



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Professional of the Year

Mary Giorlando



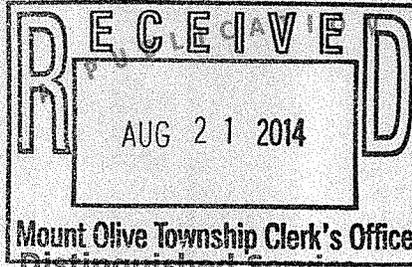
Mary Giorlando and Wendy Utberg

Mary Giorlando has served the Division of Developmental Disabilities for the past 21 years, 12 as Sussex and Warren County Administrator. She is a tenacious advocate, an exceptional leader

and an outstanding problem solver.

For the past 19 years, Mary has served as the Northern Region's On Call System Coordinator. This is truly where Mary has proven to be an incredible asset to the many agencies, consumers and families served across the six county northern region. Her rational, logical and reassuring nature brings a calming presence to the toughest emergencies that often take place in the service system—just ask Bill Testa, Gail Paradise or Ann Espada!

Whether it is working together on an emergency respite placement, the death of a consumer, handling the single toughest operational breakdown ever faced—Hurricane Sandy—or a host of other huge emergencies, no one epitomizes partnership or represents DDD in a better light than Mary Giorlando.



Mount Olive Township Clerk's Office
Distinguished Service Award

Frank Clancey

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor presented by The Arc/Morris Chapter. It recognizes lifetime commitment to the mission of the organization and this year we are pleased and honored to recognize Frank Clancey.

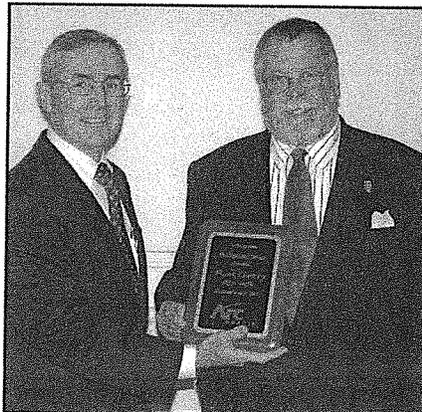
Frank's involvement with The Arc/Morris began as a member of The Morristown Lions Club. As early as the 1970's, he was instrumental in organizing their Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit The Arc/Morris.

This work led to even greater involvement. In 1992, Frank stepped up in a very big way to serve as Chairman of The Arc/Morris Chapter's first Radiocast. For the next twelve years, he mobilized the entire commercial real estate industry to get behind an event that raised over half a million dollars. It proved to be a huge success both in raising funds as well as public awareness around The Arc/Morris and developmental disabilities in general.

Frank remained at the table as the Radiocast ended and was pivotal in transitioning to the annual Walkathon event in 2004. To date, we estimate that over \$420,000 has been raised in the last ten years. The event is still going strong.

When it is all said and done, this individual has been our key to raising in excess of one million dollars in his nearly 35 year commitment to The Arc/Morris Chapter.

Words cannot express how much Frank Clancey has embodied service, and for that, we are very pleased to recognize him with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award.



Jim Gallagher and Frank Clancey

Bill Sackter Citizenship Award

Adam DiLauro

Adam's family moved to Morris County from Brooklyn shortly after Adam was born 41 years ago. He graduated from the Regional Day School in Morris Township.

Adam has been served by The Arc/Morris for over 20 years and has been a resident of our Eden Lane Group Home since 2002.

Adam is truly the energizer bunny. He is remarkably resilient, cheerful and happy—despite a life filled with medical challenges



Commissioner Jennifer Velez and Adam DiLauro

that have continued to this day. Despite extensive cancer treatment as a child, on-going monitoring and a very loving family allowed Adam to grow and develop into an engaging and charismatic man.

However, just a couple of years ago, he was again diagnosed with the medical problems

that had affected him years earlier. Following multiple surgeries he came through with flying colors, returning home to his fellow residents and to his beloved Hanover Adult Training Center.

Adam has been through more than one could possibly imagine, and yet, perhaps that is why it's the simple things in life that Adam truly loves—going out to eat, making dollar store purchases, and most importantly, having "Mommy" and "Daddy" visit.

It is an honor to present the 2014 Bill Sackter Award to Adam DiLauro.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is impossible to recognize every group and individual who contributes to the mission of The Arc/Morris.

