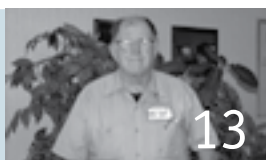




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Runners on their marks start the 6th Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk at The Crossings in Colonie to raise funds and awareness for the New Visions Foundation

New Visions Foundation's 6th Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk Hits Stride In The Community

By Margie Sheehan,
Director of Communications, Public Relations & Development

Saturday, August 21, 2010, the New Visions Foundation hosted over 300 people at the 6th Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk, held at The Crossings of Colonie. Over 100 runners, 150 walkers and many staff, family members, program participants, volunteers and people from the community turned out for the fundraiser in support of the work and mission of New Visions. A sunny, breezy August day, a beautiful course and the goodwill of many friends and neighbors made the event successful and memorable.

This year marks the first time the New Visions Foundation held the event off-site. "In years past, we've always held this event at our Center in Slingerlands," explains Andrew F. McKenzie, Executive Director. "The course was shared between our grounds and the Beverwyck Retirement Center next door. It was a good course, and it worked for several years, but this year, the planning committee really wanted to take the event out into the community to help

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New Vision's Mission

To serve, advocate and offer opportunities to persons with differing abilities and their families...

New Visions Foundation's 6th Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk Hits Stride In The Community, *continued*

raise more awareness and bring more people closer to our mission. It was a very smart move, and with the assistance and cooperation of the Town of Colonie and The Crossings, it couldn't have been easier to host the event there. The grounds and walking and biking paths at The Crossings are very beautiful, and the location is really a hub for the people of Colonie. Having our event there made it very special, and helped to bring New Visions out into the community in a great way."

The planning committee for the 5K Run & Mile Walk, spearheaded by Jeffrey M. Platt, President of New Visions, worked throughout 2010 to plan the event, coordinating with the Albany Running Exchange who designed and managed the race details for the 5K. This was the first time that the planning committee members chose to work with the Albany Running Exchange, and many felt that the decision helped bring the event to a higher level of professionalism and coordination. "The event ran extremely well under the direction of the Exchange," said Dan Murray of New Visions. "We'll definitely work with them again next year. Not having to worry about all the details they worked on made it very smooth for us."

In addition to using the services of the Albany Running Exchange again next year, the planning committee has also decided that holding the event at The Crossings was a great idea, and the committee is already working with the Town of Colonie to secure the venue for 2011. "We'll hold the event again in August next year, as that date really seemed to work for everyone," says McKenzie. "We just have to work with the Town of Colonie officials and Parks and Recreation to ensure that the date we want is available for us. Everyone at The Crossings was so welcoming to us – we're looking forward to going back." McKenzie says the 7th annual 5K event, to be held in 2011, will be part of New Visions year-long calendar of activities and events planned as part of the organization's 60th Anniversary.

Now that the 5K event has reached its 6th year, and attendance is growing stronger each year, the New Visions Foundation will continue to plan and host it as part of its annual fundraising activities. "Every year we get stronger, and bringing it out into the community means this event has made its official debut as a Capital Region activity," says McKenzie.

Plans for the New Visions Foundation's 7th Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk will be announced soon in upcoming issues of this newsletter, and on the New Visions website at www.newvisionsofalbany.org



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Significant Fundraising The Focus Of The New Visions Foundation



As you know from previous issues of Perspectives, we have recently begun an aggressive development campaign. Ironically and incidentally, we took on this formidable challenge just as the world and national economy was in the midst of perhaps its greatest collapse since the great depression of 1929. Undeterred by this happenstance and motivated by our greater mission, New Visions embarked upon its most significant fundraising and development drive in its soon to be 60-year history. To date, although still short of reaching our goals for the year, our efforts have been rewarded.

The work of our Foundation continues to be to raise dollars, manage our investments and award funded grants to the individuals we serve, and to do this in a manner consistent with our mission while maintaining the integrity and the financial health of the Foundation. We have taken a deliberately broad approach with our development effort this year, creating many avenues for donors to contribute and participate according to their means and their desires. We have already benefited from the generosity and support of several corporate partners who have stepped up to take a leadership role as sponsors and major supporters of the New Visions mission.

Leadership donations made by corporations have been made by Grainger, who contributed significantly in allowing us to create an “emergency preparedness” program for our residences and day programs. First Niagara Risk Management contributed again this year as a principal donor supporting all of our major events and our membership drive. Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co. LLP, CPA’s increased what has been a growing commitment in supporting all of our major events for 2010. The Douglas & Melissa Hahn Charitable Foundation again this year contributed in a major way to support our Golf Classic event. These corporations and individuals stand out as having made important and considerable donations to the New Visions Foundation. Through their corporate generosity, they have effectively established a donor base for our development effort allowing us to branch out in many other directions.

