Decennial Report

The Evolution of Our Agency Name and Logo

1948 Cerebral Palsy Association of the Ithaca Area

1956 Association for the Cerebral Palsied and Children

1963 The Special Children’s Center

1999 Fransiskz Racker Centers

2017 Racker

Since 1999, we’ve celebrated the incredible legacy of our namesake—long-time medical director, Dr. Franziska Racker—a legacy built on strength-based supports and inclusion and bolster belonging. As we worked toward the creation of a new brand, we knew that we wanted to continue to honor the work and enduring spirit of Dr. Racker, while balancing the evolving ways in which we support individuals with disabilities and their families in Tompkins, Cortland and Tioga counties. Our work is mothers-and-fathers-and-everyone meeting that support us where they live and learn, so “Centers” no longer sent an accurate message of the important work we do here as families and communities were referring to us, simply, as “Racker.” So, as we looked toward our 70th Anniversary in 2018, we made the decision to change the name to Racker—a change that more accurately reflects who we are now, while holding firmly to the vision that Dr. Racker so passionately advocated for during her 28 years with the agency—the vision of a world where all people know they belong.

Annual Report 2017

December of 2017 Racker Unveiled a New Logo!

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**Our MISSION is to support people with disabilities and their families to lead fulfilling lives by providing opportunities to learn and be connected with others.**

**WE ENVISION a world where all people know they belong.**