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# 1987 to 2012



*Celebrating  
25  
Years*



*of day service programming!!*

***Our Fall Benefit was a Huge Success! Thank you!***

- ⇒ Total Net Proceeds: \$20,679
- ⇒ Raffle Proceeds: \$12,979
- ⇒ Donations to the Event: \$5,340
- ⇒ Guests in Attendance: 261

- ⇒ Raffle Prizes: Almost 200 !!
- ⇒ RRAF Peers in Attendance: 11
- ⇒ RRAF Families In Attendance: 16
- ⇒ RRAF Families Supporting Event: 20



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

My time as a CARF surveyor has allowed me to share what I have learned and seen from my almost thirty year tenure in the social service field, including my twenty-two years of efforts here at RRAF.

It is also allowing me to see and learn from being able to visit organizations all across the country. Places that have taken risks to grow. That have taken risks to implement new services. And those that have taken the needed steps to revise services when funding pathways changed or dried up.

Since it was time for our CARF resurvey this month, I asked the board if we could take the risk and seek accreditation from CARF in more service areas.

We have been accredited in the area of

Community Integration since 1997. CARF has always focused solely on our day program and whether it met the standards for what is called in Illinois Developmental Training.

As of this year we are now serving many families with Home Based Support funding that allows for enhanced services in the home that is driven by family choice and need. So we asked to be accredited in Family Services which is what CARF calls this funding effort at keeping families strong and together.

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We also have been licensed under the State's Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) - or residential pathway - since 1990 in a part-time, family directed capacity providing relief respite services as needed. So we also asked CARF to survey us as a residential provider through their Supported Living area.

We are pleased to say that not only did we receive accreditation in all three of these program areas - we did not receive even one recommendation or suggestion for improvement in any of these areas.

Our programming is strong. We have always been proud of that fact.

We continue to be very proud of that fact. All of us together can take pride in that achievement of mission, philosophy, and dedication to those we serve. It has taken all of us together.

Now we, like other organizations across the nation, need to talk about taking risks so that we can develop all of these programs further. Two fellow CARF surveyors spent two days challenging us to grow administratively and strategically. They gave us guidance and encouragement to take those risks with ample forethought, input and support from all of our partners - internal and external - so that the next time we are surveyed by CARF we are a larger organization providing services to more individuals and for more of

their day and fulfilling more of their dreams and their families dreams.

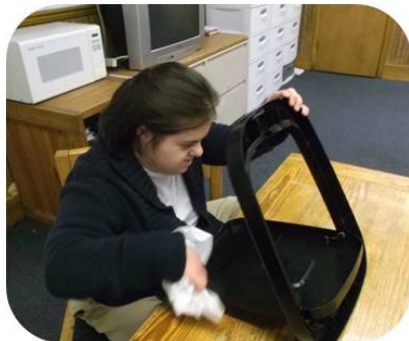
We will, as always, keep you informed of our efforts. Please feel free to share your ideas for how we can do that. Speak up if you have a contact we should connect with or an opportunity for financial support that you are aware of.

Together we have proven that we provide quality services. Together we can take RRAF even further. And, when you get a moment thank staff for their efforts. We in leadership could not do it without them.

*Thank you,  
Marilyn Flanagan*



(Above) John Conroy loves to help with all chores, but especially taking out the garbage.



(Left) Christine Kermend is very thorough as she helps us clean. With everyone's help we get everything done!

(Right) Rebecca Tally shows us how much fun shopping can really be. Beth Carpenter in the background is really checking out her options!



***CHECK OUT THE PRIDE AND DESIRE TO DO WELL IN THESE PICTURES. THIS IS RRAF.***

(Below - from Left) Andy Santos, Sandy Harris, and Steve Stojanovic show us how teamwork gets things done. RRAF can definitely find a place and a purpose for each persons skills.

(Right) Jack Buckingham helps put our clean dishes away. After all, that means they are ready for lunch!





**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED  
RAFFLE PRIZES FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL  
BENEFIT CELEBRATION!**



100 South Chop House, Elmhurst  
Addison Dairy Queen  
Dominic and Bree Altman  
Dorothy Altman  
Amalfi Ristorante, Bloomingdale  
Anyway's Restaurant,  
Oakbrook Terrace  
Banner Moulded Products  
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Amy Buckingham  
Carol Stream Ice Rink  
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The Cheesecake Factory, Chicago  
The Cheesecake Factory, Oak Brook  
The Cheesecake Factory,  
Old Orchard  
The Chicago Cubs  
The Chicago Rush Football  
The Chicago White Sox  
The Chicago Wolves  
Chicago Zoological Society  
Lynne Connolly  
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Egg Harbor Café Corporation  
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Roy and Lucy Fisher  
Francesca's Amici, Elmhurst  
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Lombard Roller Rink  
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Lynfred Winery, Wheeling  
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Stream  
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Real Time Sports, Elk Grove Village  
Rooster's  
Barn & Grill, Bloomingdale  
RPM Italian, Chicago  
Second City Mainstage/e.t.c.  
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Zigfield Troy Golf, Woodridge  
Zio Tony's Pizza, Addison  
and the  
Families, Staff, and Board of RRAF

**THANK YOU - OUR 2012  
FALL BENEFIT DONORS!**

Addison Dairy Queen  
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Rita Vrona

*Pictures from our Annual Fall Benefit held October 7th !!! Enjoy !!!*



(Left) What would the Fall Benefit be without the RRAF raffle?

