

2011 annual report



BREAKING GROUND: MAKING ROOM





Notes from Roger

It is hard to characterize years without some "yes buts". Many good things happened, including almost three thousand people and their families achieving goals with our wonderful staff. 2011 was also a year of a devastating flood, which badly affected Tioga and neighboring counties. And New York State in a big way cut their expenses without tempering the costs of human services for vulnerable people.

Franziska Racker is resilient because it has to be. But that comes at a cost to staff, who lost some benefits, went through the year without raises, and had in many cases to increase productivity from an already high standard. We did not reduce programs or services, and continued to provide useful supports as we

**The future is always the undiscovered country,
one that we can influence and not just wait for.**

have always done. 2011 reminds us that the advocacy part of our Mission is not finished. We never argue for the status quo, and it is clear to us that we could be very effective helpers if regulators backed off and there was more flexibility and creativity in how money can be spent. The future is always the undiscovered country, one that we can influence and not just wait for. All of the Centers futures have been positive, and I expect that to continue.

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Phyllis Joyce
Vice-President: John Rudd
Treasurer: Kara Taylor
Secretary: Howard Schler

DIRECTORS
Bob Bantle
Yvonne M. Everhart
Elizabeth Gesin
Dr. Jeffrey Lewis
Stephen Lipinski
Brian McAree
David McNeil
Gail Murphy
Cal Organ
Christine Schweitzer
Kevin Shreve
James Willard

EMERITI DIRECTORS
Dave Dunlop
Sam Forcucci
Margaret Gibson
Tom Longin
Dan McNeil
Dave Palmer
Chuck Tompkins
Fred A. (Ben) Williams

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS
W. David Banfield
Carolyn Bartell
Tom Bohn
Sam Brewer
Karin Burgess
Daphne Cornell
Rick Cowan
John Crosby
Eugene C. Erickson
Jerome Hass
Meg Keilbach
Richie Moran
Kate O'Connell
Sarah Rich, Ph.D.
George Schneider
Paul Steiger
James Turner, Ph.D.
Cal Walker
Jen Whittaker
Eugene Yarussi

BREAKING GROUND: MAKING ROOM

2011 was a busy year! We broke ground and began construction on our "Making Room" project in July. The project is moving along beautifully! First contractors completed the much needed asbestos abatement in the preschool building. Then they began the renovations, installing the new heating and cooling systems. Work also continues on the addition of the new 9,000 square feet for program space and our new Learning Center. Our plan is to have all the renovations completed by July 1, just in time to move the children back into their beautifully renovated school for summer session 2012. We will cut the ribbon on our new Learning Center on Friday, October 12, and you are invited!

Dan Brown, Associate Executive Director, and Roger Sibley, Executive Director, in front of what will be the new entrance to the agency and the Learning Center.



"MAKING ROOM" CHALLENGE MATCH ANNOUNCED

We are encouraged by the wonderful support we have received for this project. While our "Making Room" Capital Campaign heads into the final phase of fundraising, our goal of \$3.5 million is within reach. We passed the \$3 million mark at the end of 2011 and to help us get to goal, we are thrilled to announce our "Making Room" Challenge Match. Thanks to the generosity of a special group of donors we are calling our Match-Makers, we have a \$200,000 Challenge Match to take us to goal. This match is given to help us raise the last dollars needed to complete our fundraising and is also in honor of our executive director of 33 years Roger Sibley.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "MAKING ROOM" AND THE CHALLENGE MATCH, AND TO GET INVOLVED, CALL PERRI LOPINTO AT 607.272.5891 x 234.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS MATCH-MAKERS:

- CARGILL DEICING TECHNOLOGIES
- MARGARET "GIBBY" GIBSON
- EMERSON POWER TRANSMISSION
- THE UNITED WAY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY SHIPHERD FUND
- THE TRIAD FOUNDATION
- TOMPKINS TRUST COMPANY
- DAVID AND CHRISTINE MCNEIL

At her son EJ's 15 month well check up, Shelby communicated to the Doctor that she didn't feel her son's development was on track with other children his age. She noticed that EJ's language skills were delayed and that he wasn't as social as other children. EJ's pediatrician recommended contacting Early Intervention Services. This was Shelby's first encounter with Kim DeRouchie, Service Coordinator for Tioga County Early Intervention. "Kim is great, and she's been so easy to work with, first with EJ, and then when I needed her help again with EJ's younger brother Orion," states Shelby.

Kim assessed EJ in the family's home and did share Shelby's concern that EJ may have a disorder on the autism spectrum. EJ immediately began speech and occupational therapy through Tioga County's Early Intervention Program. Through Kim's suggestion, Shelby decided to pursue an evaluation through Dr. Karen Fried, Director of Autism Services at Racker Centers. Upon that evaluation, EJ was diagnosed with autism.

As EJ approached his third birthday, the age at which he would no longer qualify to receive Early Intervention Services; Shelby began to research various program options. That is when she learned of the Special Education Preschool program run by Racker Centers at the Washington Gladden site in Owego. She visited and was immediately sold on the site and the integrated program after meeting with Tessa Zimmerman, a Racker Centers' social worker, as well as Marcy Luffman, preschool special education teacher and Ruth Harders, teaching assistant. "EJ started preschool in September of 2010, and since then he has just taken off," states Shelby.



EJ had a vocabulary of approximately 5-10 words at the start of preschool and knew five basic signs. He was very non-verbal. Marcy and Ruth worked tirelessly with EJ in his first few months of school. He was Ruth's shadow, and was eager to see the school staff every day including Abram (Abe) Dyson, another Aide in the preschool program. Now in his second full year of preschool, Shelby states, "You would never know two years ago that he did not talk!" Miraculously, with Marcy's suggestions and through closely working together, classroom staff and Shelby were able to get EJ completely toilet trained in just two weeks this past fall.

Anne Seepersaud is the Service Coordinator at Franziska Racker Centers who has worked with EJ since he started

in the preschool program. Her role is to work with the preschool therapists, the teacher and Shelby so they can all work as a team to best meet EJ's needs. Anne states, "Shelby is very involved and is great to work with. She wanted to receive ongoing communication from EJ's therapists and teachers through a communication book and emails. I was the intermediary among everyone so that Shelby was receiving the information she needed to continue EJ's work at home." In addition to facilitating this teamwork, an important role of Service Coordination

EJ'S SOCIAL SKILLS ARE AMAZING NOW. WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN PLAY GROUPS; HE PLAYS WITH HIS YOUNGER BROTHER.

is providing the family with information on community supports that are developmentally appropriate. Anne assisted Shelby in securing funding for "Mommy and Me" gymnastics classes for her and EJ, so EJ could become more involved in the community. In addition, Anne helped the family secure designated funds for fire extinguishers for their home, and assisted Shelby in utilizing Racker Centers' Family Support Respite services so that Shelby had the resources for someone to watch the boys when she needed to run errands. "It sounds small, but sometimes these small things make life so much easier for the family," Anne states.

For the last six months, the preschool team has worked with Shelby on helping EJ transition from preschool to prepare him for Kindergarten. Anne set up a tour of the Candor Elementary school and facilitated a meeting with Shelby and the special education teacher there. Through all of this teamwork, Shelby is now better aware of the typical skills that a kindergartener needs to be successful.

Shelby states, "EJ's social skills are amazing now. We can participate in play groups; he plays with his younger brother. He is not shy. In fact, he is very polite and very respectful." Mary Balfour, EJ's speech language pathologist agrees. "He knows and uses the names of his peers and familiar adults, as well as polite language. To remember that he was nonverbal just a year ago makes his progress astonishing."