Not long after this year's Annual Awards & Recognition event, we received a brief note from someone we didn't know. It read:

Enclosed please find a check to The Arc/Morris in appreciation of the excellent service and care I received from my physician. I felt that the payment he received from my medical insurance was less than he deserved and wanted to pay him some more. He refused to accept it and asked if I could donate it to a charity on his behalf. He said he had worked with Arc in the past and that the organization would be an appropriate destination for this money.

A patient wanting to show his appreciation. A physician humbly acknowledging that voicing it was enough, yet offering a vehicle to fulfill the generous spirit and desire to recognize.

While this is a lovely story, it's commendable, not necessarily remarkable.

But when I gave it more thought, and contacted the two parties involved, I was struck with this simple act of generosity that symbolizes so much more.

While I know neither of these people want to be named here, they embody how far we have come and how much the care, support and advancement of people with intellectual disabilities and their families are embraced in our communities.

In speaking with the patient, I was struck with how much he appreciated the care he received from his doctor and his sincere desire to recognize it in the most obvious way. But I was equally impressed with the gesture made in his honor—not to mention the fact that we were the beneficiary!

As I inquired with the physician's office, I learned how much *pro bono* work he provides to so many needy individuals and families. I realized his was one of the few offices that accept publicly financed health insurance, i.e., Medicaid—payment that covers only a fraction of the cost of practicing medicine today.

But, I also learned of staff that repeatedly show compassion and understanding as they support consumers in their visits to the doctor. I was told of how genuine they are in their concern for the health of those they support. And very importantly, I was reminded that it is noticed as they routinely perform their jobs.

We need to remember how much our work impacts others in ways that we rarely see, and how important it is to recognize it when we do.

BILL TESTA

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS CONT.



Linda Hrevnack and Irene Hansen

Best Friend Award

C. R. Bard Foundation

For over 25 years, our annual golf outing has taken place to benefit the programs and services of The Arc/Morris Chapter. For nearly half of those years, C.R Bard, a major corporation in the health care industry, has been a strong supporter of the event. Along the way, they also stepped up as a major player in our Campaign for The Arc/Morris back in 2007. That effort resulted in the acquisition and modernization of both the Krauklis Center in Flanders and the Kirby Center in Morris Plains.

Clearly Bard's leadership in healthcare and our commitment to high quality long term care services has resulted in a beautiful and lasting partnership. Truly embodying the concept of *corporate citizenship*, The Arc/Morris is pleased to present C.R. Bard with the 2014 Best Friend Award.

The Vanderbush Family with Gail Paradise

Best Friend Award

The Vanderbush Family

In the fall of 2012, George Vanderbush, the son of a longtime member of The Arc/Morris Chapter, contacted us to discuss the possibility of his sister, Marsha, securing services. What followed was a long and complicated bureaucratic maneuvering that led to an extremely beneficial outcome.

The family felt very strongly that they wanted to donate the condominium that Marsha and their mother were living in so that Marsha could remain in her home and yet get the support services she needed from The Arc/Morris.

Very early into the process, staff realized that George was very capable—and patient—at negotiating bureaucracies. Despite repeated obstacles, he was able to not only secure DDD eligibility, but also the necessary Medicaid and Community Care Waiver eligibilities for his sister.

Over the next year, a very substantial bureaucracy was managed that resulted in Marsha first beginning to be served at our Flanders Center and then returning to her former home with a housemate that has enabled her to begin a new chapter in her life.

For their vision, determination and generosity, it is a pleasure to present the 2014 Best Friend Award to the Vanderbush Family.



Distinguished Community Service Award

Hanover Township Parks and Recreation Department

The award recognizes a volunteer organization that has performed outstanding service on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities in Morris County. This year's winner is the Hanover Township Parks and Recreation Department.

For virtually all of our Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program's history this community's Recreation Department has been our champion.

For many years, the township sponsored a state grant that brought sorely needed funding to our McARP program. More recently, they have graciously provided their beautiful Recreation Center for our many dances and parties throughout the year.

It is no surprise that this remarkable municipal department does the job it does—as Hanover Township has set the standard for support of organizations like The Arc/Morris for so many years.



Hanover Township Officials with Kathleen Hyland

Parent Guardian Award

Mary Ann Reilly

The Arc/Morris is pleased to present the 2014 Parent Guardian Award to Mary Ann Reilly.

