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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF ACHIEVE

Happy Summer Everyone! We hope that the sunshine and warmth is here to stay and will brighten the months ahead.

2012 is a special year for us as it marks 60 years that ACHIEVE has been providing services to individuals and their families in our communities.

In 1952, a group of parents forged an alliance to seek and find services for their children who had no educational opportunities. Our founding families continued to advocate and fight for the development of services over the course of the next sixty years.

This year brings a new reality for agencies such as ACHIEVE to face. Effects of a shrinking New York State budget will bring the onset of the People First Waiver, a new way of doing business in our OPWDD system. This challenge will allow us to explore new approaches and possibilities for growth and development. It will emphasize the need for us to continue to reexamine our strengths and modify our approach to how we do business. Person-Centered Planning is a major tenet of the new waiver with a renewed focus on personal choice, greater community inclusion and independence, and preferences that can be supported by all persons and systems in each individual's life.

As we embark on a new strategic plan for ACHIEVE this year, all of these changes will be incorporated to help prepare us to move in to the future with continued success and outreach to those in need in our communities. We are proud of our heritage and of our families who fought with tenacity and strength to help develop a system of care, not only for ACHIEVE, but throughout New York State. All of the individuals we have and continue to serve have grown and flourished from these efforts, and from having strong, competent, and caring staff to assist them along the way. With this foundation, as well as the support of our surrounding communities, we have every faith that our legacy will continue for many years to come.

Happy 60th Anniversary ACHIEVE! Congratulations and well done!

My best to all of you for a very safe and fun filled summer. Hopefully we will see you at our Savor the Summer Event in July, and our Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Banquet in celebration of our 60th anniversary in September!



Mary Jo Thorn  
Chief Executive Officer



Lisa W. Lee  
President, Board of Directors

# 17th Annual Pin Crushing BOWLING TOURNAMENT

ACHIEVE hosted the 17th Annual Pin Crushing Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 3rd at Midway Lanes in Vestal. More than 350 bowlers and spectators came out to support the event which raised more than \$12,000 for Day Habilitation Services and the Growing Spaces, Improving Lives Building Rehabilitation and Expansion Project!

We would like to congratulate Becky Barrett from Visions Federal Credit Union who won the Grand Prize of having Assemblyman Clifford Crouch barbeque for her and 30 of her friends on her new Broil King Monarch 20 Gas Grill generously donated by Warner's Gas Service!

We would like to say Thank You to Assemblyman Clifford Crouch for chairing the event again this year! Also, thank you to Bob Warner of Warner's Gas Service for his generous donation of the gas grill, for emceeding the event, and for all of his hard work in helping to plan the event. In addition, thank you to Laurie Gialanella from Assemblyman Crouch's Office for all of her hard work in helping to plan the event. And last but not least, thank you to all of the bowlers, volunteers, Corporate Sponsors and supporters! Without you, this event would not be possible!

## 17th Annual Pin Crushing Bowling Tournament Corporate Sponsors



## 17th Annual Pin Crushing Bowling Tournament Lane Sponsors

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Bowlers posing for a team photo at the tournament.



Grand Prize Winner, Becky Barrett, poses for a picture with Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, ACHIEVE Board President, Lisa Lee, and her new grill donated by Warner's Gas Service.



An Excited 50/50 Raffle Winner takes home more than \$200 in cash.

# ACHIEVE's Carlton Street Residence Reopens

As you may recall, ACHIEVE's Carlton Street Residence in Johnson City sustained extensive damage last September due to Tropical Storm Lee and the flooding that severely impacted our area. The thirteen individuals living there at the time were displaced and safely relocated to one of eleven other residences while clean-up and renovations took place. ACHIEVE is proud to announce that as of March, all needed repairs have been completed and all of the individuals have been able to move back into their home. ACHIEVE would like to say thank you to the community for all of the support shown to us during this difficult time.



ACHIEVE's Carlton Street Residence officially reopens to the residents in March.



