

Happenings

Newsletter

Winter 2020



We all got to be aware of TBI's
Cuz if ya get it, It's just not fair
An well you might have to be Mercy
Flighted, you'll have to fight it.
an if pulled through, Don't Ask "why"
you'll be the guy, might not be
So shy. If ya can't try to make
it 1 of your goals, pull through
try to make sure everybody
know what you went through
Because it's nothing but true.

-Kyle, TBI Survivor



Photo by Sylvia
Happiness House
TBI Structured Day Program Photo Club

Upcoming:



We invite you, your family, and friends to participate in the First-Ever Virtual Autism Awareness Walk to benefit CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation.

Join us ONLINE on Facebook through the month of April, with our LIVE STREAM walk on April 25!

We will be holding pre-event challenges to win prizes - ALL MONTH! When completing our challenges, use #VirtualAAW to share it with us and to get counted for prizes!

Register as a participant on <https://tinyurl.com/AutismWalk2020!>

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



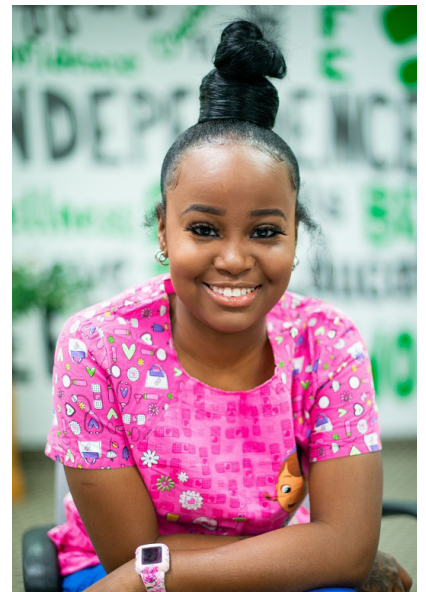
Mary Walsh Boatfield, President / CEO, (right) with Autumn and her mother, Kristin, at the Evening of Stars Gala

Every day we strive for individuals and families to experience "What Happens Here Changes Lives Forever" in a community that is "Opening Doors and Enriching Lives" and promotes "Work. Wellness. Independence." Happiness House, CP Rochester, and Rochester Rehabilitation served over 6,600 individuals and families in 2019, providing exceptional quality of service and care. The grand opening of the Golisano Autism Center will continue to help serve several thousand individuals with autism in the Finger Lakes region throughout their lifespan.

Our comprehensive services through these three agencies include mental health counseling, job placement and training, evaluations, early intervention, preschool, residential, respite, and therapeutic programs. Ability Partners Foundation generates funds to promote, support, and augment the continuation of services for all three agencies.



Our year-long celebration of 100 years of Rochester Rehabilitation, 50 years of Happiness House, 10 years of Ability Partners Foundation, and over 70 years of CP Rochester, featured hearing stories of our past, and most importantly, preparing for our future. We would not have come this far without earning the trust of each individual we serve through the dedication of our staff and support from our donors.



Evening of Stars Gala

We recognized four STARS and five award recipients at September's Gala. Christopher, Autumn, Graham, and Marc represent all three agencies through their courage and determination. Graham also spoke to the crowd about his journey through Rochester Rehabilitation's programs as one of the evenings keynote speakers. We thank our generous sponsors, and guests for helping us to raise over \$95,000! This money will be used to fund programs and services at CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation.



Christopher



Autumn



Graham



Marc



Our second keynote speaker, Caitlyn Weir, shared her story with those in attendance.



Brian Meath was presented with The Harold C. Augustin Founders Award.



Elsa Steo was recognized as the Outstanding Board Member of the Year.



Dee Mosteller and Henry Simon were honored as the Humanitarians of the Year.



Daniel Cavaretta, of Nationwide Retirement Solutions, received the Community Partner of the Year award.



Volunteer of the Year, Joseph D. Morelle Jr., celebrates with his family at the Gala.

A Night to Remember

Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors:

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Concord Insurance Agencies, Brian, Kelly, and Kyle Meath, and Nationwide Retirement Solutions - Daniel Cavaretta

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Other Sponsors: Jean Sullivan-Grela, Dr. Martha Mock, Paul Davidson, and Elsa Steo

Tackles and Touchdowns

Family, friends, and fans are asked to pledge for every tackle and/or every touchdown Hobart College scores during a rival game. Before the game, the Statesmen visit Happiness House classes; it is debatable who has more fun! Since 2010, the event has raised over \$40,000!



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The Passalacqua Family (above) headed to the 50 yard line to help with the coin toss at the game in October. Luke and Mia, the Passalacqua twins, born 14 weeks premature, are preschool students at Happiness House.

NO PIN LEFT STANDING AS BOWLING TO RAISE BUCKS RAISES \$17,000



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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

We recognized the dedication and hard work of all Rochester Rehabilitation employees. Professional Service Awards and Years of Service Awards were presented.



2019 Professional Service Award Winners
Amy Molina, Josephine McElligott, Luis Reyes



Professional Service Award Finalists

5 Years of Service

Michelle Stafford
Maritza Reyes
Sasha Pope
Peter Docteur
Timothy Fousse
Denicio Yard
Lazarus Bhujel

10 Years of Service

David Witkiewicz
Bryan Rogers
Steve Piotter
Amy Molina

15 Years of Service

George Futch

20 Years of Service

Patricia Fischer

25 Years of Service

Donna Smith



Bethany Thompson, graduate of the Ventures PROS program, spoke at the event.