The importance of leadership levels of giving cannot be overstated with regard to the success of our development effort. It is necessary for any measure of success. Unmistakably, however, this is not the only significant means of ensuring a healthy development effort. We have, for example, many other corporate partners who contribute in invaluable ways that also ensure the overall success of our development effort. We have, for instance, donations of goods and services referred to as “in-kind” donations without which our efforts would surely fall short. Such donations have included office and residential furniture, office supplies, computers, and many other household items we would otherwise be required to purchase. In other ways, professional organizations such as Impress Printing have donated design work toward our development promotions, while the good people at Total Events have donated decorations and their design talents in support of our Gala along with a discount toward the cost of their services.

I would be remiss, however, not to acknowledge the many corporations who have supported us by becoming sponsors and who took of their time to attend and engage in the annual Gala, Golf Tournament, or 5K Walk/Race. Although these are too many in number to include within the space of these pages, they have in a meaningful way promoted the health and growth of our New Visions Foundation, and we are grateful for their support.

Importantly, giving is not unique to corporate generosity. There are individual donors, as well, who have graced the organization with significant private donations of money, goods or both. They include Mrs. Natalie Platt, Mr. Milton Kaplan, Mr. Michael Lounsbery, Mr. John Hodgkinson and many others,

The most important objective of the New Visions Foundation development effort is to raise and manage enough money to be able to disburse funding in the form of grants to support the individual needs of people we serve who need it and would have it no other way. It is an effort that requires sustained growth. It is an appeal we make to all of our corporate partners, stakeholders, friends, family and other interested parties to participate at whatever level of comfort and ability you choose. It is an effort whose need has never been greater than in this uncertain time of economic instability and diminished funding.

If at any time you have any questions or if you are interested in how you can contribute, please do not hesitate to contact me or Margie Sheehan, Director of Development, Public Relations, and Communications for New Visions, at (518) 935-4334 or msheehan@newvisionsofalbany.org). We will be happy to assist you, and thank you for considering supporting the New Visions Foundation.

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Mission Statements

New Visions Mission Statement

Our mission is to serve, advocate and offer opportunities to persons with differing abilities and their families. We are dedicated to the provision of services and supports that enable individuals to realize their fullest potential. To this end, we strive to promote the principles of responsible choice, personal satisfaction, independence, inclusion and meaningful individualized opportunities through consumer empowerment.

New Visions Foundation Mission Statement

The New Visions Foundation's mission is to raise, invest and allocate funds to directly support the programs, services and program participants of New Visions. To this end, the New Visions Foundation will commit funds that will directly improve the experience of program participants and support New Visions' mission to enable individuals to realize their fullest potential in their home, work and community environments.

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NYSARC, Inc. Trust Provides Recreation Grant To New Visions

The Trustees of the NYSARC, Inc. Trusts has given New Visions a \$5,000 grant to provide new recreational opportunities for New Visions program participants. New Visions will use this grant to fund recreation opportunities for people living in New Visions homes who would not otherwise have access to such opportunities.

The NYSARC, Inc. Trusts administer supplemental needs trusts that enable people with disabilities to remain in their home and community and retain their Medicaid eligible services. The Trustees utilize remainder funds to benefit other persons with disabilities including unfunded Chapter guardianship as provided by statute. During the last 12 months the Trusts have provided \$750,000 to support Chapter guardianship and over \$50,000 in direct grants to program participants in need. Information on how you may benefit from a NYSARC, Inc. Trust is available by calling (518) 439-8323 or 1-800-735-8924, or online at www.nysarctrustservices.org

Disability History Day Legislation Passed

On Wednesday, July 21, 2010 Governor Paterson signed the bill which will annually designate October 18 as Disability History Day. This is a significant step that will forever commemorate the history of people with disabilities in New York State.

Many states are taking an important step in the promotion of further understanding and awareness of disability history and the disability rights movement by designating a day or a week to acknowledge the role and contributions of individuals with disabilities in our society. During these established days or weeks, states will require their public schools to infuse instruction and activities related to disability history into the existing school curriculum.

It is important that our youth understand history in order to appreciate how individuals with disabilities were once

viewed and treated. During these specially designated days or weeks, students will be provided with the opportunity to learn how people with disabilities were instrumental in changing history, and how they became active participants in changing societal attitudes about their needs, desires and capabilities. By teaching disability history in schools, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure that history is not repeated and that there continues to be movement towards an even more accessible society in future generations.

New Visions congratulates Governor Paterson on signing this important legislation on behalf of people with disabilities.

"If you believe people have no history worth mentioning, it's easy to believe they have no humanity worth defending."

- William Loren Katz

7th Annual New Visions Art Show Winners



The following New Visions program participants received awards in our 7th Annual Art Show, held May 19, 2010:

Honorable Mention – William "Bill" Horan for "Coral Reef"

Third Place – Mark Hodges for "Mount McKinley & Wonderlake"

Second Place – Charlotte Walwyn for "Beautiful Yellow Flowers with Grass Leaf"

First Place – Robert Harrison for "Church Rainbow"

Second Place Group – Voc Plus for "Our Classy Collaboration"

First Place Group – Delmar Day Habilitation for "Puzzling"

Congratulations to all our art show winners and participants!

