

THE OPEN DOOR

PROVIDING QUALITY CARE TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH COMMUNITY LIVING

CLC FOUNDATION GALA 2022

After two long years, CLC Foundation held its 17th Annual Gala for the benefit of Community Living Corporation and those we serve!

Happy to be gathered together again, the Gala was an all out hit! Guests enjoyed gourmet food, good music and dancing, and a photo booth to create memories!

Held at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle on Sunday, November 13, 2022, honorees were: Danny Frank for outstanding service; Sandra Dammann for influential support and leadership; and the late Judge F. Dana Winslow, in grateful recognition of his past work.

The afternoon kicked off with the Hidden Treasures Art Exhibit, on display for all to view. Guests were also treated to the Hidden Treasures Choral Group performance; their rendition of Beatles songs were fan favorites. Although the dance floor is always a popular feature, other highlights included a 50/50 drawing - the lucky winner received \$545!

Raffle prizes included both donations and items purchased by the agency. Thank you to the businesses that donated items for our raffle baskets. We truly appreciate your generosity!

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From left, Danny Frank, Sandra Dammann, three members of the late Judge Winslow family, Denyele Urciuoli, John Porcella and Roger Cooper.



Amy Berman and Sarah Fiske enjoying the afternoon.



The Gala kicked off with an art show featuring dazzling works created by Hidden Treasures artists.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES LUNCHEON

*Annette Maksoud
and Irene Quill*

CLC's Employee Milestones Luncheon was held in December at Mardino's Restaurant to celebrate staff achieving 15, 20 and 25 years with the organization.

Milestones include those reached in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Congratulations to our dedicated employees:

2022 - 15 years

Renee Eley
Stephen McAllister
Millie Rivera-Guterriez
Gjuela Trashani

2022 - 20 Years

Sueli DiStadio
Kevin Lager
Suzette McKenzie

2021 - 15 Years

Joann Cerretani
Jose Espinal
Femi Joseph
Kurtis London
Jonathan Lukens
Della Martin

2021 - 25 Years

Kristin Kiney
Allison McKay

2020 - 15 Years

Moses Osafo
Olanrewaju Oyekola

2020 - 20 Years

Linda Van Dorn



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends and Family,

It's time to loosen up and have some fun!

It is no secret that for past three years we have all been living within some very challenging restrictions. These draconian mandates were all intended to help stop, or at least slow, the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Again, it's been nearly three years since these rules were implemented. We now have a green light and can now begin to enjoy some of the events and activities we always took for granted.

This does not mean that our dealings with the viral world are over. Far from it, but we are now in a position which allows for the return to some of our most favored activities.

One such event is the Foundation Gala. Begun about 20 years ago, it is a combination fund raiser, charity ball, senior prom and the formal recognition of the three people considered to have been the most helpful in their contribution of time and energy.

This year the CLC Foundation honored three people: Sandra Dammann, Danny Frank, and the late Judge Dana Winslow. All three have made CLC just a little bit better through their tireless efforts and contributions. (See page 1)

With the relaxation of some of the precautions, we were able to resume the Milestone Luncheon where we honor our employees for their length of service. Last month we honored 18 staff for more than 15 years of service: six for more than 20 and 3 for more than 25 years of service! Should you come across and any of these staff, thank them and congratulate them for their fine work with your children and siblings.

Finally, we have the Hidden Treasures Talent and Art Show. This group performs not only for CLC, but for the community at large. It is a two-hour festival of dance, choral and solo singing. The preparation for this show takes months and more than 90 consumers working on it. Each has an assigned task and their own part in the production.

We have always said that the CLC Hidden Treasures show is "The Hottest Ticket In Town". There must be something to this, because the word has spread to the local television station who came out to interview the cast and broadcast his interview on Channel 12!



All things considered; we are a very fortunate group. We should take a few moments to give thanks and reflect upon all that we do enjoy. Others are not as fortunate.

On behalf of our Board, our amazing staff, and all the people entrusted for our care, I wish you a happy, peaceful, and safe Holiday Season!

John Porcella

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Raffle Baskets included:

Date Night Basket

- Mt. Kisco Wine & Liquor
- La Tulipe Desserts
- Whispering Pines Flower Shop

Adjust and Reset Basket

- Mt. Kisco Chiropractic Center

Kick Your Feet Up Kind of Saturday Basket

- New England Antique Lumber
- Mimi's Coffee House

Movie Night Basket

- The Lil' Chocolate Shoppe

TLC Basket

- Capelli Hair

Sunday To-Dos Basket

- Porch Home Gift basket
- Mardino's Restaurant

Thank you to Denyele Urciuoli, Executive Director, CLC Foundation and Nikki Ferro, Associate Executive Director, CLC Foundation, for another successful Gala! In addition, kudos to the entire CLC Foundation team for assisting in the planning of the event, collecting donations and raffle prizes and working on the day of the event.

A special mention to Sharon Sinnott, Hidden Treasures Director and the Hidden Treasures volunteers and teachers for the choral group performance and decorating the day of the event. Hidden Treasures artists even created the gorgeous centerpieces that adorned each dining table.



