

Enable in Madison County

Enable has been awarded a \$2,305 grant from the Konosioni Society of Colgate University to expand the selection of adapted toys that are available in our lending library, Project Adapt. Grant funds will be used to purchase toys and recreational items that promote motor development and provide opportunities for children to socialize and communicate with other children during the activity. Too often children with disabilities are unable to engage in play activities with their siblings or peers. Items selected under this grant emphasize materials that promote social interaction or allow the child with a disability to interact with their peers while playing with the toy. Founded in 1932, Konosioni is a long-standing senior student honor society devoted to the service of Colgate University and the

surrounding community. An annual charity auction serves as the primary fund raiser for the Konosioni Community Fund. Through the Community Fund, the college and its students contribute to the welfare of the Central New York community and encourage collaboration between Colgate University and non-profit agencies working in and around Madison County. Through a rural outreach component, Project Adapt serves children and adults with disabilities living in Madison County as well as five other counties in the Central New York region. Adaptive equipment being borrowed from Project Adapt is delivered to individuals through designated drop off locations in Madison County. For additional information on Project Adapt, please contact Sandi Nelson at (315) 455-7591 ext 206.



*Sara Wall-Bollinger,
Executive Director,
received her Master's
Degree from
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Anniversary Celebration

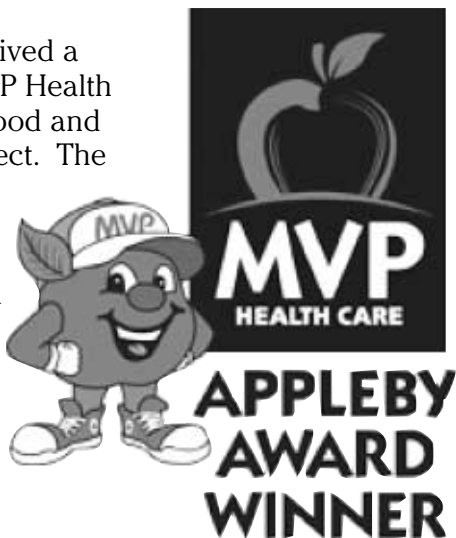
Enable employees and board members celebrated Enable's 57th Anniversary at a luncheon in March. Over 150 people gathered to recognize staff members for their accomplishments and contributions to the agency. Virginia Felleman, President, Enable Board of Directors, gave an uplifting and inspiring address to the group and Sara Wall-Bollinger, Executive Director presented the annual report. Board members presented awards to Enable employees who had been nominated by their supervisors and peers to receive commendations for exemplifying agency principles. A special award was given to Joanne Isabell for 25 years of service to Enable. Congratulations to all Enable employees on a job well done!



Joanne Isabell receives award for 25 years of service

Pearly Whites Project

Enable's Education Services received a \$2,500 Appleby Award from MVP Health Care to support an early childhood and family dental hygiene education project. The Preschool Pearly Whites Project will help preschoolers and their families learn about healthy eating and good dental hygiene that can prevent tooth decay. A child size "dentist office" will support dramatic play along with science, literacy, language, arts & crafts, sensory, math and nutrition



activities that incorporate the dental theme into the daily preschool routine. Parent education activities, a classroom visit by a dental hygienist and a community fieldtrip to a dentist's office will round out the program. The MVP Appleby Awards recognize projects that enhance the health, safety and well being of children and families who live in the MVP Health Care service area.

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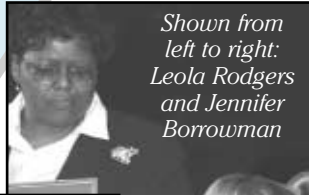
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Shining Lights Awardees

Enable's Shining Lights were recognized on April 7th 2005 at the Country Club of Syracuse. The evening, hosted by honorary chairs, George and Barbara Schunck, started with a social hour sponsored by The Pyramid Companies. Joe Galloway, a fire inspector for the Syracuse Fire Department, was the master of ceremonies. An educational video production by Enable's STARS group (Social Training for youth with Autism & Related Syndromes) was shown to guests, followed by a testimonial from Brandi Pullen, a STARS participant. Award winners, Paul Schoeck and E. Carlyle Smith enjoyed the evening with their family members. Other awards were presented to Mary Bundy, Sears Repair Center, posthumously to Ray Harrington, Green Hills, Warren Olin-Ammentorp, and to Enable employees, Linda Bogart, Donna Devlin, Lettie Holliman, and Diane Weiermann.

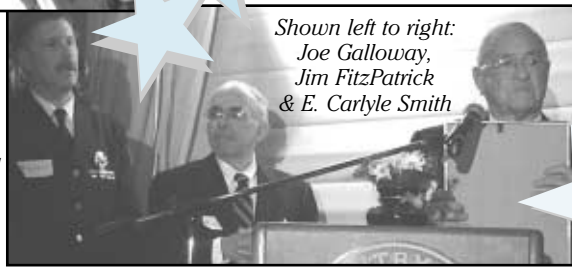
Above: George and Barbara Schunck congratulate Mr. Paul Schoeck. Mr. Schoeck and his late wife, Theresa, dedicated their lives to raising their late son, Pauly, who was born with cerebral palsy. The Schoeck's received a standing ovation for their dedication and commitment as parents.



Shown from left to right: Leola Rodgers and Jennifer Borrowman



Cindy Colavita



Shown left to right: Joe Galloway, Jim FitzPatrick & E. Carlyle Smith

The evening ended with a delicious dessert sponsored by The Bonadio Group. Thank you and congratulations to all Enable's Shining Lights!

Jennifer Borrowman was born with cerebral palsy. She cannot easily walk or talk, and needs assistance with most daily activities. With the support of her family and Enable services, Jen has made the most of her opportunities in life. Jennifer exemplifies the opportunities of Enable's mission. She received the Tom Rigney participant recognition.

Cindy Colavita has been employed with the Syracuse University Center on Human Policy for over twenty years. She is very committed to helping people with disabilities be more independent. She is a natural at empowering people. In particular, we honor Cindy for supporting her friend Sally who is living in a nursing home for a while. Cindy is a great support to all the members of the local Self-Advocacy group, and takes sincere personal interest in the members. Cindy received the Jerridith Wilson Volunteer-Award.

Contribution to Inclusion

Green Hills Farms Store

Green Hills Farms Store doesn't try to be the biggest, but it received recognition as "The Best Little Grocery Store in America" due to a philosophy of customer service. Enable participants from Community Networks earn money at the bottle redemption center. The funds are used for recreational activities.



Sears Repair Center

Over the years Sears Repair Center staff have shown consistent willingness to hire qualified people with disabilities. Renee Ecker, Unit Manager and her team make great efforts to provide a supportive environment for their employees.



Renee Ecker

Mary Bundy

Mary Bundy has been Director of the Exploring Your World pre-school since 1990 and has been affiliated with the school for over 30 years. Mary oversees developmentally appropriate curriculum and a warmly welcoming environment for children with and without special needs.



Keith Alford & Mary Bundy

Ray Harrington

There are many ways to include people with disabilities in our lives. Ray Harrington, who passed away last year, was simply a friend.



The Harringtons and Friends