Donations To New Visions Are Always Appreciated

Cleaning House & Looking To Donate Your Gently-Used Items? We'd Love To Hear From You & Help You Recycle!!

Are you interested in donating materials, goods or services in support of the people we serve at New Visions? If so, we'd love to hear from you. There is always a wide variety of items needed by programs such as Day Habilitation, Residential Services, Community Employment and our Day Training Workshop.

Here is a list of some of the items we are currently looking for:

- ★ Books
- ★ Music (sheet music, CD's, etc.)
- ★ Musical Equipment
- ★ Art Supplies
- ★ Sports Equipment
- ★ School Supplies (paper, pens, pencils, crayons, glue, tape, etc.)
- ★ Office Supplies
- ★ Furniture

Need Help With Your Donation? New Visions Building & Grounds Department Will Pick Up

If you are considering a donation to New Visions and need assistance delivering the item or items to us, our Building & Grounds department can help.

The staff of our Building & Grounds department participate in the pick-up, delivery, placement and storage of many donated items year-round. Arrangements for pick-up of donations are made at the convenience of the donor – items as large as refrigerators, freezers, pianos and furniture of all types have been donated, picked up and put to good use in our residential homes and supported apartments. Many such donations have come from staff, Board members, family members and the community at-large, and we are grateful for all the items we have received.

Please contact our Building & Grounds department at (518) 935-4383 if you have questions, or would like to arrange for a donation pick up. We're here to help!

DONATIONS OF ANY KIND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Your donations help us fulfill our mission in so many ways. Please call us first with any items you think we may be able to use – your generosity will be very much appreciated!

Because the needs of the people we serve vary, we ask that anyone interested in donating items please contact [Margie Sheehan](#), Director of Communications, Public Relations and Development for New Visions, at (518) 935-4334 or via email at msheehan@newvisionsofalbany.org

If you have a specific item and would like to know if we can put it to good use, please contact us.

Congratulations 2010 New Visions Staff Recognition Award Recipients

Please join us in congratulating the following New Visions staff members who have been chosen by their peers as the recipients of the 2010 "Spirit of New Visions" Staff Recognition Awards:

Staff Awards: Nicole Palma and Alec Vanacore

Leadership Award: Nadine O'Donnell

"Helping Hands" Group Award: Human Resources

We thank Nicole, Alec, Nadine and Human Resources for their continued dedication to our work and mission, as well as the many other staff who were nominated for this year's awards.

New Visions Community Employment: Portraits Of Success

By Jane Kriegler, Director of Community Employment

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hat is Community Employment? It can best be illustrated through portraits of the people we serve. Here are some of their stories:

Sheryl Lamb, who received Extended Supported Employment services under New York State Opportunities for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) was trained in culinary arts, but found working on her feet too demanding. She has been working as an Assistant to John Hastings at his kiosk at 44 Holland Avenue. John's Place is operated under the auspices of the Business Enterprise Program of the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. John needed more than someone to assist him with the store operations. He needed someone he could rely on to mind the shop when he ran to the bank or took some time off. Sheryl has been his gal Friday and, recently, when John took a week off she was left to mind the shop. This meant handling the Lottery machine, taking deliveries and opening and closing each day. Sheryl lives in a New Visions apartment and receives Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) from New Visions, too. Kathleen Fitzgerald provides job coaching services for Sheryl and has been impressed with Sheryl's ability to stay the course even when the job is hard. The customers at John's Place all know Sheryl and enjoy the service at the shop.

Georgiana Andrews who receives Extended Supported Employment services under OPWDD, works for Friendly Restaurant in Delmar, is a wonderful worker and puts tremendous energy and pride into her job. Her job keeps this Friendly's in spic and span condition. Her success there has helped open up doors at other Friendly Restaurants in the Capital region. Georgiana lives in a New Visions residence and receive MSC services from New Visions, too. Karen Hardy-Cherry provides job coaching for Georgiana and describes her as a real "work horse," and says that that the natural supports at the work place are thrilled with Georgiana's work.

Cassie Ford who receives School to Work services under New Visions contract with the Bethlehem School District, participates in a work experience at the Circle of Friends Child Development Center. This is the first child care placement arranged by New Visions. Cassie is assigned to a class of pre-school children who have special needs. She has grown remarkably in this job. During her first days on the job she was hesitant about engaging with the children. Now, she not only handles the children with sensitivity but with an appropriate level of professional firmness. Cassie has pushed the envelope for her own growth as well as for the program too, opening the door for a placement at a Child Development Center. Scott Dupont provides the job coaching services for Cassie and each day comes back to the office marveling at Cassie's growth on the job.