Shelby doesn't know what she would do without the services available through the county and Franziska



Pictured Above (left to right) Special Education Teacher Marcy Luffman, Service Coordinator Anne Seepersaud, EJ, Teaching Assistant Ruth Harders and Speech Language Pathologist Mary Balfour

Racker Centers. Her youngest son, Orion, will start in the 3-5 year program at Racker Centers' Owego site this summer. "With all of the progress that EJ has made, I am excited just to see what will happen now. Their needs are so different and they are each being accommodated in different ways," says Shelby. "Racker Centers' staff really tries to help us with whatever we need, from Anne to the tireless work of Marcy, Ruth, Abe, Mary and all of the staff in the preschool that have helped us over the last two years."

EJ with his mother, Shelby, and brother, Orion



Preschoolers Gregory, EJ, Malackhi and Michael pose for a photograph at the Owego Preschool site.

“Making Room” CAMPAIGN DONORS **estate gift*

CORNERSTONE GIFTS

Jean Dunlavey*
Margaret Gibson
Cargill Deicing Technologies
Kevin P. Stearns*
Triad Foundation

Kust Polho*
BorgWarner Morse TEC
Dave and Peggy Dunlop
Emerson Power Transmission Corp.
J.M. McDonald Foundation
Anonymous

KEYSTONE GIFTS

Cornell University
John and Ann Racker Costello
Bob and Vanne Cowie
Don and Sue Dickinson
Fred L. Emerson Foundation
Norma Jayne*
Catharine Joyce

Dr. Howard Kelley* and Family
Judith K. Leavitt
Dan and Rose McNeil
David and Christine McNeil
Roger and Carole Sibley
Tompkins Trust Company
United Way of Tompkins County
Wegmans Food Markets
Eugene and Jeanne Yarussi

MILESTONE GIFTS

John and Elaine Alexander
Dan and Eve Brown
CFCU Community Credit Union

Tim and Mary Ann Colbert
Legacy Foundation of Tompkins County
Steve and Kathy Lipinski
Philip and Peggy Meyer
Deb Streeter and Tom Owens

STEPPING STONE GIFTS

Anonymous
Barry and Molly Adams
Bob and Melinda Bantle
Benefit Design Services Corporation
Tom and Donna Bohn
Percy Browning
Cayuga Radio Group
Gene and Ann Erickson
Sam and Anna Forcucci
Charles and Linda Garbo
Mary and Brad Grainger
Max’s Grandparents
Harris Beach PLLC
Greg and Bev Hartz
Haylor, Freyer & Coon

The Helen Thomas Foundation as
administered by the Community
Foundation of Tompkins County
Gregg Hoffmire and Leslie Raymond
Robert and Mary Hutchens
Ithaca Sertoma Club
Phyllis and Lanny Joyce
Kevin and Lindsey Kauffman
Meg and Eric Keilbach
Lane Family Fund of the Community
Foundation
Stuart and Ruth Lewis
Perri and Mick LoPinto
McKinnon Marketing Group
Richie and Pat Moran
Gail Murphy
Northwestern Mutual
Cal and Joan Organ

Dave and Shirley Palmer
Tom and Betsy Salm
Howard and Lauren Schler
Fred Schneider and Mimi Bussan
George and Bobbie Schneider
Andrew and Rosemary Sciarabba
Sciarabba Walker & Co. LLP
Jody and Kent Scriber
Kevin and Lynn Shreve
Solstice Group
Ceil Spero
Chuck Tauck
Tompkins Charitable Gift Fund
Elizabeth van Leer
Mark and Lynn Weidman
Erik and Deborah Whitney
Jen and Sean Whittaker
Joel and Cathy Zumoff

FRIENDS OF THE CAMPAIGN

Anonymous
Affiliated Psychological Consultants, P.C.
Pete Akins and Connie Ged
Kazi Akther and Zia Ahmed
Rena G. Anderson
Daniel and Janet Aneshansley
Jennifer Aneshansley
Robert Aronson
Neil and Judith Ashcroft
Erin Aylward
Beverly Backus
Beverly Baker
Jacoba Baker
Rosella Baker
Caren Baldini
Martje Baldini
Fred and Helene Ballantyne
Paul and Diane Banfield
David and Mary Lee Banfield
Rick and Maryanne Banks
Suzanne and Curtis Banta
J. Robert Barlow
Carolyn and Gene Bartell
Elizabeth Bassette
Roger Batchelder
Walter and Marilyn Baurle
Rosanne Beach
James Beatty
Steven and Beverly Beer
Elizabeth Behler
Vida and Vaugh Behn
Bernard and Linda Beins
William and Nancy Bellamy
Bill and Louise Bement
Caroline Bennett
Thomas and Joyce Bennett
Crystal Benton
Arthur Berkey
Anne and Ted Berrien
Robert and Phyllis Betzler
Binder Electric Corporation
Erik Bitterbaum and Ellen Burton
Richard and Louann Biviano
Paul and Suzy Blanchard
Katie Boardman
Nancy Fuhr Bonn and Fred Bonn
Coert Bonthius
Joseph and Cheryl Borden
Beverly Bortz
Michael Bovi
Monica Brace
Joel and Susan Brock
Bethany Brown and Bradley Smith
Creighton and Doris Brown
Gina Brown
Paul Brown
David and Joan Brumberg
Francis and Joyce Budney
Sue Budney
James Bugh
Elizabeth Burdick
Karin Burgess
Albert and Mary Burkhardt
Doris Burton
Jim and Terry Byrnes
Dr. and Mrs. Leo Cacciotti
Cecilia Campbell and Deborah Gagnon
Michael and Michelle Cannon
Patricia Carden
Stanley and Carol Carpenter
Joseph and Jackie Cassaniti
Mary Louise Caughey
Cayuga Landscape
Cayuga Signs
David Cedarbaum

Judith Chabon
Larry and Arlene Chase
William and Anne Chernish
Tony and Roberta Chiesa
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tony and Jill Ciccone
James M. Cirona
Andrea Clark
Leslie and Benjamin Clarke
Leslie and Kay Cleland
Roy and Alma Coats
Helen S. Cogan
Communiq  Design & Marketing
Margaret Congdon
Pamela Conklin
George and Diane Conneman
Betty Cook
Dean Corbin
Brad and Nancy Corbitt
Daphne and Ezra Cornell
Cortland Eye Center
Maria Cotterill
Walton and Jean Cottrell
Rick and Jill Cowan
Gerry and Caroline Cox
John Crosby
William Currie/Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Rick and Marlane Darfler
P.C.T. and Joan DeBoer
David Delchamps
Dorothy Delisle and Shawn Pompe
Victor and Jean Delisle
Susan Detzer
Martin and Sandra Deutsch
Martha and Bill DeWire
Roy and Fran Dexheimer
Ann Dexter
Chuck and Cris Donovan
Dora Donovan
David Dresser
Dan and Patricia Drewry
Mildred Drosdoff
Horton and Shirley Durfee
Timothy and Susan Durnford
Ronald Dyer
Jan Dyson
Mildred Earl
Florence Earley
Sandra L. Ehrlich
Maria Eisner
Elmira Savings Bank
Nancy Emerson and Roy Luft
Arvilla Enck
Lawrence Endo and Caron Bove
Virginia Estabrook
Chuck and Yvonne Everhart
Kelly Faircloth
Jerry Feist and Joyce Marsh
Martha Ferger
Angela Fey
Myra Fincher
First National Bank of Dryden
Stephanie Fitzpatrick
Frank and Gail Flannery
Christine and Brian Flannigan
Stephen and Elena Flash
Wayne and Maralyn Fleming
Steve Fontana and Carla Galbraith
Barbara Foote
Sheila and Rob Foote
Olan and Katie Forker
Michael Forster
Raymond Fox
Frontenac Designs
John H. L. Fuchs
Susan Fuller
Michele Gallagher
Greg and Betsy Galvin
Kathleen Garner

