Hovey Receives Dr. Henry Viscardi Jr. Advocacy Award

Doug Hovey, executive director of Independent Living, Inc., was honored with the Dr. Henry Viscardi Jr. Advocacy Award for his long commitment and many accomplishments toward the protection of the rights of New Yorkers with disabilities. The award was presented at the 10th annual Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day in Albany by Joe Slaninka of the Viscardi Center and Assemblymember David I. Weprin, Chairman of the Task Force on People with Disabilities.

Each year, the award is presented to an individual who exemplifies Dr. Viscardi’s vision of an inclusive society. In accepting the award, Mr. Hovey noted that while great strides have been made, much remains to be done to provide equal access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities in our communities, noting that the NY State Assembly has many opportunities to increase the freedom and independence of persons with disabilities such as passing the Community First Choice Option and Nurse Practice Act. The 2014 Legislative Package includes many bills related to disability rights and affecting issues such as emergency preparedness, health care, housing and transportation.

7th Annual Fundraising Breakfast

Approximately 225 friends and supporters attended our 7th annual Friends of Independence fundraising breakfast, held at Anthony’s Pier 9 in New Windsor, NY on April 30, 2014, organized around the theme of “Building Partnerships, Changing Lives.” The annual breakfast serves as an opportunity to raise community awareness regarding disability issues and the work that Independent Living, Inc. is doing to address the barriers encountered by people with disabilities of all ages that prevent their full participation at work, school and in the community. One individual who has received supportive housing and case management services at Independent Living, Inc. spoke about how our staff helped her address challenges such as being homeless, jobless and feeling hopeless, to regain self-confidence, self-esteem and become self-supporting again. Another ...
UPCOMING EVENTS

Independent Living, Inc. Friends of Independence
Open House & Tour  5:15 - 6:15pm
• Wednesday, July 16th – 10 Prince Street, Suite 12, Monticello, NY
• Wednesday, August 20th – 66 Bennett Street, Middletown, NY
• Wednesday, Sept. 17th – 5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh, NY

Support Group for Individuals with Visual Impairments
Group will not meet for July and August, but will resume in Sept.
• Tuesday, September 9th – 5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh, NY
  6 - 8 pm. For more information contact Suzanne Tremper at 845-565-1162 ext. 209

Sixth Annual Diversity Job Fair
• Thursday, October 9, 2014, The Cornerstone Residence, 111 Broadway, Newburgh, NY  10am – 1pm

Seminar Series: Practices for Working with Deaf or Hard of Hearing People
• Tuesdays: September 16th, October 21st, November 18th
  5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh NY  2:30pm – 5:00pm
  For more information contact Suzanne Tremper by phone (845)565-1162 ext. 209, videophone (845) 764-8384 or email stremper@myindependentliving.org
Congratulations
Human Rights
Award Recipients

Matthew Migliaccio, President of the Independent Living, Inc. Board of Directors and Daniel Huttering, Program Manager, were recently recognized for their advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities by the Human Rights Commissions of Sullivan County and Orange County respectively.

Welcome to our new Board Member, Robert Justus

Bob Justus recently joined the Board of Directors at Independent Living, Inc. A Sullivan County resident and retired chiropractor, Bob earned his BA degree from Binghamton University and a Doctorate of Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College. Bob is an elected Councilman for the Town of Mamakating, and enjoys volunteering with Sullivan Renaissance groups in his community.

2nd Annual English Language Learners Conference

On Saturday, May 10th, the Hudson Valley Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (HVRBE-RN) in association with HV Writing Project; Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center at Independent Living, Inc. and the Lower Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center at the Westchester Institute for Human Development, brought together nearly 150 educators from across the Mid-Hudson region who serve children from birth to age 8 to participate in the 2nd annual English Language Learners Conference “Neuroscience and Education: Leveling the Playing Field.”

Dr. Infante-Green, NYS Education Department Associate Commissioner of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies provided opening remarks.

Dr. Eric Pakulak, Senior Research Associate, Brain Development Lab, University of Oregon provided the keynote presentation that focused on the neuroplasticity of the brain and evidence-based approaches for improving attention, language and school readiness for children from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Breakout sessions focused on topics that support brain development in young children and strategies to provide what their brains need in order to learn language most effectively.
Independent Home Care is a licensed home health care service agency (LHHCSA) dedicated to providing reliable, high-quality home care and related services for individuals of all ages. Our vision is a barrier-free community with a broad array of supports, enabling people to live with dignity in the home of their choice.

IL Strategy Group is dedicated to assisting affiliates in the Independent Living System with their missions, and designing solutions for issues of poverty, disability and the social determinants of community and individual well-being, including, but not limited to, the provision of affordable and accessible housing, opportunities for education, employment and social inclusion.

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