Josh Maxwell who receives Extended Supported Employment services under the VESID contract, works for New Visions Janitorial Services at the British-American site near the airport. He has kept his focus on his job, doing an exemplary performance despite some challenging personal issues. Josh was able to get to work even when he did not have an operating vehicle. His disability, Tourette's Syndrome, makes life challenging, but he has been a role model. In fact, under the facilitation of the Job Coach, Josh has been meeting with another supported employee who also has Tourette's and sharing the common experiences. Phil Kushner provides the job coaching for Josh and is impressed with Josh's amazingly positive attitude not only about work, but about life.

The New Visions Community Employment department thanks all of its participants, Job Coaches and Job Development staff for their wonderful work bringing about the organization's mission and serving as ambassadors to the greater Albany community.

Jane Kriegler, Director of Community Employment for New Visions, can be reached at (518) 935-4378 or via email at jkriegler@newvisionsofalbany.org.

Day Training Program Provides Work and Much More

By Martin Roberts, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation and Training

T If you visit the New Visions website, you will read that Day Training/Prevocational services “engage workers in real and simulated employment tasks to determine their vocational potential...assisting in preparing people for supported employment.” Emphasis is placed on creating a “real world” setting within which participants work on developing self-reliance and independence skills. The Vocational Training Setting helps participants focus their energies on the development of work skills and habits to improve their employability. We sat with our program participants to ask what the workshop means to them and about the benefits of being a part of Day Training. Their responses best describe how they feel about their achievements.

The opportunity to perform authentic work and earn a paycheck has proven to be a powerful motivating factor for our participants. Lewis speaks for many when he says, “It means that I get to work and get paid...I actually get to spend my money.” Peter expresses that it “feels good to have money when I need stuff”. When asked what he likes about the program, John summed it up succinctly: “Money!”

Participation in the Workshop means the chance to learn new skills. Mindy has learned to “be on time and if someone has to leave, jump right in and help out.” Richard notes that the program “helps me out and helps me stick to it.” Workshop trainees are able to practice using important work habits in a vocational setting. Jim explains that he learns “how to get along with people.” Richard says that everyday experience contribute to personal growth. In his words, he says, “When you tell some one you will be there, you will. It makes you reliable.”

Socialization and workplace relationships are a large part of the work experience. The opportunity to make lasting friendships has proven to be a strong motivator. Scott explains, “Friendships with people - that’s just as important as money. You can always make money, but you can’t always make friends.” Lewis notes that since becoming a part of the program, “I have like a zillion friends. Everybody knows me. It makes me feel proud, like I’m being acknowledged for being me.”

The ability to make money and friends is part of the goal of employment. In the words of Jody, “It opens doors for people.” Richard agrees that participation will help him to “move on when I am ready.” David sums it up by stating, “I’m hoping to learn enough to get a job one day.”

These words, the words of the people in the program, serve to illustrate how the New Visions Day Training program helps people, and illustrates what they have achieved better than any scripted explanations. The staff and management of the program are very proud to hear that their hard work contributes to positive daily experiences for the people that they work with. Jim puts the icing on the cake when he generously states that the New Visions workshop “taught me everything I know.”



Jim in the workshop



Bill at work



Todd and David



L to R: Trish, Lewis and Liz

Building & Grounds Department Raises Funds For New Visions Music Program

In the Spring of this year, the New Visions Building and Grounds department held its first-ever raffle to raise funds in support of the Day Habilitation Music Program, and it was a smashing success.

Over \$1,500 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets in support of the fundraiser to staff members, family members, vendors and the community at-large. As a generous prize, the staff of the Building and Grounds department donated a day of their home and landscaping services to the lucky winner, who turned out to be New Visions family member Harriet Dickinson.



Saturday, June 5 the Building and Grounds department staff all turned up at Harriet's house to do some painting, lawn care and landscaping, garage cleaning and general sprucing up, all free of charge, as part of her winnings. Following their hard work, Harriet sent a letter to New Visions that stated, "Our humble home, inside and outside, now shines due to the twelve wonderful, friendly workers who gave up their Saturday. They cleaned, repaired, painted, all very professionally, were needed, all with a smile. I thank each one of them, and wish the best for all." Following the day's work, the Building and Grounds department stated that Harriet was such a joy, they were happy to help her out.



Claudette and Gary read the lucky winner's name.

The Building and Grounds department plans to hold the popular fundraiser annually in order to benefit New Visions. Look for a flyer in early 2011 regarding the next raffle – maybe you'll be the lucky winner next time!



Yard work...



Making everything shine!



Repairs...

Human Resources Department Organizes First New Visions Health Fair



June 13, 2010 the New Visions Human Resources department planned and held the first New Visions Health Fair in the cafeteria at our Center on Krumkill Road in Slingerlands. With dozens of health care providers and health and fitness vendors on hand to staff booths and hand out free literature and giveaways, New Visions staff members flocked to the event to participate. There were lots of raffles and prize winners, free healthy snacks and activities for adults and children alike.