Lowell Garner and Susan Lustick
Reeder and Sally Gates
Liz and Jon Gesin
Nancy Gibson
Meg Gillard
Graham Gillespie
Mary Gilligan
Carl Ginet and Sally McConnell Ginet
Ronald and Sandra Gladstone
Glenwood Pines Restaurant
Tammy Goddard
Connie Goldsmith
Lawrence Golinker and Joy Blumkin
Bonnie Gordon
John and Sandra Gorman
Julia Gorman
John and Nancy Gould
Raymond Gozzi and Barbara Logan
Charles and Margery Grace
Carolyn Greenwald and Adam Schaye
Helen Grippio
Rip and Pat Haley
Lyna Jean Hall
Mary Harcourt
Joan and Dave Hardie
Skip and Holly Hardie
Jessie Harper
Helen Hartnett
Howard Hartnett
Jerry and Joan Hass
Barbara Hatt
Charles and Liz Heath
Betty Helsper
Marjorie Helsper
Sue Hemsath
Cindy Henderson
Robert and Imo Joyce Herrick
David and Joan Herskovits
Jane Hexter
Erik Hobart
Edward and Susan Hooks
Neal Howard
Thomas Howarth
Marion Howe
Melody Howe
Amanda Hubbard
Richard and Irene Hubbell
Gordon and Margaret Huckle
Elizabeth Hudson
Heather and Bill Hughes
Elwood and Janet Hulbert
David Hunsberger
Catherine Husa and Sami Husseini
Ithaca Plumbing Supply
Kathleen Jacklin
Jake and Janet Jacoby
Andre and Jean Jagendorf
Mark and Mickie Jauquet
Jim Ray Mobile Homes
Jim Johnston and Linda Mack
Gabrielle Jonassen
Deborah Jones
Gerald Jones
Kenneth and Joyce Jones
Ralph and Jane Jones
Susan Kaplan
William and Mary Kennedy
John and Nancy Kidney
Irene Kiely
Joe and Patty Kiely
Judson and Suzanne Kilgore
Suzanne Kilts
Jerome Kleisath
Barbara Klockowski
George Kobas and Linda Grace-Kobas
Judith Komor
Mark and Marcie Kredt
Kyle Kubick and Marie Garland
Brenda Kuhn and Andrew Yale

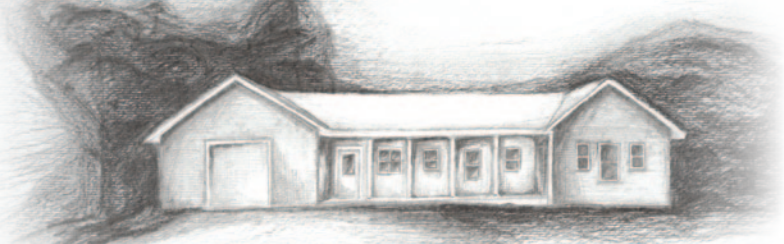
continued...

Rachel Lampert and David Squires
Douglas Ann Land
Carolyn Lange
Kim Lansdowne
Timm and Rhonda Lathwell
Vivian Laube
John Lauricella and Risa Mish
Janice Lawrence
Sally Lawrence
Fred and Linda Lenhard
Denise and Allan Lentini
Antoinette Levatich
Deborah Levin
Diane Levine
Jeffrey and Kristin Lewis
Cindy and Tom Lilly
Brian and Laurie Lindberg
Marcy Little
Nicole Lombardo
Barry and Glenda Long
Tom Longin and Nancy Tillinghast
Roslyn LoPinto
Audrey Lowe
Jack and Janet Lowe
Barbara Lust
Richard and Janet MacDonald
Rob and Maggie Mackenzie
Dorothy Makris
Ruth Mallula
Brooke Malone
Sally and Rick Manning
Sue and Jonathan Marks
Barbara and John Marmora
Lindsey Marsh
Herbert and Marie Marshall
Marvin and Annette Lee Foundation
Mark Masler and Bernice Potter-Masler
Dick and Sharon Matthews
Annemarie Mattison
Thomas and Patrice McAdams
Brian McAree and Kris Corda
Douglas McBride
Julie McChesney
John and Donna Dempster-McClain
James and Gladys McConkey
Jaydn McCune
Therese McDonald
Carolyn McGory
Patrick McKee and Phyllis Mazurski
Adrienne McNair
Dave McNamara
Phyllis McNeill
Mary Meeker
Marianne Mellinger
Alisa Mengel
Charles and Alleine Miller
Jeanette Miller
Lee and Sylvia Miller
Nina Miller
Gerald and Janet Miner
John and Cheryl Mitchell
Robert and Deborah Mitchell
Carmon and Marjorie Molino
Daniel Mont and Nanette Goodman
Pat and Victor Montanez
Florence Mosher
James and Connie Moyer
Adam and Maureen Mozeleski
Dale and Patricia Mueller
Margaret Munchmeyer
Barb Murphy
Susan Murphy
National Autism Association - Cortland Chapter
Carol Neigh
James Nichols
Cathe Oberlander
Brendan O'Brien
Kate O'Connell and Robert D'Addario
Marianne Odell

Marne O'Shae and Ira Kamp
Thomas and Kathleen Overbaugh
Mary Jean Palmiter
Corina Park and Mike Batsford
Lisa Pate
John and Ann Pavia
Marianne Pelletier
Renie and Marty Petrovic
Pi Kappa Phi
John and Beverly Poli
Larry and Pamela Postle
John Potter
The Reakes Family
Virginia Redder
David Redmond
Victor and Joyce Rendano
Charles and Ruth Reniff
Nicholas and Agnes Renzi
Bev Rhein-Fitzpatrick
Florence Ricciuti
Sarah Rich
Richards and McCutcheons DDS
Mary Richards
Richardson Bros. Electrical Contractors
Dorothy Rinaldo
Virginia K. Rinker
David Robbins
Laurie and Bill Roberts
Martha and Steve Robertson
Wendy Robertson and Doug Antczak
Dan and Becky Robinson
Elma Robinson
Duncan and Pauline Rogers
Peter and Donna Rogers
James and Marie Roloson
Bob and Eleanor Romanowski
Ward Romer
George and Kay Ross
Arthur and Ellen Rosten
Elliot and P. A. Rubinstein
John Rudd and Beverly Chin
Stellario and Barbara Ruggiero
Phillip and Marie Rumsey
Tudy Runningwater
Paul and Julianne Ruocco
William and Kathryn Russell
Marilyn Ryan
Sherrie Saluc
Carolyn Sampson
Steve and Karen Sass
Frank and Pauline Satterly
Catherine Savage
Erich and Cheryl Schaefer
Lauren Schler
Dan and Mary Ellen Schreher
David and Rebecca Schwed
Christine Schweitzer
Beatrice Schwoerer
Thomas Scott
Gwen Seaquist and Laurel Southard
Miles and Rose Seely
Shelley Semmler
Rose Marie Serignese
Margaret Shalaby
Bonita Shelford
Gregory Shenstone
Michael and Karen Shuler
Zachary Shulman
Henry and Sandy Sibley
Jody Sidle
Kirk Sigel
Michael and Sandra Simkin
Albert and Jeanette Sinnigen
Carlton Smith
Doug and Paula Smith
Elizabeth Smith
Robert Smith and Alice Moore
Tom and Elfriede Smith
Rob and Danya Snaveley
Margaret Solomon
Roxanne Sorrells

