brown and Mark DeLotto

### Best Friend Award

#### Massey Quick, LLC

In April of 2012, Mark DeLotto and Bob Ward of the financial consulting firm of Massey Quick approached us regarding a golf outing with their clients to raise funds for a local not for profit. Part of the focus for being chosen was to have a tangible project for the event. After a careful vetting process, The Arc/Morris was chosen to be the beneficiary of the funds raised through the event.

The outing, held on September 19, 2012 at the Somerset Hills Country Club was a huge success and raised over \$70,000! The proceeds were earmarked for the construction of our new respite group home in Cedar Knolls.

For their commitment to the non-profit community and their efforts to bring our dream of a new respite home to fruition we were thrilled to present our Best Friend Award to the firm of Massey Quick, LLC.

### Novartis Consumer Health

In November of 2012, the Novartis Consumer Health Group held a Tricky Tray at their offices in Parsippany with the proceeds benefiting The Arc/Morris' Recreation Program (McARP). Originally scheduled for November 14, the event was delayed, like so many others, due to Hurricane Sandy. Despite being on the heels of the worst storm we have ever experienced, the organizing committee regrouped and the event was held on November 28. The hugely successful day culminated in the presentation of a check in the amount of \$14,235 to support the program.

We are thankful and most appreciative for the employees of Novartis' Consumer Health groups' generosity and are proud to honor them with this Best Friend Award.



Representatives from Novartis

## Giving to The Arc/Morris

### Volunteer of the Year

#### William Michael Van Emburg

"Will" started with the McARP Gators Swim Team as a volunteer in his junior year of high school at Mt. Olive. When the need arose for a new coach, Will stepped up to the challenge! He was poolside every Saturday morning without fail during the season. He knows his athletes well and has a wonderful way of encouraging them to do their best! He is patient and also exemplifies a maturity beyond his years. Not only did Will coach the team, but he also swam competitively for his high school, while fielding his schoolwork and finalizing his college plans for the fall.

He truly stood out in terms of the amount of time and commitment he gave to the McARP Gators.

Congratulations and thank you, Will, for all you have done.



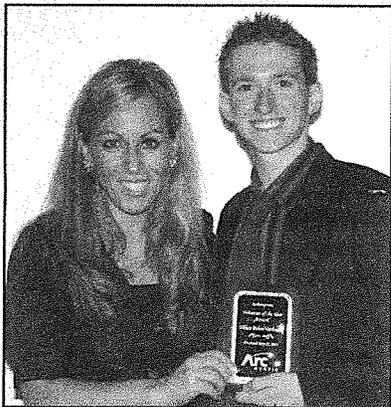
Wendy Utberg and Gina Borea

### Professional of the Year

#### Gina Borea

This year's recipient of the Professional of the Year award was Gina Borea, Principal of The Newmark School in Plainfield. Known for its supportive structure and welcoming, family like environment, Ms. Borea personifies the culture of the Newmark School. Ms. Borea works tirelessly for all her students. She treats every child and parent with respect and fairness, finding the motivators and circumstances to insure academic success.

Working closely with her teachers, she not only solves problems through her insight into each and every student, but prevents them by being proactive and communicating with both her students and teachers. We congratulate Gina Borea for being chosen as Professional of the Year.



Katherine Cascioli and William Van Emburg

## Annual Meeting

On May 22, 2013, The Arc/Morris held its Annual Meeting at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum's Haggerty Education Center. The following were elected to serve as officers for 2013-2014:

President: James Gallagher

1st Vice President: Gwendolyn Utberg

2nd Vice President: Alan Adler

Treasurer: Wendy Abrahamson

Secretary: Thomas Horn

Immediate Past President: Kathleen Ingargiola

Board members for 2013-2014 include Peter Babits, Michael Basile, Walter Bender, Katherine Cascioli, Irene Hansen, Kathleen Hyland, Kathleen Ingargiola, Barry Levine, Lawrence McEntee, Jr., Philip Sheehy, Irma Somich, and Jeffrey Webb.

### Car Donation Program

We are pleased to remind members and friends of The Arc/Morris that we have partnered with the Charity Car Donation Center to operate and manage our car donation program. Since the program started, we have received many generous donations of vehicles to support our programs and services. We are happy to accept donations of your used cars, vans or trucks, all of which are tax deductible.

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### Matching Gifts

Your donation to The Arc/Morris can be matched if your company participates in a Matching Gift Program. Check with your Human Resources Department to see if your donation qualifies for a matching gift.

### Memorial Donations

Honor the memory of a loved one with a donation to The Arc/Morris. Please remember us in your wills and trusts.

### Online Donations

You can make online donations through our website ([www.arcmorris.org](http://www.arcmorris.org)). Just click the Donate Now tab under the How to Help section.

### United Way Contributors

If your company participates in the United Way, please designate your gift for The Arc/Morris. Our agency identified number of 003864 must be included as well as our address of P.O. Box 123, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Thanks to our many supporters for their continued participation.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (973) 326-9750, Ext. 211 or by email at [development@arcmorris.org](mailto:development@arcmorris.org).

## 2012 Arc/Morris Employee of the Year

### Vernon Browne

Program Specialist Vernon Browne was honored with The Jessie Rosenberg Employee of the Year award. He began his career with The Arc/Morris as a Skill Instructor in December of 1992 and was promoted to Program Specialist in 1996, a position he has held for the past 16 years. He is described by many as hard working and well-mannered and very concerned about the well-being of the consumers.

Assistant Executive Director Gail Paradise said, "Vernon is a tremendous resource and support to program participants and staff. He represents The Arc/Morris confidently and professionally at meetings with DDD, medical, staff, families and employers."

Vernon also celebrated his 20th anniversary with the agency this year. Congratulations Vernon and thank you for all you do!

Above: Vernon Browne (right) and Mark Rosenberg



## 25th Annual Golf Outing

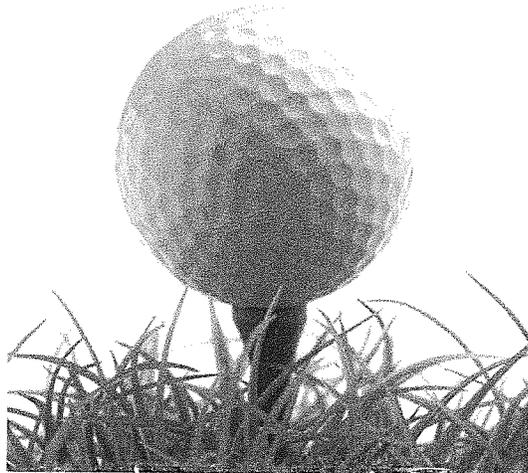
The 25th Annual Golf Outing was held on June 13th at the Great Gorge Country Club in McAfee. While the inclement weather caused us to cancel the golf portion of the event, everyone who attended was given a voucher for a round of golf...on a sunnier day! The event was a success and raised over \$30,000 for the programs and services The Arc/Morris provides. We wish to thank the following sponsors for their generosity:

- ASCO
- The Norman and Bettina Roberts Foundation
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And a big thank you to our Booster Club and our many door prize and silent auction donors!

Hopefully, we will see you next year!

## The Arc|Morris Foundation Golf 25



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