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Newsletter

Summer 2009

President's Message

By Robert Canuel



As I write this message we have survived another fiscal year. I have been involved in human services for more than 30 years and this past year was definitely one of the more trying and stress

filled years. That being said, I am happy to let everyone know that thanks to the hard work of everyone at the agency we had another successful year. I am also happy to announce that due to the strength of our partnership with the Department of Disability Services (formerly DMR) the budget that we have developed for our new fiscal year which began on July 1 is solid and actually includes additional growth.

In July we had our annual meeting with the Board of Directors and our senior management staff to report on our past year activities. This past year we achieved 8 of the 9 strategic goals we established and also were successful in accomplishing many other notable projects.

This year we have gotten off to another great start.

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School has agreed to construct a second home for us. Recently we purchased land in Somerset and we should begin construction in September when the students return to school. In this project we will be using elements of

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6th Annual Wine Tasting Event a Success!

The 6th Annual Wine Tasting Event held on May 14th at the Cultural Center in Fall River was once again a huge success. The event, sponsored by Citizens Union Savings Bank brought in over \$25,000 to support the many programs at People, Incorporated. The highlight of the evening was the High End Raffle which included weekend get-a-ways, Red Sox Tickets, a diamond tennis bracelet and numerous home improvement prizes.

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6TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT

May 14, 2009
The Cultural Center
205 South Main Street, Fall River, MA

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The success of our event could not have been accomplished without you!
Entertainment provided by: Louis Leeman and Michael Crowley

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"green technology" to build a more energy efficient home.

We have been awarded a grant though the Fall River Community Development Agency to help defray the cost of yet another new residential program. We will begin looking for land sometime this fall.

We recently met with the state Director of Employment and Workforce Development and there is a strong possibility that they will fund an initiative that will allow us to expand the Human service Academy started at our agency five years ago to other programs throughout Southeastern Massachusetts.

The new day habilitation program we started last year is now nearing full capacity and will provide much needed additional support to those consumers who need therapeutic services to maintain independence and quality of life.

We have submitted a federal grant to start an early head start program in the Fall River area. If funded, this program could serve up to 72 new children.

The forward movement that we have created will continue at the agency as we keep planning for ways to strengthen, grow and improve services for our community.

I would like to thank and recognize all of the staff at the agency for continuing to work at a high degree of professionalism and effort.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors and our funding sources for continuing to offer support and assistance to help staff carry out the agency mission.

Each year presents different challenges and opportunities. We have had six successive years of growth, both fiscally and programmatically and it is not by accident that we have been so successful.

I look forward to another new year and am confident that we will continue to build on our past success to improve the agency and our community.

Collaboration of the Quarter

People Incorporated is pleased to announce that Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School has been selected as our Collaborator of the Quarter. People, Incorporated and Diman have worked together on numerous projects - most recently the construction of the fully accessible residence on Ling Street.

Bob Canuel, President and CEO of People, Incorporated stated the following. "Rarely have I found another organization as committed and cooperative to work with other partners for the betterment of the community. The variety of programs that we have been able

to work together on that benefit our agency and their students have been extensive and innovative. I firmly believe that the partnership we have created together is unique, extremely valuable and will continue to grow over time. I cannot overstate how much I have appreciated our mutual desire to work together."

We look forward to many additional projects with Diman as we continue to work together to improve the lives of children, families and adults living in the Greater Fall River Community.

First Employee Appreciation Event



Staff from the Greater Fall River Early Intervention Program enjoy the evening.

The First Annual Employee Appreciation Event was held on April 3 at the Fall River Country Club. The event was attended by over 100 employees and their guests who enjoyed an evening of good food, good friends and a few laughs.

The evening began with reflections from Mr. Robert Canuel, President & CEO of People, Incorporated about the agency, it's mission and how important our employees are to our success. The message was loud and clear . . . You are valued, you are appreciated and we would not be successful without you. Mr. Canuel introduced the Mildred (Millie) Midura Scholarship Fund in her memory. This annual scholarship is in honor of Millie, a 20 year employee of the Greater Fall River Early Intervention Program who recently lost her battle with cancer. Millie also was awarded the People, Incorporated Employee of the Year award which her family accepted posthumously on her behalf.