Fran Spadafora Manzella
John and Carol Spence
Squeaky Clean Car Wash
Paul Steiger
Diane Stevens
Guy Stillman
David Stinson and Elizabeth Ashford
Jean Stinson
David and Martha Stipanuk
Robert and Jean Storandt
Margaret (Peg) and Dave Stoyell
Janet and James Strait
Violet Street
Robert and Naomi Strichartz
Jean and Cushing Strout
Mebelo Stupke
Carol Sullivan
Robert Sweet
Joan Swenson
Marisue and David Taube
Kara and Eric Taylor
Mike and Judy Taylor
Audrey Terry
Larry and Alice Thayer
The Frame Shop
Therm Incorporated
Edward Thomas and Kathleen Strickland
Joseph and Margaret Thomas
Thomas L. Shields, DDS
Susan Thomas
Pamela Thorne
Chuck and Ann Tompkins
Frank and Melanie Towner
Jessica Traynor
Jeff True and Susan Schattschneider
Chris Truex
John and Pia Tucker
Thomas and Claudia Tull
Orlando Turco
James and Janice Turner
Robin Tuttle
David and Lucia Tyler
Tyler's Cleaners
Curt and Amanda Ufford
Dave Ulrich
Jon Ulrich
Marguerite and Norman Uphoff
John and Marilyn Van Duren
Harold and Cindy van Es
Frank Van Sickle II
Ari Van Tienhoven
Joan Van Vranken
Marcia Vann
Anthony Vipond and Lindsay Petrovic
Charles and Betty Waite
James Wallace, Ph.D.
Richard Warkentin and Dawn Kleeschulte
Warren Real Estate of Ithaca
Sandra Washington
William and Norma Wasmuth
Betty Watkins
Dix and Barbara Wayman
John Webster and Amy Russ
Paul and Fannie Welch
Mark and Ellen Wheeler
Maurice and Steffi White
Niki White
James and Karen Willard
David and Katherine Williams
Fred (Ben) Williams
Glenn and Diane Withiam
Lou and Fran Withiam
John Witinski
Ken and Marie Woodman
Bruce Wright
Shirley Wright
Christina Wu
Bettie Lee Yerka
Robert and Agnes Zavaski
Elaine Zirbel

Franziska Racker Centers' New Program "STARRY NIGHT" RESPITE HOUSE



Drawing by Florence Baveye

"Starry Night" respite house has been a long-anticipated service by many in Central New York. "It has taken several years for this dream to come to fruition, but now the vision has finally come to life," states Pat Montanez, Director of Residential Services at Franziska Racker Centers. "The community was supportive all the way. The Cortland County Community Services Board is a committee that has been advocating for this service for more than four years. The hardest hurdle was making sure that funding in these times was going to be there, and then that the house was going to be used," Pat continues.

"Starry Night" Respite was built to serve the need for short-term stays for those with developmental disabilities while their families use that time to take care of personal business, or to enjoy some "respite" time of their own. Historically, respite homes emphasized the time that

"STARRY NIGHT" RESPITE WAS BUILT TO SERVE THE NEED FOR SHORT-TERM STAYS FOR THOSE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHILE THEIR FAMILIES USE THAT TIME TO TAKE CARE OF PERSONAL BUSINESS, OR TO ENJOY SOME "RESPITE" TIME OF THEIR OWN.

families would have away from their family member in need of care, whether it be to accomplish tasks or to take some needed rest from care-giving. The same philosophy continues with the opening of "Starry Night," with just as much emphasis and planning going into the experience for the individual staying at the house. The staff at the respite house want visitors to feel as though they are checking in to a Bed and Breakfast for an exciting or relaxing getaway. The individuals staying each weekend are carefully placed with others having some of the same interests so that residents can enjoy their "away time" engaging with new people and sometimes establishing growing friendships.

Activities are planned by staff to ensure that guests are able to enjoy their time with games, and by visiting regional attractions and experiencing a weekend break from their normal routines.

Continued on page 17...



Photos taken of guests during their stay at the respite house. Pictured: top - Tomas, middle - Rachel and Brooke, bottom- Shannon and Kim

2011 Financial Report

Franziska Racker Centers had a great year programmatically, serving almost 3,000 people in 2011 with an annual budget of approximately \$27 million. Operating revenues combined with public support exceeded operating expenses resulting in a surplus. We rely upon your strong support, which enables us to provide opportunities for our participants that might not otherwise be possible.

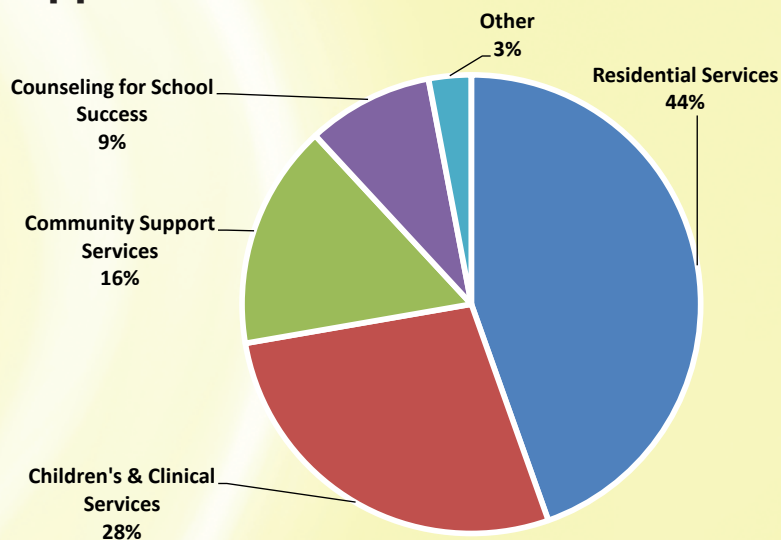
Dan Brown, Associate Executive Director, has been with the agency for twelve years.



