



A Walk for a Good Cause!

Team NYSARC participated in the Gouverneur Business Women's Annual Breast Cancer Walk. We had 20 individuals attend! Go Team NYSARC! Back row left to right: Tessa Guyette, Trudy Davis, Chrisy Best, Mae Logan, Lisa Camidge, Mary Logan and Johanna Spies-Evans. Front Row left to right: "Belle", Krista Freego and Sherry Conklin. "I don't think Team NYSARC has missed a year in support of this most worthy cause!" Says Daphne Pickert, Executive Director of NYSARC. "I'm so proud of your commitment! Kudo's to Team NYSARC!"

36th Annual Fundraiser: 3,831 tickets sold! Totaling \$32,785!

The 36th Annual Fundraiser was held in the Canton Park, on June 4th. Dayna Bellardini of Norwood, NY won the grand prize of \$10,000 cash! The 2nd Prize of a Week Getaway to Lake Ozonia, donated by Denice and David Button, was won by Anthony Soluri of Ogdensburg and the 3rd Prize of a beautiful sapphire and diamond pendant and necklace, donated by Peets Jewelers, Massena, was won by Mindy Woodruff of Canton! The 4th Prize of a Stay and Play Package at Best Western, donated by Best Western University Inn, was won by Angel Young of Madrid and the 5th Prize of an iPad Air, donated by Advanced Business Systems, Watertown, was won by Judy Haer of Potsdam.

Proceeds from this raffle support the purchase of technology to enhance education options for people with disabilities. As previously announced, the "Early Bird Drawing" was held in May. Melanie LaVack of Gouverneur, NY, won that prize: a circle pendant on a chain valued at over \$1000 donated by Greg and Brenda Carbino. Thanks to all who participated in ticket sales. You make all the difference!

Staff Incentive Winners:

-The Final random prize drawing for \$500 was won by Trish Potocar in Staff Training.

The Final weekly staff prize winners included:

-Wanda Robidoux from Norwood Day Hab: She chose the Buffalo Bills cooler with the wine tool kit as her prize.

-Mike Borrelli from Commerce Lane Day Hab: He selected the wireless speaker as his prize.

-Sherri Love from Staff Training and Quality Assurance: She chose the Harley Davidson cooler and BBQ sauces as her prize.



In the photo-left to right: Hyacinth Saburro, Children and Youth staff member/salesperson of ticket for the \$10,000 winning prize, Daphne Pickert, CEO, and Mindy Woodruff, prize winner.

During Roger Mitchell's Personal Outcome Measures interview, he set his sights on a few specific goals. The

outcomes include: helping people, working on driving skills, and screening the NDH pavilion.

Through the work of the team involved with POM, Roger now prepares items, such as personal care wipes, for daily delivery at Norwood Day Hab. Roger is proud to handle this responsibility and comes in first thing in the morning ready to help.

"It's his way paying it forward and assisting others," says Beth Turner, Director of NDH. "He also helps put supplies away with another individual when they come in." Roger loves making deliveries and he enjoys socializing while he works.

Another more recent goal Roger has been working on has also been learning the skill of driving while towing a trailer. Roger is improving on his skill each day. Roger truly enjoys his time working amongst friends!

Meaghan Voss, Director of Potsdam Day Hab. wrote, "No matter the circumstance, Roger is always ready for the day. The utility cart used for deliveries is a perfect adaptation to his wheelchair. It allows Roger to complete meaningful and productive work."

Everyone at NDH depends on him preparing and delivering supplies to the classrooms, bathrooms and offices. Roger will pair up with one of his coworkers and is the foreman on the job, ensuring deliveries are prompt and done in their entirety.

"He does this all with a smile, a contagious smile," Meaghan continues. "He is genuinely concerned about peoples' feelings and seeks to bring happiness to everyone's day." Roger is known to ask others if they need help in whatever they are doing.

His goal of screening in the pavilion has been achieved and will bring great comfort to everyone who visits NDH. There will be many cookouts to come in the future!

The staff at NDH appreciates Roger's devoted work ethic, consideration of others, and positive outlook on life. It was stated that, "Our world is better with him in it."

Congrats goes to the all of people who helped make these goals a reality. Roger says he is looking forward to having many BBQs this summer, but says he wont do the cooking, just the eating!



Self Advocacy Group from Massena Work Center

The picture above shows the Self Advocacy group members from Massena Work Center (from L to R): Paul Poirier, Stacie Jock, Gary Davis, Donna Lauber, Linda Spanbauer.

The group meets bi-monthly to discuss issues of importance at MWC and ideas to make the work place function well. During their group meetings, experiences are shared as to what the group has done or accomplished and how to be an advocate.

Other topics the group works on include: awareness of human rights and responsibilities, problem solving, and listening and learning.

A few accomplishments that have resulted from the group meetings includes: achieving additional work tasks to keep busy, 'sprucing up' the employee break room, and receiving time off or an alternate benefit during birthday months.

We look forward to watching this group grow and continue to flourish!

Autism Fundraiser at Nightengale Worth Every Penny!

Reagan Clute-Francis, a 12 year old 6th grader at Massena's Nightengale Elementary School organized a penny fundraiser as part of April's Autism Awareness Month. Reagan donated the money to St. Lawrence NYSARC's Children and Youth Program for Autism in honor of her brother Reece Clute-Francis. He is a 17 year old student on the Autism Spectrum who attends Massena High School.

Children from each classroom brought in their extra pennies from home and raised about \$183! Thank you Reagan! You're Awesome!