One of the newly renovated bathrooms at the Carlton Street Residence.



One of the newly renovated bedrooms at the Carlton Street Residence.



## ACHIEVE CFO Named "Financial Executive of the Year"

Sandra Radziwon, Chief Financial Officer for ACHIEVE, was chosen as the "Financial Executive of the Year" through the Central New York Business Journal! A luncheon was held on June 27th at the Oncenter in Syracuse to honor all of the nominees. The Financial Executive of the Year award is given to a financial professional in Central New York and the surrounding area for outstanding performance in their role as a corporate financial steward. Congratulations Sandy!

ACHIEVE CEO, Mary Jo Thorn, with award winner Sandra Radziwon.



## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Program Sponsor - \$50.00 - \$150.00**

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**Table Sponsor - \$250.00**

- Individual / Business Name displayed on one of the tables during the event
- Full Page Advertisement in the event program
- Listed on the ACHIEVE website – [www.achieveny.org](http://www.achieveny.org)

Additional information can be found on our website at [www.achieveny.org/events](http://www.achieveny.org/events). Questions and Artwork can be forwarded to Nicole Leonard, Development Support Specialist at [nleonard@achieveny.org](mailto:nleonard@achieveny.org).

ACHIEVE also has Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities available. If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor for this event and would like additional information, please contact Nicole at 607.231.5217.

## ACHIEVE Board Member Recognized

ACHIEVE Board Member, James M. Hayes, Esq., received the "2012 NYSARC, Inc. Guardianship Recognition and Service Award" on Monday, April 16th at the NYSARC, Inc. Annual Guardianship Training Symposium in Saratoga Springs, NY. Mr. Hayes has been an ACHIEVE Board Member for 40 years, and has dedicated his life to advocating and supporting individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through his work and volunteerism. He was recognized for his commitment to enriching the lives of individuals who are served by the NYSARC, Inc. Corporate Guardianship Program. Congratulations Mr. Hayes, and thank you for all you do!

# In Memoriam of Mr. George Sheehe

Written by Sandra Haruk, Vice President Operations

We at ACHIEVE were saddened to learn that Mr. George Sheehe, one of the founders of our organization, passed away on Monday evening, March 12th at the age of 93.

Mr. Sheehe, along with his wife Josephine and 9 other couples were the driving force behind the establishment of the Broome-Tioga ARC in 1952 in order to provide opportunities and a better life for their children who had a disability. Mr. Sheehe's son, Patrick, has participated in ACHIEVE programs for the past 60 years.

Mr. Sheehe's involvement with the agency was life long and he continued to remain active in recent years with the Guardianship Committee and Foundation Board. His efforts & contributions to the agency were unselfish and focused, not only to improve the quality of life for Patrick, but also for all of the other individuals served by the agency.

Thank you Mr. Sheehe for everything that you did for ACHIEVE and the individuals that we serve.



ACHIEVE participated in the Owego Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 16th with a float in the parade!

## ACHIEVE Receives Art Sculpture

ACHIEVE would like to thank Mr. Al Lavker who donated a Hart of BC Dinosaur and Gronk Sculpture to the Agency. It is proudly displayed in the lobby, and has become the center of attention with the individuals served who love to have their picture taken with it!



Holly posing with the Gronk Sculpture

## ACHIEVE CEO Named “Executive of the Year”

Mary Jo Thorn, Chief Executive Officer for ACHIEVE was honored as “Executive of the Year” through the Central New York Business Journal Non-Profit Awards! A luncheon was held on March 21st at the Oncenter in Syracuse to honor all of the nominees. The Executive of the Year awards are presented to individuals who exhibit leadership, planning skills, strong staff growth, board development, solid fiscal management, and increased fundraising. Congratulations Mary Jo!



Mary Jo Thorn, poses for a photo with the Executive Management Team following the Awards Ceremony at the Oncenter in Syracuse in March.