Kim Conor, who took the lead to organize the health fair, said she was very pleased with the results. “We got a lot of terrific vendors, and the turnout by the staff was really great,” Conor said. Conor says the Human Resources department will plan to hold the event annually as long as so many staff are interested. “Our goal is to offer free information on health in a variety of fun ways to help our staff stay well and learn healthy habits,” said Conor. In addition to the health fair, the Human Resources department has also started a Weight Watchers program, a smoking cessation program and a Zumba fitness program to aid New Visions staff in their quest to live a healthy lifestyle.

Conor and the rest of the Human Resources team have free health information available to any New Visions staff who are interested. Simply contact the Human Resources department and start on your way to a healthier tomorrow today.

The Medicaid Service Department Works Behind The Scenes In Support Of Many Projects

In addition to their work on behalf of program participants and their families, the New Visions Medicaid Service Coordinators (MSC's) work tirelessly behind the scenes year-round volunteering on a variety of projects that enhance the lives of many people at our organization.

In our last *Perspectives* newsletter, the cover story focused on our holiday donation drive, and in particular, the holiday donation tree that was created to generate gifts for deserving program participants. It was due in large part to the efforts of the MSC department that the tree was created. The MSC's were also responsible for all the candy grams that were sold in order to generate funds, and many of them spent days in preparation. For the tree, the MSC's made and decorated the angels, bought supplies, dressed up in holiday sweaters, wrapped gifts, assembled baskets and delivered items to families.

As we enter the Fall and we begin to think about the upcoming holidays, it is certain that our MSC department will once again be at the center of working to ensure that everyone at New Visions has a happy holiday. Please join us in thanking them for their work from last year, and in celebrating all that they will create this year. We do appreciate all their efforts on behalf of the people we serve and their families!

To contact our Medicaid Service Department, please call Kate Knight at (518) 935-4343 or write to her via email at Kknight@newvisionsofalbany.org

Help Us Make A World of Difference...

Become a New Visions Volunteer!

Are you interested in a volunteer opportunity that will really make a difference in someone's life?

At New Visions, we offer a variety of rewarding volunteer opportunities that are not only fun and challenging, but that will also truly make a significant, positive impact in the life of a person with a developmental disability.

Volunteer opportunities are available working either directly with our program participants or in clerical capacities in the following areas:

- ★ Day Habilitation Program
- ★ Day Training Workshop
- ★ Residential Program
- ★ Administration



If you have the time, talent and desire to help someone grow, we have been looking for you.

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact New Visions at (518) 459-0750 or visit us online at www.newvisionsofalbany.org, click on the Volunteer Opportunities page and complete and submit the online form.

*Become a New Visions volunteer today
and help us make our community stronger
- one person at a time*

Profiles Of Progress: John Sullivan

By Annie Ehrlich, Cost Accountant

John Sullivan has been in service to others most of his life. John was born in New York City and raised in the Westchester County area where he attended high school and one year of college. Drafted into the army in 1967, he served his one-year term in the Army Signal Corps in Vietnam, leaving with an honorable discharge. On returning home, for some time, he ran a small inn in Mamaroneck, New York, a family business. For over 20 years, John was also a volunteer fireman. He married in 1985 and has a wife and daughter.

Over the years, John had developed problems but was not aware of what was wrong. These problems developed further, ultimately causing him to be homeless and alone. He was sent to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany, New York where he was treated for depression and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). As part of his treatment, John took part in Compensated Work Therapy (CWT), a vocational program provided by Veteran's Administration. With assistance from CWT, he applied for a position in the New Visions Janitorial Training Program.



Since August, 2001, John has worked on several of the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) janitorial contracts on the Harriman State Campus to include Buildings 1, 1a, 2, 4, 5, 7, 7a, 8, 8a, 9. He particularly enjoyed his time in Building 5, where the Department of Agriculture and Markets was located (his college major was biological sciences). Currently John is working in Building 8, Tax and Finance, and enjoys meeting new people. He is friendly and well-liked by his supervisor, his co-workers and the tenants of the building.

With the help of NYSID and New Visions, John believes that the job has given him a second chance in life to prove to himself that he can hold a 40-hour-per-week position and be stable, and he is very proud of this accomplishment. He feels this job has been a major factor in helping him to keep his life together. His paycheck not only pays his bills but is a reminder of what he has accomplished. Without this job, he feels he might still be hospitalized.

In his spare time, John spends weekends with his family in Bainbridge, New York and enjoys reading biographies and books on history. He has traveled extensively, visiting Europe, Ireland and Mexico, continuing an interest his father introduced to him. Antique cars and vehicles are an avid interest of his, as are attending car shows and reading antique car magazines. Model A's from the 1930's are his main interest.

For his future employment goals, John would like to learn new skills, moving on to a supervisory position where he could train others. His goal for his free time would be to travel the United States and purchase an antique car for show.

We congratulate John for his long service, sense of responsibility, commitment to work and helping others and for his independent decision making and sense of humor. We are proud that he is a part of New Visions.

