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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Fall Benefit Speech - October 1, 2017

Last year I talked about what happened the previous year at RRAF. This year, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of RRAF day programming, I will talk about its history. I'll begin with some background information.

RRAF is, in large measure, the creation of Sam and Rosemary Lapertosa. Their dream was to create a program that their own son with autism, Sam, Jr., could attend once he completed high school. The Lapertosa's lobbied tirelessly for the funds necessary to begin providing day services. This began in 1981 with some limited services.

With an initial grant from the State of Illinois, RRAF began providing day services in 1987, hence our 30th anniversary, to adults with intellectual disabilities. The first location for RRAF was a rented classroom of a parochial school in Elmhurst.

It important to note that RRAF was the first community agency to accept adults with autism in Illinois.

Some timeline information:

1990: Marilyn Flanagan begins working for RRAF.

1991: After the untimely death of both Sam and Rosemary Lapertosa, within one year of each other, Marilyn was promoted to Executive Director under a reorganization of RRAF.

1992: RRAF moves to a larger, community-based site in Elmhurst.

1997: RRAF receives the first of SEVEN consecutive 3-year accreditation awards from the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, better known as CARF.

2001: RRAF moves into its present location: 613 S. Main in Lombard

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The next several years were marked with expansion, not only of the number of adults served, but also the purchase of the property next door, 619 South Main in 2003, the number of vans for transportation, and staff.

2005 and 2006: RRAF takes possession of the property at 619 Main Street and is renovated and readied for occupancy.

RRAF was given special recognition in 2006 and in 2009, for the fourth and fifth consecutive three-year accreditation award, from CARF which included a "Governance Standard Applied" addendum for the Board of Directors for their stewardship of RRAF

During the past 21 years RRAF has achieved 100% compliance 18 times from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services. (And the years we did not, the lowest compliance was at 93%).

During 30 years of operation RRAF has had 63 adults receive services and employed more than 40 individuals to provide those services.

During 30 years of operation RRAF has received donations and support from over 25 foundations, service, and social agencies including:

American Legion & Auxiliary
DuPage Community Foundation
Knights of Columbus (6 councils)
Lions Clubs
Most recently: 100+ Women Who Care of Elmhurst

17 Anonymous donations of over 80 thousand dollars

For additional information of the history of RRAF please look at our website: rraf.org. In closing let me say just a few more words.

To the staff at RRAF, Marilyn, Zach Slaughter, Vice President of Day Programming, Ron Gross, Direct Support Person, and our part time driver, Fred Stella, I know I speak for all the families here when I give you our heartfelt gratitude for all you do for RRAF and our loved ones.

To my fellow board members and officers: Marilyn Flanagan, Jessica Vandermeir, Roger Davis, and David Mullan, thank you for making my job as your President easier. Your wisdom and guidance you provide to RRAF is unmeasurable. I am deeply grateful.

In closing, again, I want to thank you for attending this important fundraiser for RRAF. Your continued support will help RRAF continue to be the best place for adults with developmental disabilities.

*Thank you,
Sally Mullan,
President*

**The Fall Benefit held October 1, 2017 netted.....
over \$16,000.00 !!! Every dollar will go to enhance the services
provided to RRAF adults with intellectual disabilities. Thank you all !!**



Representatives of the 100+ Women Who Care made all of us smile with their generous donation.

RRAF peers, staff, and Board members thank you IMMENSELY !!



FALL BENEFIT PICTURES !!

A fun day was had by all.

Counting contests, Lapertosa award presentations, and more !!



A special "double winner" raffle for a cooler was the surprise of the day! And, the raffle bin was full - there were almost 200 prizes to win! Thank you all.



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