## Friends & Family Ice Cream Social

ACHIEVE hosted a Friends & Family Ice Cream Social on March 22nd at ACHIEVE's Cutler Pond Road location in collaboration with Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. It was such a beautiful spring day that the event was moved outdoors! More than 200 people joined us for a fun-filled evening and to learn about ACHIEVE's many programs and services. Information was also available on how to become an advocate for the agency and about ACHIEVE's Trust Services and Planned Giving Opportunities.

Ice cream sundaes, popcorn and refreshments were served for all to enjoy. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers, and everyone who came out to the event. We hope to see you again next year!



Guests enjoying the event and the beautiful weather at the Ice Cream Social.



Staff Members Sara Hall, Ashley Hebbard, and Meggan Taylor working one of the informational booths at the event.



Staff Member Amy Pello and her daughter share an ice cream sundae.

# In Memoriam

## IN MEMORIAM OF GEORGE SHEEHE, AN ORIGINAL FOUNDER

Written by ACHIEVE Board Member James M. Hayes, Esq.

It has been an honor & privilege to have known George Sheehe for 35 years through my affiliation with ACHIEVE and the Broome-Tioga Chapter of NYSARC, Inc.

I first met George and Josephine Sheehe through their son Patrick when I was working in the Sheltered Workshop Program in 1976. Through the years, I had the opportunity to work closely with George on Patrick's move to the Main Street IRA, development of the Guardianship Program and on the agency's 35th Anniversary which is how I learned about the humble beginning of ARC and the parents who were responsible for founding the Broome-Tioga Chapter.

60 years ago when it was a common practice for children with disabilities to be placed in state institutions, the Sheehe's and 6 other couples chose to keep their children at home. However, they were told that their children were not eligible for an education, could not benefit from an education, and that they would have to keep their children at home for the rest of their lives. These brave parents organized their families and joined up with another group of parents in New York State to establish the Broome County ARC so that their children could attend school, receive an education, and lead a productive life.

In September of 1952 when the Broome County ARC was established, they started off with absolutely nothing - no funding and no money in their budget. The first programs that were offered consisted of volunteer teachers & donated space in a church basement. Parents went door-to-door to collect donations and within 1-2 years they established a school program and summer camp.

As one of the original founding family members, George did not stop there. He had a vision for the future - to establish work programs & residential programs - Today ACHIEVE is an 18 million dollar agency operating an array of services in 16 facilities for over 1,800 people. George was always thinking, planning, and working.

His son Patrick has continued to participate in ACHIEVE programs for the past 60 years. He currently resides at the Main Street IRA, works at the CVI Lester Avenue Facility and is involved with MSC, Guardianship, Talking Hands and Party Night Programs.

Mr. Sheehe's involvement with the agency was life long and he continued to remain active in recent years with the Guardianship Committee and Foundation Board. His efforts & contributions to the agency were unselfish and focused, not only to improve the quality of life for Patrick, but also for all of the other individuals served by the agency.

When I met with George last week, he did ask me to convey his message to others in summarization of ACHIEVE's 60th Anniversary:

- Stand up and encourage others to stand up and fight.
- Anything is possible.
- We started with seven families and seven kids.
- We had no money and no support and the community had an attitude toward children with disabilities.
- We were scorned then and believe me we are still scorned even today.
- Organizations like ACHIEVE are very necessary - every time we build a new house we have people going to the municipality saying they don't want us as neighbors.
- Keep persevering.
- Don't give up.
- Keep plodding.
- Because our organization is a whole community it will all work out.
- Keep fighting.
- Don't take no for an answer.
- I love you all. Keep smiling.

It has been our great fortune to have known George who was a kind, humble, and honorable man with integrity. The ACHIEVE programs & the individuals served are a testament to the lives of George, Josephine & Patrick and their accomplishments.



George Sheehe and his son Patrick.



Please save the dates and join us for two very special events as we celebrate 60 years!

