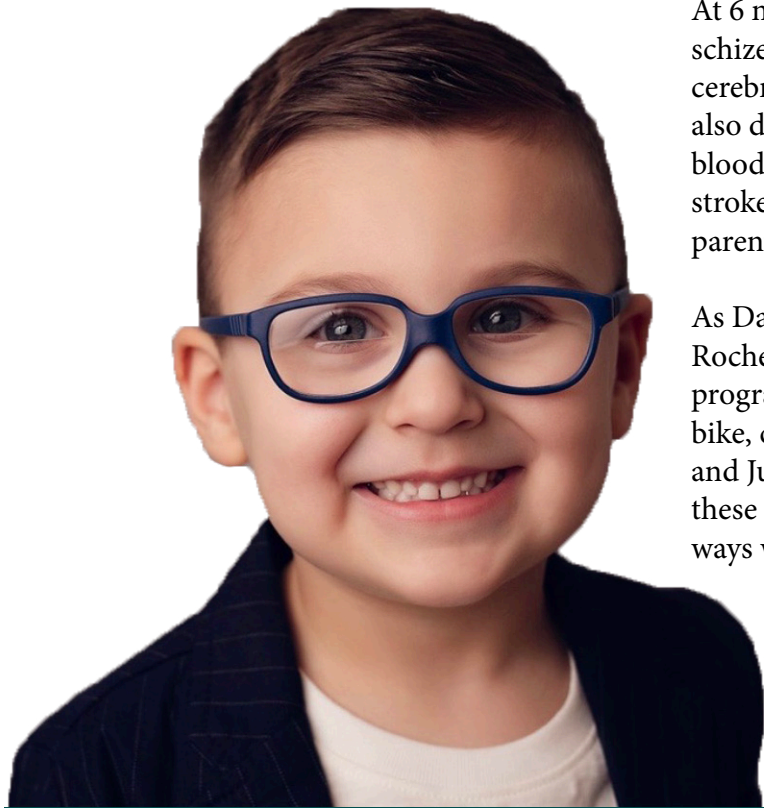


Happenings

Newsletter

Winter 2021

For friends of Ability Partners Foundation and Ability Partners, Inc. - CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation



At 6 months old Dante Cimino was diagnosed with schizencephaly, a rare birth defect that causes clefts in the cerebral hemispheres of the brain. After genetic testing, he was also diagnosed with HHT - another rare disorder in which the blood vessels do not form properly. As a result, he suffered a stroke in-utero. Not knowing the extent of the disease, his parents, Joe and Julie started extensive therapy immediately.

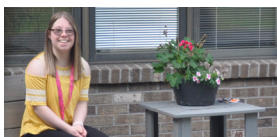
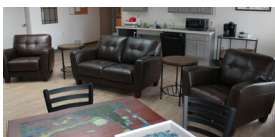
As Dante approached his preschool years, the family knew CP Rochester would be a perfect fit. After two years in the PreK program, Dante has developed amazing skills! He is riding a bike, climbing, jumping, and doing many independent tasks. Joe and Julie credit the teachers and therapists at CP Rochester for these amazing accomplishments. "He has grown over the years in ways we did not know were possible. Without their fierce determination we would not be where we are today," said the Ciminis.

Dante is not only the face of our 2021 Annual Campaign, but he and the entire Cimino Family will be at our inaugural Honoring Heroes Gala and Auction

The Happiness House Phase II Apartments ribbon cutting event happened virtually in February 2021. These 30 units of affordable housing are in partnership with NYS HCR and OTDA. The units feature eight studio-efficiency apartments for seniors 55+ and 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments for families and individuals.



The CP Rochester Transition Apartments are to be home to seven individuals transitioning from family or group home settings to living independently. Each tenant will have individualized supports and services. Tenants have moved in November 2020. The official ribbon cutting will take place February 2021.



A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Mary Walsh Boatfield, President / CEO, (middle) with her daughter and grandson during the 75th Anniversary Picnic for CP Rochester.

As an essential service, our 200 frontline workers support the community's most vulnerable citizens who live in our residences and attend our preschool, clinic and day programs. Promoting distance learning, implementing telehealth services, conducting virtual agency events, and social media all played an integral part in our success during these past 20 months.

Since we operate in 20 locations in multiple counties, conducting virtual meetings and trainings has proven to be effective. With 700 employees and 7,100 individuals and families served by Ability Partners, Inc. (API) through CP Rochester, Happiness House and Rochester Rehabilitation, consistency in communications, perseverance and flexibility has resulted in a more viable, healthy environment for all.

We are strong and hopeful for brighter days ahead while keeping the safety and well-being of all at the forefront.