Bob Canuel takes part in the magic show with magician Matt Roberts

Also receiving awards that evening were Debbie Golz for the Employee of the Year - Children's Division, Elaine Margarida for the Supportive Services Division, Fernando Carreiro for Day Services and Susan Raposa for the Residential Services Division.



Fernando Carreiro shows off his Employee of the Year award.



Lori Dupuis, Mary Nolan and Tiffany Santos enjoy some appetizers before the event.



Elaine Margarida, Supportive Services Employee of the Year.



DIABETES ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS



Keep Moving for Camp Kyle Walk-a-Thon a Success!

The Walk-a-Thon for Camp Kyle T. Woodruff for Children with Diabetes sponsored by Lifeline Diabetic to raise money for Camp Kyle was held at Government Center on Saturday, May 30th. Over \$22,000 was raised to support Camp Kyle for children with type I Diabetes. Coast 93.3 FM provided the music, and Mayor Robert Correia kicked off the event for the families.

This walk, held each year, brings much needed awareness to the devastating disease of diabetes and allows families to come together to support and encourage each other while raising money for Camp Kyle which was held this year from July 6 - July 31.

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New this year was an expanded raffle which included a Wii game system, a Plasma television and a weekend get-a-way.

Special thanks to all our volunteers and sponsors that helped to make the day a success.





DIABETES ASSOCIATION INC. NEWS

Funding updates

The Diabetes Association is pleased to announce that we have received funding from the Sophia Romero Trust in the amount of \$20,000 for outreach to the elderly in Bristol County. Services will include exercise, nutrition and support groups for elders and their care givers affected by diabetes.

Additionally, the Diabetes Association received \$10,000 from Dominion Energy Brayton Point Station from proceeds raised at their annual Employee Golf Tournament for Charity. The event, cochaired by Mr. Dick Ezovski and Mr. Alan Anselmo is in it's 15th year and has been the most successful golf event to date.

On behalf of the families and children who attend Camp Kyle, a huge Thank You!



Pictured above are Karen Silvia from the Diabetes Association, Inc. with Mr. Dick Ezovski from Dominion Energy.

17th Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Jack Rua



The 17th Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Jack Rua was held at the Fall River Country Club on June 29th. The event continued to be a success for the DAI and raised over \$16,000 for the organization. One hundred and eight golfers participated in the days event. Special thanks to our many sponsors including our Lead Sponsor: Mechanics Cooperative Bank , our Platinum Sponsor: Rua Dumont Audet Insurance Agency, our Silver Sponsor: KP Manning Auto Parts, Inc., and our Bronze Sponsor: Shepard Group, Inc.

Cheerleaders from the New England Patriots Football Organization were on hand to help with the silent auction of an autographed picture of New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady.

Because of the generosity of many community leaders and organizations who donated other raffle items, we were able to exceed our raffle ticket sales from previous years. Prizes for our golfers included Red Sox tickets, signed Patriots Memorabilia, golf apparel and weekend get-a-ways.



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Children's Division Receives Grant from T.J.X Foundation for Mommy & Me Group

The Early Intervention Partnership Program in collaboration with the Greater Fall River Early Intervention program received a \$5,000 grant to fund the Mommy & Me Group. This group is designed for new moms and their babies as a support group for moms and a developmental play group for children.

The Group meets weekly for 10 weeks 4 times per year. New this year is the addition of digital story-telling as a way for new moms to share their story with others.

For more information, contact Laura Dellaire at 508-675-3078.



Pictured above are Beverly Souza, RN, EIPP Program, Laura Dellaire, EIPP Program Director and Megan Mulligan, LCSW

People, Incorporated C.A.R.E.S award announced

Congratulations to Patrick Perrotta for being voted the PI C.A.R.E.'s Employee of the Quarter. Patrick received multiple nominations from his peers and supervisor which put him into the employee spotlight section of our HR Newsletter! He is a hardworking member of the People, Incorporated Residential staff and demonstrates politeness and respect on a daily basis as well a commitment to the individuals we serve. Patrick is a true asset to the agency and we are lucky to have him as part of the team!