**Please Visit Our Web Site at
www.newvisionsofalbany.org**

Team “New Visions” Takes On CDPHP Workforce Challenge



Team New Visions CDPHP Workforce Challenge competitors did it once again this year in May, and we congratulate their efforts.

Chuck Terry, Rob Paley, Jonathan Brumley, Dan Schamberg, Nicole Palma, Ashley Crandall, Angelina LoCascio and Amanda Mabee all participated in the race.

Team New Visions finished very well as the co-ed team of Chuck, Rob, Nicole and Ashley complete the race 8th out of 230 co-ed teams. We're very proud to report that the overall champion of the race was, once again, our own Chuck Terry, who has finished first in three of the last four races with a second place finish last year.

Congratulations to all for their efforts.

In Memoriam

In the last several months, some beloved members of our New Visions family sadly passed away. We remember them with kind thoughts and happy memories, and our hearts go out to their families.

Benito DeMaria

Butch King

Linda Shufelt



Spotlight On: Peter Parent

By Patricia Russo-Scott, Director of Day Habilitation

Peter Parent started program at New Visions in August 31, 1995. Peter aged out of school and began attending the Day Treatment Program (which is currently Day Habilitation). Peter is very personable and social. Right off the bat, he made many friends at New Visions. Over the 15 years that Peter has been in the program, he seems to know everyone.

Peter has many interests. He is a wonderful artist and submits his work yearly to the annual art show. Peter is an avid sports fan. He loves NASCAR racing, and you will often see him wearing apparel adorned with the name of his favorite driver. Currently, that's Kevin Harvick, but Peter tends to have several favorites. Peter also collects NASCAR memorabilia. Peter also enjoys baseball, football and basketball. Peter is also interested in video games, wrestling and other TV shows. Peter volunteers in the community through the Day Habilitation Program. He enjoys and is very productive at the Regional Food Bank and the Beverwyck Retirement Center.

Peter is also a big helper. He is the “roadie” for the recreation department. The recreation department holds many special events and activities throughout the year. Peter is their set-up man. He sets up props, chairs, tables, decorations, etc. He also will help with the break down and clean up after these events. During the annual picnic, Peter will help the Building and Grounds Department move tables and chairs outside under the tent. Peter also works with staff at lunch time to distribute beverages and paper goods to people having lunch.

Over the past few years, Peter has expanded his horizons. He spent some time in the janitorial program, working and earning a paycheck. Peter has recently moved on to work in the workshop part time and continues in Day Habilitation part time. Peter likes to enjoy the best of both worlds.



Peter Parent

A conversation with Sean Curran...

By Brian Hayes, Formerly with New Visions Food Service

I sat down recently with Sean Curran, a program participant who works in our Day Training Program and is a huge help in our cafeteria here at New Visions. There were a variety of topics we discussed that morning and Sean was more than happy to answer my questions.

Sean is 45 years old, lives in Delmar with his mom and has been coming to New Visions for approximately 10 years. He has two sisters and one brother – not to mention two brother-in-laws which Sean was quick to point out - and both of Sean's parents were born in Ireland. When he is not working at our Krumkill Road facility, Sean enjoys going to his sister Maria's house for barbecue dinners, watching golf on television and listening to music. His favorite music choices include Irish Tenor songs, Christmas music around the holidays as well as Kenny Rogers & John Denver.



Sean Curran

Sean is a big sports fan who loves his hometown teams, the New York Giants and New York Yankees. When I told him I was a New York Mets and Dallas Cowboys fan he said, "That's ok, my brother-in-law is a Cowboys fan (no comment on the Mets)." During the summer, Sean assists his nephews' baseball team as the Equipment Manager and has been to the Giants training camp @ the University at Albany with the pictures to prove it. His favorite meal hands down he said has to be his sister Maria's Goulash, but without the cheese, because it gives him a "bad belly." His staple lunch is one of my favorites – a peanut butter & jelly sandwich!

I have had the chance to work with Sean in our kitchen for the past several years and I can tell you that Sean is not afraid to work. His main position at Krumkill Road is with the Day Training program but he assists the cafeteria on a weekly basis. He is always asking to assist with any job that needs to be done and especially likes working with Katie Bocketti our Vocational Trainer. Sean likes most to be in the dish room at the end of the day when he has finished doing all the dishes and the room is clean. He has expressed to me that he would like to help with catering events in the future. When asked which program at New Visions he enjoys most, Sean answered, "The kitchen because I make more money!" I asked him what he buys for himself with his hard earned paychecks and he told me his favorite purchases are baseball hats and visors.

Hopefully, you enjoyed learning a little more about Sean Curran, as I did, and what he brings to New Visions on a daily basis. If you see him in the hallway say hi, he will be the one wearing the Yankees cap with a smile.