CP Rochester's celebration has been in full-swing thanks to the 75th Anniversary Committee. The group planned raffles, merchandise sales, staff gifts, and staff activities all leading up to a family picnic on September 18. Former students, program participants, families and employees alike came together on S. Winton Rd. for music, a chicken BBQ, ice cream truck, family activities, and a small program including a speech by CP Rochester graduate and 1st Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Ann Kurz. Thank you to all of those who came, volunteered, and supported the anniversary and CP Rochester as a whole. Here's to another 75 years!



CP Rochester 75th Anniversary Committee

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Opening Doors. Enriching Lives. Since 1946.

1948



CP Association opens a nursery school on East Ave.

1948



Winifred Fletcher, nursery school teacher, is hired. She becomes Executive Director in 1951.

1960



Summer Camp for children held at East Ave, staffed by local high schoolers.

1980



Don and Mary Alhart emcee *Weekend With the Stars Telethon for Cerebral Palsy*, from 1980 - 1990, giving the agency visibility.

1982



The Residential Program opens at newly acquired Elmwood & Kings Highway homes. Over the next 10 years, the program expands to build Pinnacle, Jefferson, and Benedict.

1985



The first Free-Standing, Medically Frail, Respite Home opens on Wilson Blvd. in Monroe County.

2000s



Introduces recreational and other community inclusive services (Shared Ski Adventures, Community Hab, In-Home Respite)

2015



CP Rochester formally affiliates with Happiness House under a new parent corporation - Ability Partners, Inc. and joins Ability Partners Foundation.

2021



Alternative living opportunities are created through the new Transition Apartments.

1946



The Association is legally incorporated.

1946



A group of interested parents are brought together after an Al Sigl broadcast to establish a local center for children with CP.

1946



Sixteen fathers manufacture specialized equipment at Edison Technical and Industrial High School's workshop. Later, this group would be known as the Adaptive Workshop.

1953



Affiliates with the state and national organizations as United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Greater Rochester Area, Inc.

1955



Young Adult Club House opens offering a place for young adults to socialize and recreate.

1969



Moves to the Al Sigl Center on Elmwood Ave. to bring services together in one place.

1964



A group of 20 young adults visit Washington, DC, the first group of its kind from Rochester to take this trip.

1983



Discovery Childcare opens, providing integrated services for children with and without disabilities.

1990s



Popular events including Renaissance Gala and Polar Bear Open golf tournament are held to raise needed funds.

1990



South Winton Campus of the Al Sigl Center is built and many programs move there.

2008



Dental Clinic Grand Opening

2011



B.E.L.L. Program at Roberts Wesleyan College integrates students on a college campus.

2017



Becomes a founding member of Golisano Autism Center, located in the City of Rochester.



After homelessness and addiction, Susie Short (pictured above with her daughter) entered the Ventures PROS program in 2019 ready for a change.

“My life had been so chaotic and tumultuous,” Susie said, “But as things started to get worse, I gave it (PROS) a shot.”

Through group sessions and support from the staff, Susie began to understand herself on a different level, feel empowered and confident in new situations, start a job and then earn a promotion, and get her very own apartment.

“I’m self-sufficient for the first time in my entire life!” Susie said. “I feel at peace with who I am and how things are going for the first time ever.”

Graduating the PROS program in April 2021, she felt ready to be on her own and prepared to guide a very proud 17-year-old daughter as she grows older.

Since 2012, the Ventures PROS program is one of three in Monroe County that serve individuals who have mental health issues through roughly 90 classes/group sessions each week. Classes are currently either online or hybrid, and include topics such as managing depression, managing anxiety, communications, anger management, creative art skills and much more. Also offered are programs that address substance abuse and workforce development.

Charmaine Brothers, another student, started her journey with Ventures PROS in October 2019. She said prior to that she was at a standstill in her life, and the classes she has taken have helped her to move forward.

“My long-term goal is to get into school and complete a bachelor’s degree in psychology because I want to be a therapist for individuals, mainly kids, who have special needs,” Brothers said. “PROS has been great with giving me that motivation to complete those goals and get back to being myself.”

Brothers enjoys the program because the participants and advisers make her feel comfortable.

“Everybody is great and friendly, and no judgment, which is what I love the most about it,” she said. “Everybody comes from different walks of life. Everybody is welcoming and they make me feel welcome.”

Ventures PROS is nearing 150 participants. Individuals must be at least 18 years old to enroll in the classes and must have a mental health diagnosis. Participants can be referred to the program in a number of ways including through therapy, by primary doctors or social service organizations, and clients can self-refer.



Eight community-centered groups came together for the 2021 Day of Caring to help out our agencies. Thank you Kodak (1), Butler Till (2), Geneva High School National Honor Society (3), Nixon Peabody (4), First American Equipment Finance (5), Care Stream (6), Paychex (7), and LeChase (8). Together, they maintained garden beds, refreshed picnic tables, mulched, removed dead trees, put in a fence, rebuilt a retaining wall, laid down new woodchips in our playgrounds, and repaired our outdoor classroom.





