#### **Community Living Corporation**

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# THE OPEN DOOR

PROVIDING QUALITY CARE TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH COMMUNITY LIVING



CLC Board Chair Roger Cooper presents the Outstanding Service Award to Angelo Angerame, CEO of Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy

# CLC GALA 2019

# Angerame & Carbone Honored for Service & Leadership

The 16th annual CLC Foundation Gala was held on November 3, 2019 for the benefit of Community Living Corporation. Two exceptional men were honored at the event — Angelo Angerame and Joseph Carbone.

Mr. Angerame was honored for his superior service on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society. He is Chief Executive Officer of Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy and its mission is to improve the quality of care and institutional pharmacy services provided to individuals living with developmental, physical and psychiatric disabilities, chemical dependency, and other long term health challenges.

Recognized for Influential Social Work and Leadership, Mr. Carbone is a champion of CLC's clinical health model. A licensed clinical social worker who has dedicated over 25 years to serving the CLC community, he is a psychotherapist for the Epilepsy Foundation of Metropolitan NY, providing individualized treatment to CLC residents through its on-site clinic. Our honoree is an integral part of CLC's clinical team, providing advocacy and support of psychiatric care as well as staff training.

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Joseph Carbone, center, receives the award for Influential Social Work and Leadership from former CLC Foundation executive director John Signorelli, left, and John Porcella, executive director of Community Living Corp.

Two beautiful ladies in glamorous gowns: Karen M. is pretty in pink beaded chiffon; Petra S. delights in flowing blue ombré.



### **HIDDEN TREASURES**

The Hidden Treasures arts education program for people with special needs launched in 1998 and has been going strong ever since. Sessions are held weekly in Mount Kisco at 135 Radio Circle Drive and include Studio Art, Arts & Crafts, Choral Group, Tap Dance, Musical Drama and Modern Dance. Classes are taught by experienced professionals and are designed to nurture creativity and self expression.

For the past two years, the program has received support from ArtsWestchester through their Arts Alive Grant Program. With this aid, HT has been able to broaden its outreach to students through planned Open Houses and a new brochure.

HT held its first Open House for potential students recently, where they could meet the teachers, try their hand (and feet) at some of the classes, and experience the entire program in one night. Culinary Connections also showcased their coffee bar and baking skills, serving scrumptious cakes made for the occasion.

I like to show my art to other people - Marty



I learned a lot that I didn't know. My parents didn't ask me to do this; I chose it on my own - Jenny







I feel proud and happy when I see a finished art piece - Jimmy



Proud to be supported by ArtsWestchester and Westchester County Government



# HOLIDAY SENTIMENTS

## FROM CLC FAMILY & FRIENDS

EACH YEAR AT HOLIDAY TIME, CLC FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEND NOTES OF THANKS AND CHEER TO OUR STAFF. THESE GOOD THOUGHTS ARE MOST APPRECIATED BY ALL.

"Thank you for such excellent care and oversight."

"Peace to all of you that are a part of CLC. Staff. Thank you for all you do for my son. It is most appreciated."

"Thank you for all you do for my sister."

"With much gratitude for all you do for my most precious possession, my daughter."

"I am very grateful to Community Living Corporation for the excellent support that is being given to my son."

"Thank you for taking care of my sister."

"Thank you for all the care the staff of CLC have given to my brother through the years. His life is happy because he can be independent with all of you there to help. God bless each of you."

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MOVIE AND PLAY REVIEWS FROM CLC's **IN-HOUSE EXPERT** 

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#### Movie: Uncut Gems R Crime/Mystery

The movie is a story about a gem dealer. Howie Ratner. played by Adam Sandler, who has a gambling addiction. His business is a mess and he is always trying to make the big score. He makes mistakes and gets involved with the wrong people.

I thought that Adam Sandler was funny - sometimes.

This movie gets four stars from me because I think that it is very

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON SERVES UP DAZZLE

A feast fit for kings and queens and an Ugly Sweater Contest served up extra dazzle and good cheer at the holiday luncheon for CLC staff, held at the 135 main offices on

Amanda, center, took first place in the CLC Ugly Sweater Contest. Kelly, at left, took second and Terry captured third. Winners received gift cards.