In July, Patrick was presented with a \$50 gift certificate as well as multiple People, Incorporated items. Thank you Patrick for all of your hard work.

If there is someone that you would like to nominate for our PI C.A.R.E.'s Employee recognition program please call 508-679-5233 and speak to Jennifer Lazaro (ext. 46) or Pamela McNulty (ext. 11).

United Partnerships

The United Partnerships collaboration between People, Incorporated and the United Way of Greater Fall River continues to be an important program to provide leadership skill development in the Fall River Middle Schools. This year, we were able to expand the program to provide a Peer to Peer mentoring program for Kuss Middle School and Morton Middle School. This program trains 7th & 8th grade students to become mentors for incoming 6th grade students in September. Their role is to assist them as they navigate the school, help them to remain focused on their education and provide an opportunity for open discussion between students. For the 2009- 2010 school year, each 6th grade student in those schools will have a mentor.

Henry Lord designed a program specific to the needs of their school and opted for an anti-bullying program for their 7th grade students.

Special Thanks continue to go out to Core Trainings - Deb and Dana Hult for coordinating and presenting the trainings at the Middle Schools.

Ling Street House Completed

The construction at the new Ling Street residence for the Residential Services Division is complete! After an entire year of work, the students from various shops at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River put the finishing touches on the residence.

The home is the first fully accessible, four bedroom home for People, Incorporated. It is equipped with walk in showers, a walk in therapy tub, tracking for hooyer lifts, extra wide hallways to accommodate wheel-chairs and and boasts an open floor plan.

Special thanks to Cardi's Furniture for their generous donation of living room furniture and to the many other vendors in the Fall River community that helped make this project a success.

People Incorporated is delighted to have the opportunity to work with Diman again during the 2009-2010 school year for the construction of a new residence using "Green Technology" in Somerset.



Young Parents Learning Center Graduation



The Young Parents' Learning Center graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 22nd at the Trade Winds Restaurant located at Durfee High School. The Mayor of Fall River, Mr. Robert Corriera spoke along with Superintendent of Fall River Schools Ms. Meg Mayo-Brown, Principal of Durfee High School, Ralph Olsen and Mr. Robert Canuel, President & CEO of People, Incorporated.

This year's recipient of the Founders Award was Mrs. Donna Valente. The Founders Award is given each year to an individual who most closely represents the original vision and mission of the program. Mrs. Valente retired from the Fall River School system at the end of last school year as the Director of the Vocational Department at Durfee High School. Mrs. Valente was a constant supporter of our program and was always available to lend a hand or expert advice. She supported the mission of the Young Parent's Learning Center and truly helped us to help young parents through the years. When the YPLC opened up slots for children and grandchildren of Durfee employees, Mrs. Valente placed her granddaughter in the program as well.

People Incorporated is so proud of this program and the opportunities it can provide to our young parents. No one is more aware of this than Andrea Couture who was a parent in the program in 1992. After graduation, she went on to college to earn her degree in business and subsequently began a career with the Disney Company. In the fall, Andrea plans on returning to school to pursue her Law Degree. Andrea attended this years graduation to tell her story and to support her daughter Kayla who is part of this years graduating class. Kayla is another success story from the YPLC and will be attending Bristol Community College this fall.

We are so proud of ALL our graduates and wish them much success in the future!





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Helping People, Incorporated

As a non-profit agency, we rely on the generosity of members of the community, family members and our employees to help keep our mission alive. Many people often ask, "How can I help?" There are many different ways you can make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities and other at-risk life situations. You can invest your time by volunteering for one of the many programs supporting children and adults in the Fall River community, you can make a donation of a product or service to any of our programs, or you can remember People, Incorporated in your will and as you plan your estate. There are so many ways to give back to the agency that has been providing quality services for 40 years and has directly impacted the lives of over 1,000 families in 2008 alone!

Please consider making a contribution to People Incorporated. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, your donation may be tax deductible. To donate, please make check payable to People, Incorporated and mail to our administrative office at 1040 Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA 02723 ATTN: Director of Communication & Development