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Team Seany
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Top Fundraising Team:
Canandaigua Pink Room



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Check out our event video!



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David Ferrett - 19m 51s
Top Virtual Runners:
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Tackles & Touchdowns

Henry and Evie Murray joined the Hobart Statesmen and their opponent the St. Lawrence Saints on the field for the National Anthem and then to the 50 yard line for the coin toss on October 23, 2021.

The Statesmen beat the Saints 17 - 13 and raised over \$2,600 for Ability Partners Foundation!

With COVID guidelines in place, the Statesmen visited Happiness House in Geneva. 35 players came and spent time with the classrooms through the front window. Virtual highfives were given, and a few demonstrations were shown to the students.

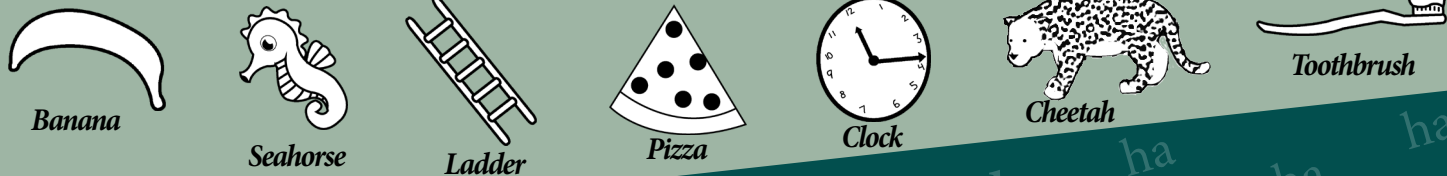
It was hard to tell who had more fun!



Search and Find



Can you find these items amongst our friends from Happiness House's Structure Day Program? (answers on pg. 15)



Fill-In-The-Blank Fun

Once upon a _____, there lived a _____ snowman named _____. They loved everything about Winter! All season long they would _____ on the _____ snow and collect _____ with their friends. One afternoon, _____ saw the _____ ever! They were so excited they _____ to tell everyone. "_____!" Their friends exclaimed - that is _____. They decided to have a _____ in celebration of the _____ Winter ever.

8 We hope you have as great of a Winter as _____ ~the APF team
name above

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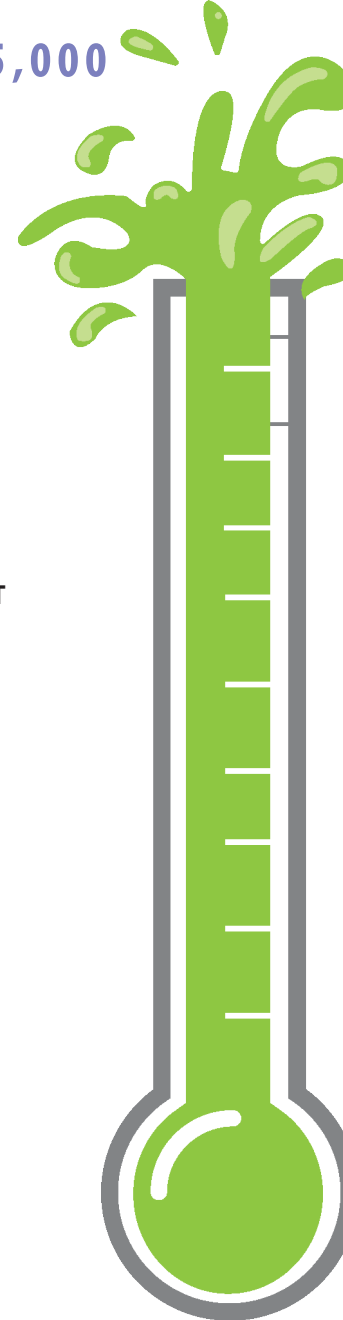
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AMONG THE AGENCIES

MARY CLARK THOMPSON COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT

This \$2,063 grant will be used to purchase Sit-to-Stand Aid for the Article 16/28 Outpatient Clinic at Happiness House.

WORLD GOLF FOUNDATION GRANT

This \$1,000 grant will be used to toward golf equipment and scholarships for the SportsNet golf clinics.

DAVENPORT-HATCH FOUNDATION

Rochester Rehabilitation's DriveOn program was awarded \$15,000. The grant funds will be used to replace an aging vehicle with a newer one to provide uninterrupted service to 100 or more DriveOn participants.

ROCHESTER PRESS RADIO CLUB

SportsNet was awarded \$750. Funds will be used to support operations in serving more than 100 children and adults.

