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# *HIGHLIGHTS OF FY'15 - The Good, The Bad ... The Reality*

- ◆ We receive a 100% compliance rating during our annual Department of Human Services licensure survey.
- ◆ Family and community partners donate over \$56,000 during FY'15. Fundraising efforts net over \$25,000.
- ◆ Cash reserve dollars have covered over \$50,000 of expenses above income received the past two fiscal years. Although our current cash reserve level is comfortable, there is a strong need to keep it that way to weather whatever budget struggles may loom ahead of us.
- ◆ Attendance levels ended at an 86% average. Potential funding received topped 93%. Alas, not enough ...

- ◆ Outings remain a focus, even given limited dollars available for staff. Those we served were able to get out once every week or two in, generally, small groups for the most outing benefit and enjoyment.
- ◆ The effectiveness of the goals in place for our individuals reflect much success - above our agency targets. Over 63% of those served for more than one year showed maintenance and/or growth at their annual reviews.
- ◆ Our census ended at 20 (of a possible 36 that we can serve across both of our buildings). Funding remains limited and regulatory changes continue to impact funding levels received and census potential.

*What will FY'16 bring? Only time will tell ...*

## **STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS/SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

### **Day Program:**

**Developmental Training (Day Habilitation):** Assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive skills that takes place in non-residential settings, separate from the participant's private residence or other residential living arrangement. These services focus on enabling the participant to attain or maintain his or her maximum functional level and shall be coordinated with any physical, occupational, or speech therapy.

**Home Based Support Services (HBS):** Offers an array of individually designed services. Services are subject to fiscal year and monthly maximums as set by the State.

**Service Facilitation:** Provides assistance by a Qualified Intellectual Disability Provider, employed by or on contract with a contracted provider, to design an array of support services to meet the individual's needs. The service facilitator may also assist in hiring, training, supervising, and firing service providers.

**Personal Support:** Includes services described in the individual's service plan and services agreement, such as teaching adaptive skills to assist the individual to reach personal goals and assistance in activities of daily living. Personal support may be provided on a short-term basis because of absence or need of relief of those persons normally providing care.

*As listed on the Illinois.gov website - Fact Sheet about current HCBS Waiver programs*



**FROM THE BOARD:**

As this newsletter issue goes to print, the State of Illinois budget is still not resolved; the impasse continues; and the spending decisions are being decided in courts of law and not by our legislature.

The main positive for us is that all of our individuals funded by state dollars are funded through Medicaid waiver slots which also means that federal government requirements take precedence. We also have a handful of individuals who have received their funding because of court consent decrees, so payment for those services are also more secure.

However, having said that, there is realistically no reason to hope for an increase in our rate structure - even though we have not had an increase in ten years now; not even a cost of living increase. There are also very real possibilities that our rate could get cut, that more restrictive billing requirements will be put into place, that individuals are reclassified so as to be found less eligible for services ... or ... or ... you get the picture.

RRAF, like so many social service organizations, have been struggling

one day at a time to stay alive these past several years. Our heart is strong. Our determination is strong. Our mission to serve those in our care is determinedly strong.

We have experienced so many new rules and requirements over this time - I can't tell you how many of them we've learned of after the fact - and each day we wait to hear of more. Families are also learning that the funding security that they have been used to can be vanquished in a momentary stroke of the pen.

It is only through our friends and partners that we continue in operation. That we continue to have the funds beyond that which we get from the state so that we can try to comply with all of the rules we need to - even while at the same time focusing every bit of attention on those that matter the most - the friends and loved ones you know we are here for.

This is one of those times of the year that mean so much to us financially as the Annual Fall Benefit brings in the majority of our fundraising dollars for each fiscal year. It also means the time of year that we need you help with volunteering efforts. Besides selling admission and raffle tickets to the benefit and seeking out raffle prizes, we also have community partners that need our

volunteer help. In September various Knights of Columbus councils will need volunteers for their Tootsie Roll days. Also in September, will be the Lions Club Candy Days. And, ongoing, our Jewelry Cartel holds retro and antique jewelry sales, and helpers are requested for these, too. There is already another sale scheduled for August and one in November. Can you help us in any of these areas? No special talent is needed. Just time. The results will bring much needed funds and donations to RRAF that are so needed.

We have carpeting that needs to be replaced. We have learned that we need sewer repairs completed. We also would like to do some "just to be expected" repairs and priming and cleaning around our site, too.

With our next CARF accreditation survey scheduled for early 2016, now is a nice time for all of us to come together to 1) weather the budget impasse, and 2) give of our time and efforts to do those things needed above and beyond whatever funds the State decides we need to live on. The Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your help. We'll see you October 4th at the Empress Banquets in Addison for our Annual Fall Benefit!! We'll be able to update you on our collective efforts at that time.

*Thank you,  
Marilyn Flanagan*

**WHO DOES RRAF SERVE ??**

Caucasian - 80%  
Asian - 5%  
Hispanic - 10%  
African American - 5%

Mild Disability - 15%  
Moderate Disability - 25%  
Severe Disability - 40%  
Profound Disability - 20%

Autism/PDD - 50%  
Developmental Delay - 20%  
Cerebral Palsy - 20%  
Other - 10%

Gestures/None - 30%  
Verbal - 45%  
Sign Language - 5%  
Minimal Sign - 10%  
Assistive/Other - 10%

Length of Services Received:  
Longest - 27 years, 10 months  
Shortest - <3 months

**RRAF is an Illinois not-for-profit agency, located in the western suburbs of Chicago. Our mission is to support adults with developmental disabilities and their families by providing on-site and community based day programming and in-home support services.**

## UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS: (April 1st through early August, 2015)

**IN MEMORY**

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**Friend (\$10-\$49)**  
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Burt and Joan Bowen  
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- and -  
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**JEWELRY !!**

Thank you to our recent jewelry donors:

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**Annual Fall Benefit**

Do you feel lucky? Raffle tickets are now on sale. \$2 per ticket / 3 tickets for \$5. Top prizes are CASH! The minimum that will be given away for 1st place is \$500, 2nd place \$250, and 3rd place \$125. The more ticket sales; the higher the proceeds; the higher the dollar amount awarded!! Other prizes ready to be raffled away include:

Gift cards/certificates to Shannon's Irish Pub & Deli, Lou Malnatti's, Ki's Steak and Seafood, Village Tavern and Grill, Maggiano's, Crossroads ... and others

Foursome of Golf with cart, for up to 18 holes, at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club

Admission to Zanies Comedy Nite Club, Lombard Roller Rink, Shedd Aquarium, Improv, Lynfred Winery, Morton Arboretum ... and others

One night Friday or Saturday stay for Two at the Westin Lombard



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THE COMMISSION ON  
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REHABILITATION FACILITIES  
(CARF) THROUGH  
FEBRUARY 2016**

# Mark The Date!

*Please join us for our  
Annual Fall Benefit  
October 4, 2015, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm,  
at Empress Banquets, 200 East Lake  
Street, Addison, IL*

*Admission and Raffle Tickets  
are now available! More details inside.*

Please accept my donation in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor, \$500      \_\_\_\_\_ Centurian, \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor, \$50  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friend, \$10      \_\_\_\_\_ Other

This donation is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement to:

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