### 4TH ANNUAL SAVOR THE SUMMER – AN EVENING OF FINE WINE, ALE, AND GOURMET FARE

Thursday, July 26, 2012

6:00PM – 8:30PM

ACHIEVE

125 Cutler Pond Road, Binghamton

Register online at [www.achieveny.org/events](http://www.achieveny.org/events)

### ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, September 21, 2012

5:30PM – 10:00PM

Binghamton University Events Center

Visit our website for more information

[www.achieveny.org](http://www.achieveny.org)

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### ACHIEVE PARTICIPATES IN "NYSARC GIVES BACK" CAMPAIGN

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan declared March to be Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. In honor of the celebratory month, ACHIEVE partnered with other agencies in New York State on the "NYSARC Gives Back" campaign. Throughout the month of March ACHIEVE collected non-perishable food donations to help support the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, on March 29th ACHIEVE staff delivered a car full of food to the Food Bank in Elmira, NY. ACHIEVE would like to thank everyone who helped support this important initiative!



Food collected for the campaign during the Friends and Family Ice Cream Social.

## ACHIEVE Welcomes New Foundation Board Member

ACHIEVE would like to welcome Robert Montgomery to the Foundation Board of Directors. Robert received his Masters in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickson University and is President of R.S. Montgomery & Associates, Inc. in Binghamton, NY. Robert was an Armored Cavalry Officer in the United States Army. He has served on the Board of Directors for The Binghamton Club, BGM JC Sewage Treatment Plant, United Methodist Homes, and the Family and Children's Society. Robert has lived in the area for 32 years, and brings great expertise to the Foundation Board.



*ACHIEVE Welcomes Robert Montgomery to the Foundation Board of Directors.*

## ACHIEVE Holds Annual Membership Meeting

ACHIEVE held its Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 19th at Traditions at the Glen in Johnson City. Guest Speaker, Judi Cantor, President of [jtcantor.com](http://jtcantor.com), gave a wonderful presentation about the importance of Philanthropic Planning. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special occasion.

ACHIEVE would like to recognize and congratulate the newly elected board members:

Dr. Camelia Lawrence received her Doctorate of Medicine from the Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, New York and her surgical training at New York Medical College, NY. She is a board certified surgeon and currently works as a Breast Surgical Oncologist at Wilson Regional Medical Center/UHS Breast Center. Dr. Lawrence will be participating on the ACHIEVE Incident Review Committee beginning this fall.

Mr. Alson McKenna is a graduate of Binghamton University and the George Washington University Law School. He currently works at Levene, Gouldin & Thompson as an Associate Attorney focusing on Business and Corporate issues. Alson has legal experience with both corporate governance issues and non-profit compliance.

Mr. David Sebastianelli holds a degree in Business Administration as well as Life, Accident, and Health Licenses in New York and Pennsylvania. Dave currently works for Brown & Brown Insurance as a Healthcare Consultant. He has spent the past 32 years living and working in the Binghamton area. He is actively involved in the local community and volunteers his time with youth sports programs and participates on the Supervisory Committee at GHS Federal Credit Union. Dave participates on both the Development and Human Resources Committees at ACHIEVE.



*ACHIEVE Members listen to Guest Speaker, Judi Cantor, at the Annual Membership Meeting*



*New Board Members, David Sebastianelli, Dr. Camelia Lawrence, and Alson McKenna were voted in at the Annual Membership Meeting*

## Broome County Executive Debbie Preston Tours ACHIEVE

ACHIEVE and Country Valley Industries proudly hosted Broome County Executive, Debbie Preston, who visited the agency on March 27th. She was given a tour of Country Valley Industries Lester Avenue Facility, as well as ACHIEVE's Carlton Street Residence that was affected by the September flood. ACHIEVE would like to thank Executive Preston for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit our agency!