Many guests are now shopping, dining, and enjoying new things for their homes all made possible by wonderful year after year donors. Thank you all.



(Above) Honored Lapertosa Award guests this year included members of the Addison Fire Protection District. (Pictured from left are Marilyn Flanagan, Executive Director/President of RRAF, Scott Heinrich, Battalion Chief, Ted Sciaky, Lieutenant-In-Charge, Cindy, Bonnie and Paul Habura) Not able to attend, but just as honored were members of the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District.

(Right) We were able to welcome and thank new RRAF friends this year, the Knights of Columbus, Saint Joachim Council # 15296.



Thank you to all of our Knights of Columbus friends who are always there for us.



(Left) Marina Habura won our Count the Candy contest for children. Do we wonder what she is doing with all those delicious candy kisses?



(Left) The reasons why the Fall Benefit is so important. (Pictured from left are Carol Setecka, Andy Santos, Josh Robison, Kara Altman, Liz Vrona, Bonnie Habura, Michael Hodges, John Conroy, Kris Borchers, Steve Stojanovic and Beth Carpenter.



(Left) Dessert for the day was donated by the Addison Dairy Queen. "Dilly Bars" for all !!



(Above) Over 260 guests filled the room at The Empress Banquets. Our goal is always 300 plus so please put October 6, 2013 on your calendar NOW and plan on attending. See you then!



(Left) The families who have been at RRAF the entire time Marilyn Flanagan, our Executive Director, has - 22 years! - thanked her for those many years of service. Genie Urick is mid-hug, while Rita Vrona (left) and Vera Macchini watch. The Davis and Setecka families rounded out the five.

## UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS: (August 16, 2012 through October 15, 2012)

### IN MEMORY

**Mickey Begg**  
Penny Anderson  
Phyllis Cooper

**Georgie**  
George and Geri Bartels

**Grant Ellington**  
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A special thank you to  
Lapertosa honoree  
Tom Finn, of the  
Finn Insurance Agency.  
Tom went above and beyond to  
ensure that not only RRAF was  
taken care of after the April  
27th accident, but our  
Executive Director and three  
peers that were hurt, as well.

### IN HONOR

**George and Geri Bartels**  
**50th Anniversary**  
Rhonda Mack

**Beth Carpenter**  
Margo Clark-Brown

**John Conroy**  
John and Carol Conroy

**Brooke Davis**  
Patricia Ellington  
William Ellington  
Joe and Colleen Schwartz

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John and Dee Mulkerin

**Bonnie Habura**  
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Tracy Lee Behrens  
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Roger and Sandy Davis  
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**Mary Liwanag's Birthday**  
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**Mr. and Mrs. John Mulkerin**  
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**RRAF's 25th Anniversary**  
**of Day Service Programming**  
Nancy Wilson

**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schwartz**  
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**Mary Urick**  
Nancy Brockmeier  
Josephine DiPrima  
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Timothy McDonald

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**RRAF has been CARF  
accredited since 1997.**

### ANNOUNCEMENT - CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Board of Directors of RRAF is pleased to announce that it has elected Mr. Zachary Slaughter to the newly created position of Vice President of Day Service Programming for RRAF. Reporting to the Executive Director, Zach will undertake a number of tasks all aimed at monitoring and overseeing day service programming, including staff training and programming initiatives to ensure the full implementation of each persons Individual Service Plan. Additionally, he will assist the Executive Director and the RRAF Board of Directors in other areas as needed. Zach will play a significant role in preparing RRAF programmatically so that strategic planning in the area of residential services can be pursued by our Executive Director and board. Zach previously worked for RRAF from November 2007 through June 2011, ending in the position of Business and Safety Specialist. He returned to RRAF in September 2012, accepting a position of Staff Development. In October 2012 he was elected Vice President of Day Service Programming.

**TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEB SITE !!**  
**RRAF.ORG — A new "Contact Us" page allows you to give more input into our future.**

### JEWELRY !! JEWELRY !! JEWELRY !!

Join us November 3, 2012, at the American Legion, Post 187,  
Annual Craft Show in Elmhurst, IL. (310 West Butterfield Road)

The sale hours are 9 am - 3 pm

Our "Jewelry Cartel" will have its usual grand display of  
refurbished costume and antique jewelry available for sale.



### THANK YOU TO RECENT JEWELRY DONORS:

Nancy Kikos  
Jackie McGuffery  
Jill Mueller and daughters  
June Novakowski  
Donna Resuali  
Joanne Schaper  
Judy Sopoci  
Cathy Wiegman

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### **Newsletter, October, 2012**

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**ACCREDITED BY THE  
REHABILITATION  
ACCOMMODATION  
COMMISSION (CARF)  
THROUGH DECEMBER 2012**



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

**Our Annual Fall Benefit will be  
October 6, 2013, 11:30am-3:30pm  
at the Empress Banquets,  
200 East Lake Street, Addison, IL**

(Left) Brooke Davis loves cooking days! Please check out more pictures about our day inside this newsletter and on our web site. Just go to RRAF.ORG, click on the "Learn More" link and enjoy !! Our hats off to Cassie Young for helping us show our programming to you picture by picture.