#### TRUSTS 101

New in 2020, this feature will inform and update consumers and their families about CLC Pooled Supplemental Needs Trusts.

In 1996, CLC Foundation, Inc. was one of the first non-profits in New York State to establish a Pooled Supplemental Needs Trust with the help of Community Living Corporation, Inc. Today, the Trusts are among the oldest and largest in New York State.

#### What is an SNT?

A Supplemental Needs Trust is a trust that will preserve the beneficiary's eligibility for needs-based government benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Because the beneficiary does not own the assets in the trust, he or she can remain eligible for benefit programs that have an asset limit. To learn more about the various types of SNT's CLC has to offer contact CLC Foundation at (914) 241-2076.

#### What is an SIT?

A Surplus Income Trust is a trust that allows a person with excess income to deposit his or her monthly amount over the allowable income limit into the trust for monthly living expenses instead of paying it to Medicaid. To learn more about the new SIT program at CLC, contact ADiCares at (914) 244-9688.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



## HALLOWEEN SPIRIT!

If you asked CLCers to name their preferred holiday, it would undoubtedly be a toss up between Christmas and Halloween. The day (and sometimes the week) is celebrated enthusiastically with creative costumes and parties - even the food is Halloween themed. Check out the toothy cookies, (below) and the spitting pumpkin and Frankenstein cake, at right!

Special thanks to all staff and consumers who organized, decorated and baked for this spook-tacular occasion.





Susan and Kate from Highland Ave had a howling good time!











# CLC GALA 2019

The Gala's major expenses were covered by generous sponsors. As a result, all other funds raised go towards benefiting CLC consumers. Special thanks to our sponsors: Platinum: M&T Bank; Rose & Kiernan; United Asset Strategies. Silver: Argent Trust Company; The Westchester Bank. Corporate: TD Ameritrade; TD Bank. Individual: Roger Cooper; Jerry Moskowitz; John Porcella; Matthew and Muriel Persanis; Robert and Karen Warren.

Event highlights included a Hidden Treasures Art Exhibit, CLC Choral Group performance, dancing, entertainment and the always popular photo booth.





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# Teen With Asperger's Named Time Person Of The Year

She inspired a movement — and now she's the youngest ever Time Person of the Year. Greta Thunberg, the Swedish 16-year-old activist who emerged as the face of the fight against climate change and motivated people around the world to join the crusade, was announced recently as the recipient of the magazine's annual

She rose to fame after cutting class in August 2018 to protest climate change — and the lack of action by world leaders to combat it — all by herself, but millions across the globe have joined her mission in the months since.

"We can't just continue living as if there was no tomorrow, because there is a tomorrow," Thunberg told *Time*. "That is all we are saying."

The Person of the Year issue dates back to 1927 and recognizes the person or people who have the greatest influence on the world, good or bad, in a given year.

Since her protest, Thunberg has spoken at climate conferences across the planet, called out world leaders and refused to waiver in her quest to make an impact on the future.

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## **EMPLOYEE MILESTONES**

Congratulations to those CLC employees who hit milestones in 2019. The following staff were recognized for their years of service to the agency.

**5 Years:** Simone Coache-Walters, Sonnett Giles, Ron Hood, Timothy Jones, Lisa Rice, Marcia Williams

10 Years: Nick Alila, Elizabeth Amenya, Sean Brown, Lesford Foreman, Devika Lallman, Kami Quast, Nikolai Shevelchinsky

**15 Years:** Shernette Carter, David Chun, Tween Mwakibinga, Joanna Peart-Raynor, Carol Robotham-Grant

25 Years: Penny Ayotte



CLC staff celebrating 15 years or more of CLC service were honored at a luncheon on December 5 at Locali Restaurant in Mount Kisco. From left, David Chun, Joanna Peart-Raynor, Carol Robotham-Grant, Tween Mwakibinga, Penny Ayotte and Shernette Carter, at front.

#### WANTED! Full & Part-Time Staff

CLC has various full & part-time openings, including for direct care personnel. A positive attitude, compassion and prior experience preferred.

Required: High School Diploma/GED, valid driver's license for past three years, own transportation, background check, drug testing.

Fax resumes to (914) 241-0578 or email HR at resumes@communitylivingcorp.org.

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