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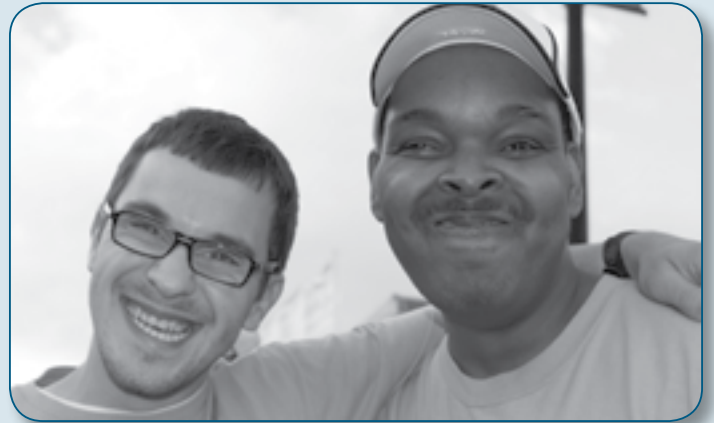
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Once again, the Spring and Summer kept us very busy with all sorts of fun happenings. Walking club, our annual Gala, the 5K Run & Mile Walk, a Golf Tournament, volunteering at Alive at Five, picnics, days in the park, water fun and sports of all kinds were only some of the things we did. Take a look at these photos to see just how much fun we had, and relive with us some great moments as we bid the Summer farewell!



Waiting to board



Mugging for the Camera



Our first Health Fair!



Michael smiles with Lindsay and Liz



Summer days with friends



Dawn meets Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sam Messina

Community Employment Award

June 2, 2010, Michelle Goldman, Chair of the Committee on Special Education for the Bethlehem School District, receives a Special Recognition Award from Patricia Dowse, Vice President of Operations for the New York State Rehabilitation Association. Ms. Kriegler, Director of Community Employment for New Visions states that the award was given to Michelle for, "the imaginative ways Michelle has found to create opportunities for students with developmental disabilities. Michelle really pushed the envelope and was a true partner working with us and with local businesses on behalf of the students."



New Visions Community Employment Presents Award to Michelle Goldman of the Bethlehem School District

Pictured are, l to r, Patricia Dowse, Vice President of Operations for the New York State Rehabilitation Association, Inc., Kathleen Fitzgerald, Assistant Program Director of Community Employment for

New Visions, Jane Kriegler, Director of Community Employment for New Visions, Michelle Goldman, award recipient and Chair of the Committee on Special Education for the Bethlehem School District, Dr. Michael D. Tebbano, Superintendent of the Bethlehem School District and James E. Deving, President of the Bethlehem Board of Education.

6th Annual Golf Tournament at Shaker Ridge Country Club

Monday, September 13, the New Visions Foundation held its 6th Annual Golf Classic at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville. With many local golfers and business owners in attendance, in addition to New Visions Board of Directors members, staff, family members and volunteers, the event was a tremendous success and, as in years past, helped to raise funds and awareness in support of the programs and services of New Visions. In addition to a day of golf, the event featured a cocktail hour, dinner, silent auction and raffles throughout the event.

On behalf of everyone at New Visions, we would like to thank the following Sponsors who helped to make this event and the important work it supports possible:

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Mark your calendar and save the date Monday, September 12, 2011 to join us for our 7th Annual Golf Classic, to be held once again at the Shaker Ridge Country Club as part of our 60th Anniversary!

For further information about donations and sponsorships please contact Margie Sheehan, Director of Communications, Public Relations & Development, At (518) 935-4334 or via email at msheehan@newvisionsofalbany.org

Thank You To Everyone Who Helped To Make The New Visions Foundation's 6th Annual Springfest Grant-A-Gift Gala A Tremendous Success!

By Margie Sheehan, Director of Communications, Public Relations and Development

Friday, June 4, 2010, more than 200 people attended the New Visions Foundation's 6th Annual Grant-A-Gift Gala celebration at the New Visions Center in Slingerlands, New York. The celebration, which included butlered Hors d'oeuvres, elegant carving stations, and open bar and a chocolate fountain, also featured a live and silent auction to benefit the programs, services and people with developmental and other disabilities served by New Visions.

Benita Zahn, News Anchor of WNYT News Channel 13, served as the event's emcee, and LeGrande Serras, Owner of Reel Seafood, was the evening's Celebrity Auctioneer. Mr. Serras has personally helped to raise over \$11 million for Capital Region non-profit organizations, and once again lent his talents to the New Visions Foundation to make the Gala truly memorable.

This year's honorees included Senator Neil Breslin, recipient

of the Civil Service Award, Shaker Ridge Country Club, recipient of the Community Service Award and Diane Mean, recipient of the Special Achievement Award. Congratulations to these award winners for their achievements. We are proud to have them as part of our community.

Now in its 6th year, the New Visions Foundation Gala event has become a premier event in the community, raising funds and awareness in support of New Visions work and mission on behalf of people with developmental and other disabilities. All proceeds from the annual Gala even help New Visions ensure continuing supports, services and opportunities for people who live, work and volunteer in our community.

All of us at New Visions would like to thank the following business owners and community leaders who participated in this year's event with the donations and volunteerism that make the success of the Gala possible - we couldn't have done it without you!