Operating Revenues and Public Support

Residential Services	\$12,082,323
Children's & Clinical Services	7,507,737
Community Support Services	4,297,651
Counseling for School Success	2,408,802
Other	
-Investment Return	59,206
-Miscellaneous Revenue	21,822
-Prior Period Adjustments	12,508
-Fundraising & Capital Campaign	724,725

TOTAL REVENUE **\$27,114,774**

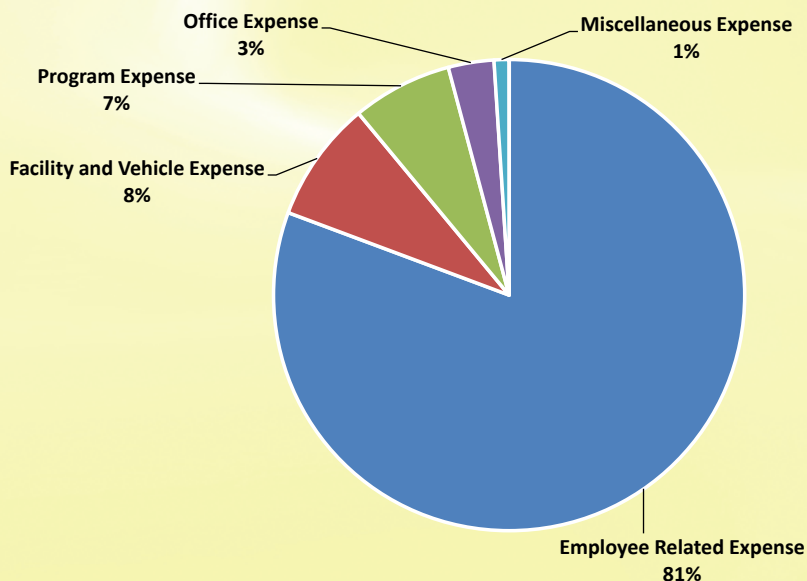


Operating Expenses

Employee Related Expense	\$21,658,635
Facility and Vehicle Expense	2,226,905
Program Expense	1,840,131
Office Expense	841,575
Miscellaneous Expense	274,188
Contingency Expense	(400,865)

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$26,440,569**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$674,205**



The Racker Society

Our Special Friends who, by their thoughtful actions and planned giving, have helped to build and sustain Racker Centers for future generations.



Anonymous
Robert B. Allan*
Rose Beckwith*
Dan and Eve Brown
William and Anne Chernish
John and Ann Racker Costello
Don and Sue Dickinson
Jean M. Dunlavey*
Dave and Peggy Dunlop
John* and Martha Ferger
Robert E. Fish*
William F. Fuerst, Jr.*
Doris I. German*
Charles A. Gibson*
Margaret I. Gibson
Rip and Pat Haley
Jeanette Hanford*
Lillian Hoffman
Norma Jayne*
Dr. Howard Kelley* and Family
Judith K. Leavitt
Thomas Longin and Nancy Tillinghast
Brick Miscall*
William J. and Helen B. Musto*
Kust Polho*
Franziska W. Racker*
Sarah Rich
Tom and Betsy Salm
Howard and Lauren Schler
Jody and Kent Scriber
Henry C. Sibley, Jr.*
Roger and Carole Sibley
Agnes Smith*
George and Jean Smith*
Kevin P. Stearns*
John C. Stephens

Jean and Cushing Strout
Sidney L. Tamarin*
Pauline B. Treman*
Jeff True and Susan Schattschneider
Olive L. Wilkinson*
Agnes Gainey Williams*
Fred (Ben) Williams

**Deceased*



Carrie was concerned about Karley's development as an infant, but when she pushed for answers at Karley's doctor's appointments, she was simply told not to worry. Finally at age two Karley was evaluated and it was determined that occupational therapy and speech therapy would help her.

CARRIE NOTICED THAT KARLEY WAS THE ONLY BABY SHE KNEW THAT WOULD CRY TO GET INTO HER CRIB RATHER THAN OUT.

Soon after that, the family moved to Tompkins County and began working with Jared, a Service Coordinator with the Tompkins County Health Department. Jared was the first person who began talking to the family about the possibility of Karley having autism. Carrie immediately began researching and found that the suggestion of autism resonated. Carrie noticed that Karley was the only baby she knew that would cry to get into her crib rather than out. Karley used to bite herself, pull her hair out, and had a very difficult time being out in public because she would have panic attacks. When Karley was taken to an out-of-town specialist to be evaluated for autism, the family received discouraging news. They were told by the specialist that Karley would likely never talk and that they should prepare to have her live in a group home when she grew up.

Karley

"To know Karley is to love her," states Carrie, mother of the sweet seven-year-old who was diagnosed at the age of two with autism. "She's my little hero, she's really inspired me," continues Carrie who is almost finished with her degree in Early Childhood Education and is looking forward to helping more children achieve some of the milestones her daughter has over the last seven years.



This is when Jared recommended some community resources for the family to consider, including Franziska Racker Centers' Partnership Program, an intensive classroom program specialized for preschoolers with autism. Carrie looks back at this as the most terrifying time. She states, "I remember being so scared to hand over the care of my two-year-old on a regular basis to people I didn't even know. I thought that Karley was too young to be away from her mommy every day." Now she looks back and is terrified of what Karley's life might be like today if she hadn't made that hard decision five years ago. "I didn't know at the time, but that very well could be the most important decision I will ever make for my daughter."

Karley attended the Partnership Program classroom at Racker Centers. Carrie remembers how happy she was to see that the Centers really put Karley first. "They did whatever she needed; it was really centered on her."

In the beginning, Karley did not speak and wouldn't play or interact with other children. She did not understand pretend play and was very shy. Teachers and staff worked with Karley on interacting with others. At first her speaking began out of functional necessity. She would talk when she needed something. At home one evening Karley had been looking out the window. She came over to her mother, pointed and told Carrie there was a bird outside. Carrie cried because she was

so thrilled to see that Karley had chosen to talk to her just to describe something and initiate a connection.

Today Karley is a very active, talkative seven-year-old in a mainstream classroom at Casavant Elementary School. She is the captain of her cheerleading team, is a Girl Scout, plays softball, wrestling and basketball and tells Carrie that when she grows up she wants to be a rock star, a famous artist and a crossing guard. She is well on her way after recently singing in front of her entire school at Casavant.

Carrie states, "Karley's years at Racker Centers taught me that I can accept any limitations that Karley has, but that I will not accept anyone else putting limitations on her because of her diagnosis. She's already achieved more at the age of 7 than she was ever expected to and I know she will just continue to do so."

PICTURED:

(far left) Karley with mom Carrie, brother Riley and Carrie's boyfriend Mike
(left) Partnership Classroom Observation Room
(above) Karley in 2008 exploring toys in the Partnership Classroom



Giving to the Centers

When you contribute to Franziska Racker Centers you becomes a **Friend of the Centers**. If your contribution is \$1000 or more, you become a **Racker Fellows** or **Business Partner**. Your generosity helps us to fill funding gaps, allows for program enhancement, and supports new and innovative services for people with disabilities in our community. We are thankful for the ongoing support of all our Friends, and fondly remember those that have left us, some in the past year.

Some of our friends gave **Gifts in-Kind**. These donations are items or services that directly enhance ongoing programs. Monetary gifts may have been given to **Unrestricted Annual Support**, allowing us to address areas of greatest need within the agency, or they may have been designated to one or more of the seven funds described below.



Bohn Family Fund created by Donna and Tom Bohn, provides resources and supports for families with children having special needs.

Frances G. Berko Lectureship Fund created in memory of Dr. Berko, the Centers’ executive director from 1964 to 1974, supports community education and professional development for those working in the disability field.

Richard M. Leavitt, M.D. Memorial Fund created by Judy Leavitt and her sons, provides support for special experiences for children and young adults with disabilities.

Tompkins Trust Company Bridge Fund supports otherwise unfunded clinical services for children throughout the year.

Frances V. Wilson Memorial Fund created by Margaret Gibson in memory of her dear friend, provides financial support for needed items not covered by traditional funding sources.

Scriber/Cash Family Fund created by Jody and Kent Scriber and David and Lori Cash, supports community-based experiences for preschool and elementary age children with special needs.

Franziska W. Racker Memorial Fund created in memory of our former medical director and the agency’s namesake, supports early childhood services, an area that was dear to Dr. Racker’s heart.