*Broome County Executive Debbie Preston tours Country Valley Industries.*



*Broome County Executive Debbie Preston poses with Eddie during the tour at CVI.*



*The Easter Bunny paid a visit to the ACHIEVE Day Habilitation Program at Cutler Pond on April 5th, bringing a basket full of goodies to all of the program participants.*

# News From...

## Welcome to the Fold



Written by Robyn Callaway, CVI Sales and Marketing Manager

A recent visit from New York State Industries for the Disabled employees Jennifer Lawrence and Paul Quirini started with a discussion on the many benefits of workshop employment and ended with a day of folding laundry. Both Jennifer and Paul wanted an opportunity to meet the many individuals working on the preferred source contract that Country Valley Industries and partner Bates Troy Healthcare Linen Service hold with NYSID to fold laundry for several state run facilities.



Jennifer Lawrence and Paul Quirini from NYSID assist David in folding laundry.

Paul who is the Outreach and Communications specialist at NYSID was quick to notice how much the individuals at CVI love the work they do and said, "I really enjoyed working with the wonderful people at Country Valley Industries and their love for their work shows in the quality of the finished products."

Jennifer, who is the Marketing Communications manager, said, "I am always impressed by the high quality of work and the dedication of the Country Valley employees! Thank you for letting me work with you today!" Jennifer and Paul, it was our pleasure!

## What's New at CVI

Written by Duwayne Caroway, Production Manager

Over the past few months CVI has completed more than 100,000 books that required new covers for Putnam Publishing. We have also seen an increase in the kitting jobs that are done at the Cutler Pond and Court Street locations. Our newest customer, Buckingham, was so pleased with our performance on the first job we finished for them that we have received a second order!

CVI was visited by Frito Lay for our annual business review and received many compliments from them. They are going to use one of our current procedures that ensures the tight packaging of the tray as a model for other co-packers in the US. This is a great compliment to CVI as we continue to strengthen our relationship with Frito Lay.

If you would like to learn more about Country Valley Industries and how we can help your business, please visit our website at [www.cvipackaging.com](http://www.cvipackaging.com) or contact Robyn Callaway, Sales and Marketing Manager at 607.797.8160 or via email at [rcallaway@cvipackaging.com](mailto:rcallaway@cvipackaging.com). We look forward to working with you!



Tim and Matt working in the Greenhouse – look at all the wonderful plants the Day Habilitation Program grew this year!



ACHIEVE and CVI share a booth at the Greater Binghamton Chamber Business Show at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena on April 19th.



ACHIEVE was chosen as the Sam's Club "Business of the Year" for 2011. Thank you for this honor!

## 2012 Membership Campaign

On March 1st we launched the 2012 Membership Campaign and you received a letter from us asking you to please renew your membership, or if you are not yet a member, to support ACHIEVE by becoming a member. With the campaign now coming to a close we urge you, if you haven't already done so, to please consider becoming a member of ACHIEVE.

Have you ever wondered what your membership means to ACHIEVE? Your membership helps to support ACHIEVE's advocacy efforts, ensuring the financial health and stability of our Agency's services and programs. As such, your membership has a positive impact on the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families.

Having a strong network of committed members helps to support, educate, and advocate for the individuals we serve and their families. Your membership can, and will, make a difference. Please support us. Sign up yourself, your friends, and your family members for a membership today.

Please visit [www.achieveny.org](http://www.achieveny.org) to sign up. Thank you for your support!



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## CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HANNA PRESENTS U.S. FLAG TO ACHIEVE

ACHIEVE would like to thank U.S. Congressman Richard Hanna of the 24th Congressional District who visited the agency on April 16th for a special ceremony. He presented ACHIEVE with an American Flag, which was flown over the U.S. Capitol earlier in the month. What an honor!



*Congressman Richard Hanna assists Jeanette and Craig in raising the U.S. Flag.*

*Congressman Richard Hanna poses with Jeanette after raising the U.S. Flag.*



## A Big **THANK YOU** to **ALL** of Our Corporate Sponsors