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Top right: Benita Zahn of WNYT Channel 13 emcees the Gala, pictured here with Michael Breslin, Albany County Executive. Center: Andrew F. McKenzie, Executive Director, presents award to Diane Mead. At Left: LeGrande Serras as Celebrity Auctioneer works the room.

New Visions & New Visions Foundation

Ways To Donate

There are many ways to donate to New Visions and/or the New Visions Foundation. Listed below are the funds we currently have available to receive donations. **Donations may be cash, check, credit card and/or gifts of stock/securities. We also accept monthly automatic checking account donations.** If the method in which you wish to donate to New Visions or the New Visions Foundation is not listed below, please contact the New Visions Development Office by telephone at (518) 935-4334 or via email at msheehan@newvisionsofalbany.org We are happy to accommodate your contribution and the manner in which you wish to make it.

New Visions Annual Fund

The New Visions Annual Fund was established to support the unfunded and under-funded programs and services we offer through donor contributions. Cultural, educational and recreational opportunities are inadequately or completely unsupported by existing funding sources. Consequently, the money to support these activities which greatly enhance the life experience of the people we serve, comes through grants provided by the New Visions Foundation Grant Program. Supporting this program are contributions raised throughout the year on behalf of our Annual Fund. Your gift to this important general fund will be used to enrich and improve the opportunities, experiences and lives of the people we serve in a variety of ways.

New Visions Educational Fund

Donations to this fund will purchase supplemental materials for educational purposes to support the many under-funded classroom activities at New Visions. Funding is always needed to purchase reading material, audio/visual equipment, classroom supplies and other essentials for educational projects.

New Visions Music Fund

The New Visions music program would benefit from donations with which to purchase musical instruments, sound equipment, sheet music, musical adaptors and other materials to assist with engaging our program participants in music and song. The goal of the New Visions music program is to introduce music as a means of communication, recreation and/or artistic expression for people with developmental disabilities.

New Visions Art Fund

Donations to this fund will purchase art supplies and will help to support art direction for the many projects New Visions program participants are involved with. Every year in May, New Visions hosts its "Spring Membership meeting and Art Show," which is a juried art show every New Visions

program participant can enter with the creation of an artistic project of their choice. Your contribution to this fund will help to ensure that art as a creative outlet and means of communication and expression is ensured for all New Visions program participants.

Milton & Sylvia Kaplan Human Services Scholarship Fund

This scholarship allows New Visions employees who are seeking further educational opportunities in the field of developmental disabilities to enhance their education with funds provided by the New Visions Foundation. We are interested in the growth of this scholarship because it will allow a greater number of employees to benefit from the funds it provides as it grows. Your contribution to this fund will help to ensure our employees greater opportunities for education, and will, in turn provide our program participants a better experience with New Visions.

Kaplan Staff Retention Fund

This fund was designed as a means of providing New Visions employees with a variety of incentives and rewards to make their employment experience a positive one, and in this way maintain a strong, dedicated workforce for the people we serve. Your contribution to this fund will allow us to offer more opportunities for incentives and rewards for our employees, ensuring a positive experience for our program participants and their families.

Residential Computers Fund

This fund was established to enhance our effort to bring integrated computer technology to all of our community residences. We are in the process of creating a state-of-the-art communication system in our residential program that will provide the utmost safety and security for the many residents who live in our homes. Your donation to this fund will be used to help us complete this important project on behalf of all of our residents with developmental disabilities.

New Visions Day Habilitation Fund

Donations to this fund will support the programs, services, activities and events of the New Visions Day Habilitation department, including classroom activities and community volunteer and recreation opportunities.

New Visions Day Training Fund

Donations to this fund will support the programs, services, activities and events of the New Visions Day Training department, including social skills improvement, vocational training, work skill instruction and supported employment preparation.

Ways To Donate, *continued*

New Visions Community Employment Fund

Donations to this fund will support the programs, services, activities and events of the New Visions Community Employment department, including assistance with job placement, job training and ongoing employment supports and services which include coaching and career counseling.

Holiday Donation Fund

Contributions to the New Visions Holiday Donation Fund will help to provide a brighter holiday experience for those people and families we serve who need your assistance. Many of the program participants in our Day Habilitation, Residential, Day Training and Community Employment programs are in need and will be helped by your donation of any amount to this important fund.

Planned/Deferred Giving

Planned/deferred legacy gifts are a wonderful way to continue to support your loved one and/or others with developmental disabilities at New Visions in perpetuity. Your planned/deferred gift can be made in a variety of ways, including will/testament estate planning, charitable remainder trusts and pooled income funds. Your donation can be designated as unrestricted to support the New Visions Foundation endowment, or restricted to benefit the New Visions fund of your choice. Your decision to leave a legacy gift to New Visions will help generations of people with developmental disabilities in our community

Yes, I would like to help the people served by New Visions with my donation, designated as indicated below:

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