Friends of the Centers

BUSINESS PARTNERS

\$1000 and above

Cornell Men’s Ice Hockey
George V. & Jean A. Smith Charitable Trust
Puzzle Solvers
Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Foundation
Tioga United Way
United Way of Cortland County
United Way of Tompkins County

RACKER FELLOWS

\$1000 and above

Anonymous
Jeb Brooks and Cheri Wendelken
Dan and Eve Brown
Scott Dagenais
Dave and Peggy Dunlop
Lindsay Lustick Garner
Margaret Gibson
Mark and Mickie Jauquet
Judith K. Leavitt
Jeffrey and Kristin Lewis

Philip and Peggy Meyer
Mary Richards
Gary and Bari Roden
Jody and Kent Scriber
Arden Sugarman
Michael and Marina Todd
Eugene and Jeanne Yarussi

Friends of the Centers continued...



Anonymous
Barry and Molly Adams
Advanced Dental Technology of Ithaca
Tammi Aiken
Deborah Albanese
Richard Allen
Allstate Giving Campaign
Robert Aronson
Edward and Gail Austen
Randall and Amy Bach
Beverly Baker
Jacoba Baker
Shelley Baker
Martje Baldini
D. G. Bancroft-Gowin
David and Lenore Bandler
David and Mary Lee Banfield
Paul and Diane Banfield
Bob and Melinda Bantle
Roger Batchelder
Roger and Nancy Battistella
Walter and Marilyn Baurle
Hugh Beaumont
Frank and Harriet Becker
Scott and Janice Bennett
Barbara Berthelsen
Robert and Phyllis Betzler
John Bingham
Ella Blovsky and Vivian Leonard
Tom and Donna Bohn
Joseph and Cheryl Borden
Ben and Margaret Boynton
Mrs. Urie Bronfenbrenner
Jeb Brooks and Cheri Wendelken
Dan and Eve Brown
Paul Brown
Robert and Dixie Buchanan
Sue Budney
Joseph and Nan Bylebyl
Diane Campbell
Samuel and Louisa Cario
Caroline Valley Community Church
John Carpenter
Stephen and Dolores Caruso
Cayuga’s Helping Hand
Stephen and Cynthia Chase
Penelope Chick and Rory Rothman
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
City Club of Ithaca
Leslie and Benjamin Clarke
Judith Cogan
Steve and Ann Colt
Margaret Congdon
Conifer Village at Ithaca
Daphne and Ezra Cornell
Cornell Men’s Ice Hockey
David and Carolyn Corson
Anne Costello
Rick and Jill Cowan
John Crosby
Scott Dagenais
Marion DaGrossa
David Delchamps

Ann Dexter
Sandra Dhimitri
Sharon Dittman
Matthew Dobush
Charles and Pamela Dollaway
James and Helen Dormady
Dave and Peggy Dunlop
Mildred Earl
Donald and Marie Edwards
Daniel Eicher
James and Allison Ellerson
Melvin and Pamela Ellis, Jr.
William and Patricia Ellison
Stephen and Nancy Ellner
Robert and Lisa Elston
Emily Emmick
Lawrence Endo and Caron Bove
Larry and Jennifer Engel Young
Michele Evans
Martha Ferger
John Finnegan
Wayne and Maralyn Fleming
Barbara Foote
Alan and Jeanne Fox
Hilary T. Fraser
Ed Freeman
John H. L. Fuchs
Edward and Dawn Fuller
Charles and Linda Garbo
Kathleen Garner
Lindsay Lustick Garner
Margaret Gibson
Jeffrey and Susan Golden
Valeri Goloborodko
Daniel and Karen Governanti
Brad and Mary Grainger
Pamela Graves
Nancy Grossman
David and Sally Grubb
Neeraj Gupta
Robert and Wilma Habel
Margaret Hampson
Stephen Hand and Nancy Dytman
Ellen Harrison
Helen Hartnett
Bruce and Lynette Hatch
Darrick and Brandy Hawley
James Hazzard
Heather Healey
Matthew Hedge
Kathleen Hefferson
Richard Heidt
Betty Helsper
Sue Hemsath
Erik and Kristin Herman
Lora Hine and Terri Gruber
River and Leah Howell
Kellie and Chris Hummel
Robert and Mary Hutchens
David and Amy Iles
Intertek ETL, SEMKO Division
Robert Jacobson
Andre and Jean Jagendorf
Mark and Mickie Jauquet

Friends of the Centers *continued...*

Phyllis and Lanny Joyce
Herb and Susan Kahl
Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan
Foundation
Sarah Kelley
Matt and Lynn Kemen
Robert and Kathleen Kemple, Jr.
Karen Kilgore
Paul Kirk and Liz Keenan
Wayne and Darla Kunsman
Carolyn Lange
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langhans
Kathryn Laubengayer
Virginia Laux
Judith K. Leavitt
Noah Samuel Leavitt and
Helen Kim
Simon and Carole Levin
Diane Levine
Jeffrey and Kristin Lewis
Steve and Kathy Lipinski
Gary and Ruth Lombard
Linda Long
Michael and Iris Long
Perri and Mick LoPinto
Roslyn LoPinto
Jack and Janet Lowe
Howard and Ruth Lyon
Dorothy Makris
Jessica Marchesani
Victor and Ellen Marchetti
Christy Marrella-Davis
Frannie Mason
Brian McAree and Kris Corda
Roger McCarthy
Peter and Scobie McClelland
James and Gladys McConkey
Patrick McKee and Phyllis
Mazurski
Alisa Mengel
Philip and Peggy Meyer
Jenna Milner
Anne and Keith Moffat
Richie and Pat Moran
Frank and Louise Mudrak
Louis Munch and Susanne Maloy
Charlotte Murray
Donald Nagle
Newark Valley Middle School
(Faculty and Staff)
Newfield Lioness Club
James Niefer
Andy and Betsy Noel
Kate O'Connell and Robert
D'Addario
Curtis and Deborah Ostrander
H. J. and Patricia Patrick
Ritchie Patterson and Lawrence
Gibbons
Olive Phelan
Janice Phillips
Miranda Phillips
Nelson and Susan Phillips
Jennifer Podkul and Craig

Kullmann
Ted and Joan Podkul, Jr.
Ronald Poole
Jeff Postle
Project Sunshine
Frank Proto
Puzzle Solvers
Thomas and Kathryn Quirk
Andrew Rappaport
Sarah Rich
Mary Richards
Virginia Rinker
Laurie and Bill Roberts
Thad and Elizabeth Robey
Eric and Margaret Robinson
Gary and Bari Roden
Bob and Eleanor Romanowski
Simon and Carole Levin
Diane Levine
Jeffrey and Kristin Lewis
Steve and Kathy Lipinski
Gary and Ruth Lombard
Linda Long
Michael and Iris Long
Perri and Mick LoPinto
Roslyn LoPinto
Jack and Janet Lowe
Howard and Ruth Lyon
Dorothy Makris
Jessica Marchesani
Victor and Ellen Marchetti
Christy Marrella-Davis
Frannie Mason
Brian McAree and Kris Corda
Roger McCarthy
Peter and Scobie McClelland
James and Gladys McConkey
Patrick McKee and Phyllis
Mazurski
Alisa Mengel
Philip and Peggy Meyer
Jenna Milner
Anne and Keith Moffat
Richie and Pat Moran
Frank and Louise Mudrak
Louis Munch and Susanne Maloy
Charlotte Murray
Donald Nagle
Newark Valley Middle School
(Faculty and Staff)
Newfield Lioness Club
James Niefer
Andy and Betsy Noel
Kate O'Connell and Robert
D'Addario
Curtis and Deborah Ostrander
H. J. and Patricia Patrick
Ritchie Patterson and Lawrence
Gibbons
Olive Phelan
Janice Phillips
Miranda Phillips
Nelson and Susan Phillips
Jennifer Podkul and Craig