Inspired by her late husband's passion for sports, and along with her children Micaela, Brenna, Tessa, and especially Jack, Mary Ann has worked tirelessly to further her family's commitment to athletes with special needs. In 2010 she initiated an Annual Hoop-a-Thon to raise funds for special needs athletic and sports programs. To date, the event has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local area programs, among them our own Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program.



The Reilly Family and Katherine Cascioli

Mary Ann is an ardent supporter of our McARP Basketball Program. With absolutely no desire for recognition, she has quietly underwritten the major costs of the program for many years. With gym time more and more difficult to secure, her efforts have enabled us to secure a practice facility for all four of our teams, as well as putting on a first class end of season celebration luncheon!

In supporting The Arc, and many other worthy charitable organizations, the Reilly family has inspired young athletes at Morristown High School and people across the community, to embrace not only Jack, but many other students with special needs.

Mary Ann has taught all of her children to give back and embrace Jack and their father's passion for sports so that his memory will live on for many years.

Annual Meeting

On May 21, 2014, The Arc/Morris held its Annual Meeting at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum's Haggerty Education Center. The following were elected to serve as officers for 2014-2015:

- President: Gwendolyn Utberg
- 1st Vice President: Katherine Cascioli
- 2nd Vice President: Barry E. Levine
- Treasurer: Wendy Abrahamson
- Secretary: Thomas Horn
- Immediate Past President: James F. Gallagher

Board members for 2014-2015 include: Alan Adler, Peter Babits, Michael Basile, Walter Bender, Irene Hansen, Kathleen Hyland, Kathleen Ingargiola, Lawrence McEntee, Jr., Philip Sheehy, and Jeffrey Webb.

Healthcare Professional of the Year



Carrie Schepesi, Dr. Mark and Thomas Baffuto

Margery Mark, M.D.

This year's winner is Dr. Margery Mark of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group in New Brunswick.

Dr. Mark specializes in Parkinson's disease and movement disorders and is also an

Associate Professor of Neurology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

When Carrie Schepesi, a consumer in our Furnace Road Group Home was faced with a rare movement disorder, she could not have been more fortunate than to find Dr. Mark. Thanks to a referral through the DD Center at Morristown Memorial, Dr. Mark was able to diagnose Carrie with a rare condition and thanks to Dr. Mark's treatment, which includes the use of Botox injections, Carrie's condition has been greatly relieved—and has truly restored her quality of life.

In recognition of her remarkable work, we are honored to present Dr. Margery Mark with the 2014 Health Care Professional of the Year Award.

Volunteer of the Year

Tom Horn

We are pleased to present the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award to Tom Horn. Tom joined the Board of Directors in 2001 and has conscientiously served since that time.

After just one year on the board, he agreed to become the Secretary, where he has served with distinction for the last twelve years. Tom's sensitivity to our work comes from his son, Eric, who has developmental disabilities. It has obviously inspired his involvement and led to his extensive, multi-faceted volunteerism.

In addition to his work in governance, Tom has long served as a volunteer in our McARP Bowling West Program. As you would expect, Tom is a natural at connecting with the bowlers. He shows incredible patience and his positive outlook is infectious!



Tom Horn and Wally Bender

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.

Call 1-877-ARC-CAR0

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.

Online Donations

You can make online donations now through PayPal on our website (www.arcmorris.org). Just click the Donate Now tab under the How to Help section.

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



2013 Arc/Morris Employee of the Year

Joel Demnitz

Program Technician Joel Demnitz was honored with The Jessie Rosenberg Employee of the Year award. He began his career with The Arc/Morris at the Dover Adult Training Center in December of 2009. He is described as giving 100% consistently and having the consumers' best interests in mind.

Center Supervisor Gary Traino notes that "For over three years, Joel has been sharing his musical talent with our program each morning, leading our group in a sing-along with his guitar." Joel also maintains the positive Arc spirit—steadily performing his job duties and going above and beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations Joel and thank you for all you do!

26th Annual Golf Outing

The 26th Annual Golf Outing was held on June 12 at the Great Gorge Country Club in McAfee, NJ. The event welcomed over 100 golfers and volunteers and raised over \$30,000 for the programs and services The Arc/Morris provides. We wish to thank the following sponsors for their generosity:

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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!



11th Annual Walk

The 11th Annual Walk will be held this year on September 21, 2014 at the Central Park of Morris County with registration at the F.M. Kirby Administrative Center. Visit www.arcmorris.org for more information or call (973) 326-9750, Ext. 211.

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