STORY BY ANNETTE MAKSOU

PHOTOS BY ANNETTE MAKSOU, DENYELE URCIOLI & NIKKI FERRO

HOLIDAY PARTY 2022

Three years. That's how long its been since CLC held an agency-wide holiday party!

Our group certainly made up for lost time as they gathered together on December 8 at Villa Barone to celebrate the holiday season in style. As always, the dance floor was a magnet for CLCers, who danced the night away to music with a rhythmic beat after enjoying a delectable dinner.

In the CLC tradition, a variety of gift cards, including Target, Best Buy and Amazon, were raffled off. A highlight of the event was when John Porcella and Patti Hurley handed out certificates and gifts to staff members celebrating milestone anniversaries with CLC.

The soiree ended with much merriment and cheer, and with everyone talking about how much they were looking forward to next year's party!



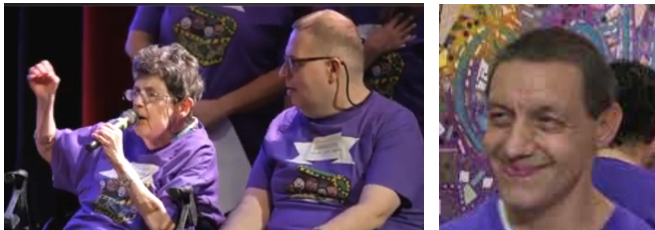
HIDDEN TREASURES TALENT AND ART SHOW

On December 6, Hidden Treasures Annual Show lit up the stage at Fox Lane High School in Bedford with its fabulous "Where Do Feelings Come From" show, which was dedicated to the late Lucille McCarthy, HT's long time director. Many of the scenes were inspired by her and other individuals who have influenced the lives of our artists.

Reporter Ben Nandy from News 12 Westchester covered the event, interviewing artists and performers. He described the show as "rockin'" and "electric." Ben noted that "the artists tell me that being in this show each year makes them feel great." The show ended with all performers, staff and volunteers singing along with the audience to "We Are the World."



Ben Nandy from News 12 Westchester interviews Danny H.



← Anthony Johnston wrote and performed an original song about his school bus driver who had been so kind to Anthony. The audience was surprised when the driver in the scene stood up to reveal he was Anthony's actual bus driver from his youth.

Cookin' Good with Jenny



We are pleased to present another cooking article from our own Jenny M. and her mom.



Chicken Paprika

Ingredients:

- 4 chicken drumsticks
- 4-6 chicken thighs
- flour for dredging
- vegetable oil for frying
- 1/4 cup diced onions
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika (or more to taste)

Dredge chicken parts in flour; shake off any excess.

Heat oil in heavy skillet and brown chicken parts.

Add diced onion and mushrooms and sauté until soft and lightly browned.

Add tomato soup, sour cream, Bay leaf, salt, pepper and paprika. Stir to combine.

Cover and cook over low heat for 30-40 minutes. Keep heat low; check it's not burning. Remove Bay leaf.

Serve over rice. Enjoy!

Clip and save this recipe from Jenny!

MOUNT KISCO ARTS COUNCIL FEATURES HIDDEN TREASURES

SHARON SINNOTT

On October 21, the Mount Kisco Arts Council hosted a reception celebrating Hidden Treasures artists and featuring their work. To art lovers' delight, the gallery, at 175 Main Street in Mount Kisco, NY was open for viewing for the next several weeks.



A CONCERT AT CARAMOOR

Jillian Linhardt

This fall, CLCers from Pound Ridge were invited to a private concert at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, NY to see famous pianist Jeremy Denk. Mr. Denk played beautifully and brought tears to everyone's eyes. Following the concert, he joined us to chat and take pictures. This concert was made possible by the Fischer family, and we send them our hearty thanks. We also thank the people at Caramoor for this private showing. We can't wait to come back!



AN AFTERNOON AT BEDFORD MANOR

Denyele Urciuoli



On a sunny Saturday this past September, John Porcella, CLC Group Services, Inc. CEO, Roger Cooper, CLC Group Board President, Danny Frank, Amy Berman, Executive Director of CLC, Allison McKay, Sr. Director of Residential at CLC and myself toured the CLC's Bedford Manor group home with a special guest.

Ms. Katherine Cates, a local resident, often passed by the Mount Kisco property, where her grandparents and aunt used to reside. She described driving by the property, always so curious about what it was like when her family lived there. That day in September, her wish came true.

We invited Ms. Cates, a local therapist, to visit the family home. Ms. Cates' family helped found Sarah Lawrence College and is part of a family foundation in Mount Kisco. After the tour, we invited residents to join us for coffee and snacks in the front yard.

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**GETTING REEL
WITH STEPHEN**



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

Black Adam

Rated: PG-13

I give this movie



This is another exciting super hero movie. It stars Dwayne Johnson as Black Adam. After being banished to another universe, he returns and goes against the Justice Society, who include Hawkman, Dr. Fate, Atom Smasher and Cyclone. They do a lot of fighting.

The characters won't give up and they just keep fighting. The movie has excellent acting and a lot of action. I really like action. Everyone should see it!

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