Below is an excerpt from her moving speech:

"When I started the program three years ago, I had severe depression and anxiety from my PTSD. I was a person I wouldn't now recognize. I was withdrawn and probably unapproachable. I felt as though all my good energy went to raising my son and trying to seem my normal self for him. I was too sick to work, both mentally and physically, and worst of all, I had no sense of future. Slowly but surely the advisors started cracking my shell. I started participating in groups and even made a few friends. As time went on, I started to do the work; and I learned a lot about myself in the process. Not only did I learn skills to cope with my symptoms, but I identified what my true values are, discovered my worth, and regained my passion for life. I realized my primary goal wasn't just to get better, but to be authentic and the best role model I can be to my teenage son.

I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for the amazing staff at Ventures PROS. Over the course of my time there, I learned valuable things from all the advisors. Because of staff like Maureen Servas, Josephine McElligott, and Lisa Turnquist, I've found my own strength, my resilience, and my intense desire to keep growing. Their ultimate gift was helping me to find my voice. Now I can speak up, have the confidence to make decisions and the courage to share my story.

Now, as a PROS graduate, I have the self-assurance to shape my future and know that I'm being my very best self. I work part-time as a peer mentor counseling and running groups; I have stronger relationships and better boundaries. I'm honored to have been asked to share my success story, although in this situation I don't like the word success. It sounds like I've reached my final destination or a final result. The truth is, as far as I've come, I've only begun to move mountains."

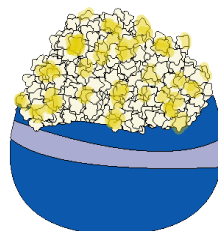
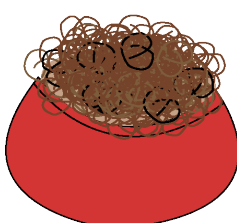
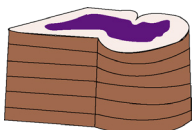


Day Hab Delights

This well-stocked snack cart held their grand opening at CP Rochester in October! Day Hab Delights is available outside of the clinic each morning from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and is staffed by program participants. Taking turns staffing the cart will help them to develop skills in customer service, counting back change, and inventory control. The cart was crafted by workshop volunteer, Steve Rizzo, and the Transition Program workshop class.



Both the adult program at CP Rochester and the Happiness House children's program at the Golisano Autism Center celebrated Thanksgiving this year with feasts of their own. We are eternally grateful for our adults, children, families, staff, donors, sponsors, and community members.



GRANTS RECEIVED AMONG THE AGENCIES

ROCHESTER PRESS-RADIO CLUB GRANT

The Rochester Press-Radio Club has awarded a \$500 grant to SportsNet. The grant will be used to purchase aqua floats and a "Floatin Play Mat." Through this initiative SportsNet seeks to expand aquatics opportunities for young children with special needs.

GRANTS OF THE MOTHER CABRINI HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provides grants to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of diverse communities, eliminate barriers to care and bridge gaps in health services. The foundation provides flexible support for new and innovative approaches that enhance health and wellness across New York State and serves New Yorkers of all faiths or no faith at all, from all backgrounds and from every region of New York State.

CP ROCHESTER (\$80,108)

These funds will enable the Family Dental Center to expand desensitization services to individuals whose health insurance does not cover the cost of this critically needed service.

CP ROCHESTER (\$80,008)

This grant will help fund start-up costs related to the expansion of Article 16/28 Outpatient Clinic services to be based at the Golisano Autism Center, including physical, occupational, speech-language and music therapies.



NYS ELKS ASSOCIATION GRANT AWARDS

CP Rochester and Happiness house are recipients of the Major Projects Grant Awards through the NYS Elks Association.

CP ROCHESTER (\$1,500)

Funds will be put toward providing resources for the Stroke Survivor Group (SSG). The funds will be used to expand outreach to potential SSG participants and family members/caregivers through the development of an informational brochure, purchase updated books and reference materials, and help fund guest speaker fees.

HAPPINESS HOUSE (\$1,600)

Grant funds will be put toward the 2020 Summer Recreation Program for children ages 5-12 to engage community resources. Children will participate in music engagement, unique artistic activities, and educational experiences, as well as off-site activities such as bowling, waterparks, museums, and mini-golf for enrichment.

GOLISANO FOUNDATION GRANT

The Golisano Foundation has awarded Happiness House \$250,000 to be put toward the construction of the Age in Place Apartments. This housing initiative will be home to eight (55+)/frail elderly adults providing them the opportunity to continue living in the community with supports and services available to meet their changing needs.

2019 AL SIGL SPORTS COMMITTEE GRANT

Al Sigl Sports Committee hosted a luncheon celebrating the many ways in which funds raised by the committee are used to support unique program initiatives of Al Sigl Community of Agencies' member organizations. CP Rochester and Rochester Rehabilitation were each awarded \$12,000.

CP ROCHESTER (\$12,000)

The entirety of this grant will be put toward the operation of the Family Dental Clinic.

ROCHESTER REHABILITATION (\$12,000)

Funds from this grant, will be put toward the operational costs of the Mental Health Clinic.



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CPRochester.org



Golisano Autism Center

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585-685-8300

GolisanoAutismCenter.org



happiness HOUSE

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Happiness House

Adult Programs & Community Services

731 Pre-Emption Road
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Canandaigua, NY 14424
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