

Illuminations

Hope



Alzheimer's
Center

Summer 2006

Upcoming Events

May 20
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Hope Board of Directors President Stephen J. Kogut welcomes U.S. Representative James Langevin to the 10th Anniversary Gala in November. Looking on are Cynthia Conant-Arp, Hope Executive Director (l) and Jean Lehman, Vice President of the Hope Board.

Gala Celebrates Ten Years of Brighter Days

Family members of participants past and present, dignitaries, business leaders and members of the community joined us in November to celebrate Hope's Tenth Anniversary. Nearly 200 people filled the center, enjoying gourmet food, bidding on exciting live and silent auction items and honoring some of the people who helped us reach this milestone. (See photos, page 3)

Thanks and Congratulations

Among the leaders who came to congratulate the center were U.S. Representative James Langevin, Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty and Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey. They were joined by RI State Senators Maryellen Goodwin and Hanna M. Gallo, Cranston City Council President Aram Garabedian, City Councilman Jeffery Barone and Corinne Calise Russo, Director of the RI Department of Elderly Affairs.

Hope Board President Stephen Kogut read citations

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Board Honors Former President William Kirkpatrick

With deep appreciation and gratitude for his service, members of the Hope Board of Trustees have expressed their thanks to recently retired Board President, William Kirkpatrick.

"During his two-year term, Bill's leadership was critical in ensuring the continuing ability of the Center to provide our clients with high quality care and programs," says Stephen Kogut, Hope's new president.

"Bill's tenure as board president was characterized by thoughtful consideration of operating challenges and effective approaches to addressing key issues. Thanks largely to his guidance in augment-

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Hope Mourns the Loss of a Friend

Everyone associated with Hope Alzheimer's Center was deeply saddened by the loss last November of Michael Rossi, one of our most dedicated and effective board members..

"Mike was exactly the kind of board member you hope for," says Board President Stephen Kogut. "He was full of good ideas, and willing to carry them out -- single-handedly if need be.

"Hope's annual Golf Tournament is the perfect example. Mike came

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ing promotional and development efforts, the Center has enjoyed increased support from the community and has gained widespread recognition for the excellence of care provided.

“His leadership and commitment have left the Hope Alzheimer’s Center well positioned to continue to fulfill its mission.”

In addition to formally recognizing the importance of Bill’s service to the board, members expressed their personal thanks and presented him with a gift certificate.

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from other friends of Hope including U.S. Senator Jack Reed.

Honoring Those Who Care

One of the highlights of the evening was an opportunity to recognize some Hope’s most dedicated employees.

Honored for ten years of service were Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp and staff members Cheryl Cornell, Ellen Grizzetti, Dorothy Poveromo, Jacqueline Rossi and Joseph Sylvestre.

Honored for five years were Althea (Christie) Bagdanovich, Erin Carroll, Jamie Fournier and Marjorie Gardner.

Also honored were eight past and present members of the Hope Board of Directors: Robert Civetti, Scott DiChristofero, James Galkin, Marilyn Horan, William Kirkpatrick, David Preston, Michael Rossi and John Tarantino.

Message From a Friend

Perhaps the most moving moment of the evening came as Hope’s great friend Walter Lada spoke to the group about his wife Mary and the care she received at Hope. Hearing what he had to say reminded everyone there how important the

program at Hope is to our participants and their families.

Support for Our Mission

Thanks to our Gala sponsors and those who contributed truly fantastic gifts for our live and silent auctions, the Tenth Anniversary celebration also raised much-needed funds for Hope. Sponsorships, the sale of lovely participant artwork and the two auctions, combined to help us raise over \$45,000 which will go to support programs and services for our participants.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to board member and Director of Cranston Senior Services Deborah St. Peter who good-naturedly agreed to be our auctioneer and impressed us all with her style and talent.