The Baker Foundation
Herbert and Barbara Thomas
Tioga County Chamber of
Commerce
Michael and Marina Todd
Eric Trotter
Jeff True and Susan
Schattschneider
Chris Truex
John and Pia Tucker
David and Lucia Tyler
Tyler's Cleaners
United Way of Tompkins County
Ralph and Delores Valentine
Valley Manor LLC
Mary Van Arsdale
Harold and Cindy Van Es
Margaret Van Houtte
Ari Van Tienhoven
David Vattimo
John and Carol Vineyard
Alan and Marilyn Vogel
Walmart
Richard Warkentin and Dawn
Kleeschulte
Betty Watkins
WB&A Market Research
Donald Weber and Shira Stern
Wegmans Food Markets
Chris Wells
Joseph and Betty Weneser

Kenneth and Vivian Weston
Mark and Ellen Wheeler
Fred (Ben) Williams
Robert and Charlene Wood
Ken and Marie Woodman
Eugene and Jeanne Yarussi
Stephen and Anita Yusem
Joel and Cathy Zumoff

**estate gift*



"Starry Night" Continued from page 9...



"Starry Night" Respite house is now complete including a fence for privacy and security. (Right) The house's living room and kitchen area are comfortable and welcoming.



Kim Lansdowne, Regional Residential Director who oversees the respite house states, "Families having used this as a resource so far, have commented on how beneficial this has been for them." Kim explains that the most difficult aspect of the house up to now has been the enrollment meetings for families because they seem apprehensive until they see the house and learn more about the program. The leap of faith of leaving your family member who relies on you 100% for care for the first time can be very difficult. "The individual staying with us does great and has a wonderful time. The family members are the ones that may struggle at first or feel guilty leaving. That is until they come to pick them up and see what a great time they had!" Kim continues. "That is when it feels so good to see a family that can finally let go of the apprehensions and start enjoying the respite time as well."

When asking Janet McArthur what the experience has been like for her family, she states, "It has been ideal." Her 28-year-old son Jimmy has stayed at "Starry Night" on two separate weekends. Janet continues, "We were a little apprehensive at first. I've never been without a child in 50 years of marriage. I have six children, plus we've always taken Jimmy everywhere with us and it has never been a problem." However, now knowing that this service is available is such a relief to Janet. Janet took over sole-guardianship of Jimmy last year because of his father's health. "I've had to do it all," states Janet. "This service is so helpful, for instance when I needed to attend a funeral." Continuing she explains, "Everything at the house is so well organized. I don't need to worry about medication management and the staff is so caring. They take the individuals bowling or out for other activities. I've never

seen Jimmy so at peace than the first time he went to stay at the respite house."

Families often learn of the services available to them, such as the "Starry Night" Respite House through their Service Coordinator. LaRayne Hesse, Service Coordinator with Franziska Racker Centers has worked with Jimmy and his family throughout the past year. She states, "The respite house is very much appreciated by Janet, Jimmy's Mom. Jimmy enjoys the times he is able to spend at "Starry Night" respite house."

Special thanks to M&T Bank for their gift supporting the opening of "Starry Night" Respite Home.



