



# Where Reality is Respect, Appreciation, and Fulfillment



## *ANOTHER FISCAL YEAR ENDS*

- ◆ We receive a 93% compliance rating during our annual Department of Human Services licensure survey.
- ◆ Family and community partners donate over \$53,000 during FY'17. Fundraising efforts net over \$22,000.
- ◆ Attendance levels ended at an 86% average. Potential funding received was at 90%. Alas, not enough ...
- ◆ Our individuals served were able to maintain their skills or improve their abilities in 56% of the goal/objective areas targeted.
- ◆ Our census ended at 19 (of a possible 36). that Funding remains limited and regulatory changes, compounded with the budget impasse seen the entire fiscal year, continued to impact funding levels received and census potential.

*Now we look towards FY'18. More change.  
More unknowns. Ongoing vigilance.*

### FROM OUR VP, DAY SERVICES:

#### **The Road Ahead**

In the last two years, we have gone through four staff – one part-time, three full-time. Now, I know that does not seem like a lot ... but, in a small organization like RRAF, that is a lot. Not to mention all of the interviews that have been conducted. All of the times that candidates have not even bothered to show up. Or the times that they do show up, and then just walk out.

Now, you are probably asking, “Zach, why are you telling us this?” To that point, I say this: the hard truth is that it is getting harder and harder to fill the openings. This leads to more and more pressure on Marilyn, Kelly, and myself. But, this is just a symptom of the larger problem, which is the loss of more and more funding over the years due to funding requirements, political disagreements, and a focus away from day services for those who continue to live with their families.

There is no simple fix or easy solution to our staffing problem. But, we believe we can change this with your help. Now, you are probably asking, “Zach, how can we help?”

You can help by calling state officials and writing letters demanding change and proper funding for the services we provide. One phone call or one letter will help, but there is no limit on how many times you call or how many letters you write. If you now call once a month – now make it once a week or twice a week. If you write on letter a month – now write two or three. Those with the ability to enact changes cannot ignore us forever, and we can make change happen. We just need to be dedicated and vigilant in our efforts.

“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But, whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Thank you, Zachary Slaughter*

## UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS: February through June, 2017

*IN MEMORY***Geri Bartels**

Tracy Behrens

**Marianne Black**

Richard Haas

**Phillip Davis**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Kathy DiPrima**

Richard DiPrima

**Florence Edelstein**

Paul and Cindy Habura

**Jim Giacolone**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**John Gillespie**

Ron and Sue Metty

**Anita Habura**

Paul and Cindy Habura

Jack and Sue Raida

**John Irving**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Nancee Jacobsen**

John and Dee Mulkerin

**Lee Kennedy**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Lowell McCoy**

Ray, Genie, and Mary Urick

**Al Mitton**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Mary Lou Mueller**

John and Dee Mulkerin

**Kelly Mulkerin**

John and Dee Mulkerin

Susan Nordsieck

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Paul and Cindy Habura

**Bob Sugrue**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**John Sugrue, Sr.**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Lorraine Vercillo**

Richard Haas

**Lisa Vetter**

Roger and Sandy Davis

Ted Kuczek

Nada Vetter

**David Zielinski**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Julie Zielinski**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**And -****All Those Lost From Cancer**

Ron and Sue Metty

*IN HONOR***Brooke Davis**

Frank Bruno

Ron and Sue Metty

Barbara Skaliotis

Ann Yurik

**Dawn Davis**

Ron and Sue Metty

**Roger and Sandy Davis**

Tania Mitton

John and Dee Mulkerin

**The Davis Family**

John and Dee Mulkerin

**Patricia Ellington**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Collin Grzywa**

Mark and Lisa Grzywa

**Bonnie Habura**

Tracy Behrens

**Metty Family**

Ron and Sue Metty

**Ron and Sue Metty**

Roger and Sandy Davis

**Mucha Family**

Ron and Sue Metty

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**Mary Urick**

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Richard DiPrima

Richard Haas

*30 years of providing  
developmental training services  
to DuPage and Western  
Cook county residents.*



**1987 - 2017**

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### **WISH LIST**

Laser Black & White and  
Color Printer

Laminate Flooring  
(and installation!?)

***The date is coming up quickly !!***



***Please join us for our  
Annual Fall Benefit  
October 1, 2017, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm,  
at Empress Banquets,  
200 East Lake Street, Addison, IL***



***Admission and Raffle Tickets  
will soon be available !! 1st Prize - \$500 Cash (minimum)***

### **HERE'S A PEAK AT SOME OF THE PRIZES AND PRIZE DONORS A PART OF THE RAFFLE!**

Devon Seafood & Steak, Oakbrook Terrace  
Enchanted Castle, Lombard  
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**DO YOU FEEL LUCKY ????**

### ***WHAT LIES AHEAD?***

- ◆ Independent Service Coordination will be implemented..
- ◆ The Service Plan will become a Personal Plan developed and monitored by the Independent Service Coordinator with an Implementation Plan developed and monitored by providers (such as RRAF).
- ◆ Service Facilitation will be phased out. Many areas will become a part of the Independent Service Coordinators role - such as developing and monitoring the personal plan and ongoing monitoring visits. A new role, Self Direction Assistance, will be implemented, as needed and desired by Home Based Support funded individuals/families.
- ◆ Measurable and objective goals will be phased out and "outcomes" will be established to support individuals desires and dreams.

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### Newsletter, July, 2017

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(CARF) THROUGH DECEMBER 2018**



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