And thanks the hard-working members of the Celebration committee: Christopher Albert, Timothy DelGiudice, Councilman Allan Fung, Sen. Hanna M. Gallo, Rep. Arthur Handy, William J. Kirkpatrick, Stephen J. Kogut, Marianna La Tour, Beverly Luz, Richard M. McAuliffe, Jr., Deborah St. Peter and Chaplain James Willsey.

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Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp (left) presents Sue Carcieri with an award for her efforts to help the state’s families. At the event, Mrs. Carcieri had the opportunity see first hand the quality services being delivered by Adult Day centers and meet with Adult Day participants and their families.

Focus on Families

Directors of Rhode Island’s Adult Day programs recently met at the Dora C. Howard Center to honor Sue Carcieri, wife of RI Governor Donald Carcieri for her work on behalf of the state’s families.

Joining Mrs. Carcieri and the Directors at the reception were John Stoukides, MD; Corinne Russo, Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs, and Donna Cone, PhD, and Denise Medeiros from DEA.

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Celebrating With Friends



Diamond Sponsor Walter Lada talks with Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp and Corinne Russo, Director of RI Dept. of Elderly Affairs.



Celebrating with Hope were (l-r) Lt. Governor Charles Fogarty, Sen. Maryellen Goodwin and Cranston Council President Aram Garibedian.



Hope Board President Stephen J. Kogut read a proclamation from U.S. Senator Jack Reed, congratulating Hope on its tenth anniversary



Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey brought the good wishes of the city and Board Member Deborah St. Peter did a great job as our auctioneer.



Cranston City Councilman Jeffrey Barone thanked Hope for the care it provides to people from across the state.



Rhode Island State Senator Hanna M. Gallo also spoke during the ceremonies, wishing Hope success in the future.



Hope staffers (l-r) Dorothy Poveromo, Ellen Grizzetti and Cynthia Conant-Arp were among those honored for ten years of service.



Lieutnant Governor Fogarty talks with John Tarantino, one of eight former board members honored at the event for their dedication to Hope.

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Work is moving quickly on our new addition. Expected to be completed in April, the addition will provide more privacy to families and others coming to Hope for training and support, and give us more space for programs and services.

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up with the idea, then simply made it happen.

No matter what he did, Michael, brought a very special energy and enthusiasm to the job.

“He was sincerely committed to Hope,” says Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp, “and had a gift for getting other members of the community to support us as well. His Phred’s Drug Golf Tournament and Mini Golf Classic were fun for everyone -- and raised substantial funds for us.”

In addition to being a member of the Hope board, Mike was married to one of Hope’s best-loved staff members, Jacqueline Rossi. Both she and Mike have played key roles in helping Hope fulfill its mission of care.



Mike Rossi, who passed away last November, was honored at the Tenth Anniversary celebration for his service and dedication to Hope.

So Many Ways to Help

Like most non-profit organizations, Hope relies on the support of its friends -- people with the time, the ideas and the caring to make a difference.

The following are just some of the many ways you can help us brighten days:

Be an Ambassador

Keep in mind, most people know little about Alzheimer’s Disease and how Hope helps participants enjoy life. So when you talk to your friends, neighbors, fellow organization members or members of your church or synagogue about your experience with Hope you’re giving them important information. (Hope staff members are also happy to speak to groups and organizations.)

Letting both your physician and your loved one’s physician know how much Hope has helped alerts them to its benefits, too.

Share Your World

Sharing your skills and experiences with participants widens their world. Whether it’s providing music, leading a discussion group, bringing flowers to be arranged or hosting a Sundae Social, your gift of time truly matters.

Make Your Voice Heard

Our leaders need to hear about Hope from the people who know the Center best -- the families of past and present participants. Taking the time to call or write your State Senator or Representative, or Governor Carcieri gives them the information they need to take effective action. Let them know what Hope has meant to you. Remind them that Hope and centers like it help keep people out of much more expensive nursing homes, and ask them to increase state reimbursement which now covers only about half the cost of programs and services.

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