Jimmy displays artwork created during his stay at "Starry Night" Respite House

In Honor / In Memory

<i>In Memory of: Thomas A. Allen</i> Melvin and Pamela Ellis, Jr.	<i>In Honor of: Rick Cowan</i> John and Carol Spence	<i>In Honor of: Meg Gillard</i> Jenna Milner	<i>In Honor of: Lena Helsper</i> Betty Helsper	<i>In Memory of: Rev. Louis Kennedy</i> William and Mary Kennedy	<i>In Honor of: Debbie Makris</i> Betty Cook	<i>In Memory of: Mark Redder</i> Virginia Redder	<i>In Honor of: Chris and Diana Sinton</i> Anonymous
<i>In Memory of: Robert Avery</i> Peter and Donna Rogers	<i>In Memory of: William DeWinter</i> Simon and Carole Levin	<i>In Honor of: Lester Ginsburg</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Memory of: Melvin (Bill) Helsper</i> Robert and Dixie Buchanan Stephen and Dolores Caruso	<i>In Honor of: Talia Shalom Kim-Leavitt</i> Judith K. Leavitt Noah Samuel Leavitt and Helen Kim Stephen and Anita Yusem	<i>In Honor of: Dick and Sharon Matthews</i> Thomas Howarth Frank and Louise Mudrak Elizabeth Smith	<i>In Honor of: William Rich, Jr.</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Honor of: Yoni Speizer</i> Miranda Phillips
<i>In Memory of: William Baldini</i> Martje Baldini Neal Howard Robert and Kathleen Kemple, Jr.	<i>In Memory of: Jean Dunlavey</i> Helen Hartnett	<i>In Honor of: Anna M. Golicki</i> Barbara Klockowski	<i>In Memory of: Adelaide K. Heppel</i> Arvilla Enck	<i>In Memory of: Kaye Kleisath</i> Jerome Kleisath	<i>In Memory of: Alia McGurk</i> Marion DaGrossa	<i>In Memory of: Benjamin Richards</i> Mildred Earl Virginia Laux Gary and Ruth Lombard Audrey Lowe James Niefer H. J. and Patricia Patrick John and Carol Vineyard	<i>In Memory of: Virginia Sterzinger</i> Margaret Gibson
<i>In Memory of: Nancy Barlow</i> J. Robert Barlow	<i>In Honor of: William Earl, Jr.</i> Mildred Earl	<i>In Memory of: Dorothy and Robert Graf</i> Daniel and Janet Aneshansley	<i>In Honor of: Bob Howell and Ruan Reast</i> River and Leah Howell	<i>In Honor of: Sienna Rose Kullmann</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Honor of: Laura McNulty</i> Christy Marrella-Davis Nelson and Susan Phillips		<i>In Honor of: David Stinson</i> Jean Stinson
<i>In Memory of: Mary Bassette</i> Elizabeth Bassette	<i>In Memory of: William Earl, Sr.</i> Mildred Earl Lawrence Snyder Mark and Lynn Weidman	<i>In Memory of: Robert D. Grant</i> Beverly Baker Margaret Gibson Jody and Kent Scriber Betty Steele	<i>In Honor of: Ben and Laura Hutchens</i> Robert and Mary Hutchens	<i>In Memory of: Dorothy Laubengayer</i> Kathryn Laubengayer	<i>In Honor of: David L. Miner</i> Gerald and Janet Miner	<i>In Memory of: Peter M. Rinaldo</i> Dorothy Rinaldo	<i>In Memory of: Susan Stute</i> William and Kathryn Russell
<i>In Memory of: Edna Beatty</i> James Beatty	<i>In Honor of: Terri Ellis</i> Carolyn McGory	<i>In Memory of: Jason Graves</i> David and Mary Lee Banfield Dr. and Mrs. Leo Cacciotti Jody and Kent Scriber	<i>In Memory of: Alice Jacoby</i> Barry and Molly Adams Jake and Janet Jacoby Charlotte Murray Sarah Rich S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management	<i>In Honor of: The Leavitt Family</i> Ted and Joan Podkul, Jr.	<i>In Honor of: Pat Moran</i> Richie Moran		<i>In Memory of: Greta Sugarman</i> Arden Sugarman
<i>In Honor of: Guy Beaumont</i> Hugh Beaumont	<i>In Honor of: Kelly Faircloth</i> Robert and Sally Silvia		<i>In Memory of: Shirly Jones</i> Peter and Donna Rogers	<i>In Honor of: Aryeh Zakkai Kim Leavitt</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Memory of: Dr. Thomas Mosher</i> Florence Mosher	<i>In Honor of: Larry Roberts, Fingerlakes Independence Center</i> Martha and Steve Robertson	
<i>In Honor of: Mary Tse Beer</i> Steven and Beverly Beer	<i>In Honor of: Franziska Racker Centers Family Resource Respite Program</i> Janice Lawrence	<i>In Honor of: Joshua Griffin</i> Carlton Smith	<i>In Honor of: Jim Johnston</i> Hilary T. Fraser	<i>In Honor of: David Leavitt and Marnie Burkman</i> Judith K. Leavitt Ted and Joan Podkul, Jr.	<i>In Honor of: Jim Mullins, Ithaca College</i> Kenneth and Vivian Weston	<i>In Memory of: Neal Ryan</i> Marilyn Ryan	<i>In Memory of: John A. Taylor</i> Dave and Peggy Dunlop
<i>In Honor of: Malcolm and Elizabeth Bilson</i> Maria Eisner	<i>In Honor of: Franziska Racker Centers Toddler Program Teachers</i> Kyle Kubick and Marie Garland	<i>In Memory of: Steven Halevy</i> Perri and Mick LoPinto Max's Grandparents	<i>In Memory of: Joyce and Guy Juhl</i> Deborah Albanese Ella Blovsky and Vivian Leonard Faculty and Staff of Newark Valley Middle School Howard and Ruth Lyon Ralph and Delores Valentine Robert and Charlene Wood	<i>In Honor of: Judith K. Leavitt</i> Noah Samuel Leavitt and Helen Kim	<i>In Memory of: John C. Murphy</i> Richard and Irene Hubbell	<i>In Honor of: Lauren and Howard Schler</i> Dave and Peggy Dunlop	<i>In Honor of: Kara Taylor</i> Kathleen Garner
<i>In Honor of: Hannah Brown</i> Donna Scott	<i>In Memory of: Mary Louise Gaherty</i> David Vattimo	<i>In Memory of: Kenneth M. Hall</i> Lyna Jean Hall		<i>In Honor of: Noah Leavitt and Helen Kim</i> Judith K. Leavitt Jennifer Podkul and Craig Kullmann Ted and Joan Podkul, Jr.	<i>In Memory of: Edith Nicholas</i> Peter and Donna Rogers	<i>In Honor of: Topher Scott</i> Donald Nagle	<i>In Memory of: Kurt Vogel</i> Alan and Marilyn Vogel
<i>In Honor of: Dan and Eve Brown</i> Eric Trotter	<i>In Memory of: Murray Gibson</i> Samuel and Louisa Cario Nancy Gibson Jessie Harper Perri and Mick LoPinto Dorothy Makris	<i>In Memory of: Suzanne Hall</i> Denise and Allan Lentini	<i>In Memory of: Meg Keilbach</i> Howard and Karen Weiss		<i>In Honor of: Jim Mullins, Ithaca College</i> Kenneth and Vivian Weston	<i>In Honor of: Diane Levine</i> Matthew and Lynn Steenberg	<i>In Honor of: Ari Stern Weber</i> Donald Weber and Shira Stern
<i>In Memory of: Donald W. Burton</i> Doris Burton		<i>In Honor of: Barbara Hatt</i> Joseph and Jessica Ryan		<i>In Memory of: Richard Leavitt</i> Joseph and Cheryl Borden Margaret Congdon Judith K. Leavitt Ted and Joan Podkul, Jr.	<i>In Honor of: Betty O'Connell</i> River and Leah Howell	<i>In Memory of: Joseph Serignese</i> Rose Marie Serignese	<i>In Memory of: Dr. Reuben I. Weiner</i> Peter and Donna Rogers
<i>In Memory of: Betty Buscall</i> Tom and Donna Bohn	<i>In Honor of: Margaret Gibson</i> Betty Cook Gerry and Caroline Cox Virginia Estabrook Olan and Katie Forker Reeder and Sally Gates Nancy Gibson Bonnie Gordon Gordon and Margaret Huckle Marianne Mellinger James and Connie Moyer Laurie and Bill Roberts Margaret Solomon	<i>In Memory of: Jean Helsper</i> Robert and Dixie Buchanan		<i>In Memory of: Shirley Jones</i> Peter and Donna Rogers	<i>In Honor of: Dustin Pataki</i> Miles and Rose Seely	<i>In Memory of: Anthony Severtson</i> Edward and Dawn Fuller Karen Kilgore Frannie Mason	<i>In Honor of: Jeannie White</i> Carolyn Sampson
<i>In Memory of: Lorraine B. Chase</i> Stephen and Cynthia Chase				<i>In Honor of: Dr. Jeffrey S. Lewis</i> Neeraj Gupta Stephen Hand and Nancy Dytman	<i>In Memory of: Sammy Patton</i> Beverly Backus	<i>In Memory of: Joseph Serignese</i> Rose Marie Serignese	<i>In Memory of: Jody Hallam Williams</i> Linda Long
<i>In Honor of: Ann R. Costello</i> Ari Van Tienhoven				<i>In Honor of: Steve and Kathy Lipinski</i> David and Joan Herskovits Diane Levine	<i>In Honor of: Joan and Ted Podkul</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Memory of: Dr. Franziska Racker</i> Dora Donovan Mary Gilligan Judith Komor Nancy Skipper	<i>In Memory of: Frances V. Wilson</i> Roger Batchelder Tyler's Cleaners
<i>In Honor of: Dr. John E. Costello and Dr. Ann R. Costello</i> Dale and Patricia Mueller					<i>In Honor of: Tim Podkul and Deb Wojcik</i> Judith K. Leavitt	<i>In Memory of: Laurel Shenstone</i> Gregory Shenstone	<i>In Honor of: Kenneth J. Woodman</i> Ken and Marie Woodman
<i>In Honor of: Allison Cowan</i> Wayne and Darla Kunsman						<i>In Honor of: Roger R. Sibley</i> Hilary Fraser John Lauricella and Risa Mish Jean and Cushing Strout	
						<i>In Honor of: Robert and Sally Silvia</i> Kelly Faircloth	



Franziska Racker Centers
3226 Wilkins Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850

MISSION

We are dedicated to helping people with special needs and their families have good lives, with opportunities to learn, to be responsible, to feel cared for, to share, to be connected to others. We are committed to creating a culture of inclusion in our community, celebrating the richness that diversity and interdependence bring.

VISION

We are inspired by the vision of our founding families, that all people with disabilities will be valued members of a welcoming and supportive community.

MORE "MAKING ROOM" CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



**Published by the Office Of
Community Relations**

Editor

Heather Hughes, Director of Public Relations

Design

*Dawn Bricen LaMorte | Sunrise Studios Design
www.SunriseStudiosDesign.com*

Photography

Sheryl Sinkow | www.Sinkowphotography.com

Remaining photos from Racker Centers' Staff