FRED & FLOY WILLMOTT FOUNDATION

Rochester Rehabilitation's Ventures PROS Program is the recipient of \$5,000. This will be used to purchase art supplies needed to replenish their pre-COVID-19 supply.

MARILYN LICHTMAN FOUNDATION

CP Rochester's Family Dental Center was awarded \$50,000. Funds will be used to provide invaluable oral health care services.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD CARE STABILIZATION

CP Rochester received \$108,500 for Augustin Children's Center child care, Happiness House received \$108,500 for Canandaigua child care, \$108,500 for Geneva child Care, \$38,500 for child care provided at CP Rochester, and \$38,500 for child care provided at the Golisano Autism Center.

ABILITY PARTNERS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$15K IN INTERNAL GRANTS

CP ROCHESTER (\$5,000)

- The transition apartment received \$1,080 to purchase wood, supplies, seeds, topsoil, etc. for garden beds
- The Jefferson Rd IRA was awarded \$1,500 to purchase a Hard Top Gazebo for the outdoor living space
- The Outpatient Clinic received \$1,810 for installation of a donated ceiling lift track
- The Music Therapy Program received \$610 for equipment upgrades including melodic instruments

HAPPINESS HOUSE (\$5,000)

- Maple Ave IRA received \$1,000 for a 4 day trip to Paradise Park Campgrounds
- Canandaigua Children's Program was awarded \$756 to purchase a wall-mounted easel and 4 adjustable stools
- The Clinic received \$996 to purchase Hydrocollator, Portable-Face Down Tabletop Massage System, Wrist Roller, and Sanding Exerciser
- Structured Day Program received \$1,200 for seniors to experience special onsite/offsite social events
- The training staff was awarded \$1,048 to purchase new CPR manikins

ROCHESTER REHABILITATION (\$5,000)

- DriveOn was awarded \$796 adaptive equipment for individuals who would like to obtain or retain their driver's license
- Venture PROS was awarded \$2,714 for curriculum materials
- University Avenue Contract Manufacturing received \$660 in equipment for enhancement the Pick/Pack process
- Rochester Rehabilitation received \$830 to help with branding in order to improve community awareness of RRC's programs and services



THANK YOU

Odd Fellow & Rebekah Benefit Fund awarded \$100,000 to CP Rochester's Family Dental Program, \$70,000 to Happiness House's playground updates, and \$50,000 to the Rochester Rehabilitation roof remodel. We are most grateful for their partnership and our shared values.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

WE RECOGNIZED THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF OUR HAPPINESS HOUSE AND CP ROCHESTER STAFF THROUGH HYBRID EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENTS. ROCHESTER REHABILITATION WILL HAVE THEIR RECOGNITION EVENT IN THE FALL.



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10 Years of Service

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Jeanette Bryant
Brett Cockett
Diane Kozr
Kristine Oddi
Sharon Pierce

15 Years of Service

Wanda Rebstein
Diane Sansone
Heather Watters

25 Years of Service

Laurie Bradley

20 Years of Service

Dionne Abraham
Neccebia DeTaeve
Jennifer Inscho
Lisa Lincoln

30 Years of Service

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5 Years of Service

Rebecca Anderson
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Kierra Dry
Debra Goen
Josh Miller
Rene Sandroni

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Karissa West

25 Years of Service

Joanne
Huenemoerder-Dohse

30 Years of Service

Timothy Hillen



2021 John Horvath Professional Service Award Winners
Tina Bennett, Laurie Gendron, Dianne Clar,
and *not pictured* Reneisha Edwards



2021 Professional Service Award Winners
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and Melissa Locurcio

5 Years of Service

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10 Years of Service

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20 Years of Service

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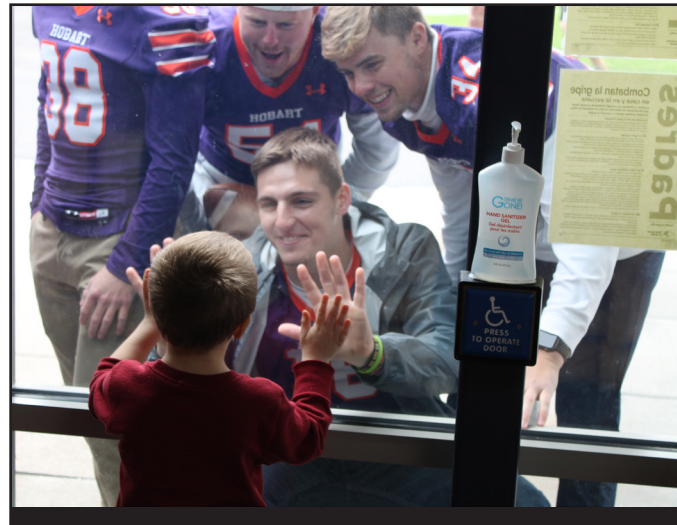
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