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## Enable Establishes Endowment

**M**r. Paul Schoeck, now 101 years old, is a true American success story. You may live in one of the many homes that he built in the Syracuse area. Mr. Schoeck's son, Paul, lived with cerebral palsy, but he did not let this stop him from following in his father's footsteps. Paul was a successful building contractor in his own right until he passed away in October 2002.



*Paul Schoeck with Tracie Baule, Development Director. Mr. Schoeck contributed the first endowment gift in memory of his son, Paul, who had received services from the agency.*

Mr. Schoeck has generously contributed the first gift. Enable will maintain Endowment Gifts in perpetuity, utilizing the revenue generated by such gifts for the purposes outlined in the Endowment Agreement made at the time the contribution was received. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is

to provide an ongoing source of funding to support the mission of the agency. The Endowment Fund will also serve as a permanent testimony to the generosity of the donors who participate.

For more information regarding an Endowment contribution, please contact Tracie Baule, Development Director, 315/455-7591, x.279 or [tbaule@enablecny.org](mailto:tbaule@enablecny.org)

The Board of Directors of Enable, which is legally United Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children's Association of Syracuse, Inc., is pleased to announce the formation of an Endowment Fund. An Endowment is a contribution that has been permanently restricted by the donor.

## Enable Board of Directors Elects New Members

**A**t their Annual Meeting in June, the Board of Directors welcomed Pamela Gramet, PhD, Director of the Department of Physical Therapy at Upstate University Hospital and the College of Applied Professions and Virginia Wing, a parent advocate and mother of an adult child with cerebral palsy. Both have been involved with Enable for many years.

The Board of Directors re-elected Virginia Felleman, Cazenovia College, President; Clem Nadeau, Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, Vice-President; Lou Everding, Grimaldi & Associates, Treasurer and Leola Rodgers, Upstate University Hospital, Secretary.

Additional Officers are Keith Alford, Andrew Bobrek, Susan Cronin, Marvin Reed, and Michael Wirtheim.



*Pamela Gramet*



*Virginia Wing*

## WCNY Receives Award

**T**he Developmental Disabilities Planning Council announced that WCNY is the recipient of their 2004 Public Awareness Award. The award is given to a New York State media organization that has made an outstanding contribution in promoting the community participation of people with developmental disabilities. WCNY was selected for development of the series "My So-Called Disability". WCNY, in collaboration with Cazenovia College and a network of area human service agencies developed the concept of the multi-year commitment to educate, illuminate and advocate around issues impacting people with disabilities and their families. The first episode aired in February with a focus on brain injury. The second show, dealing with physical disabilities, is scheduled to air in August. Congratulations to Michael Fields and WCNY on their commitment to people with disabilities and our community. Learn more at [www.wcny.org/mysocalled/home.html](http://www.wcny.org/mysocalled/home.html).



# Louise B. Stickley Trust Funds Speakers' Training

Through a gift from the Louise B. Stickley Trust, Enable participants and staff attended the first Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State Speakers' Bureau training held in Ithaca from April 2 to 3. Agnes McCray, Frank Graziano, and Carol Tytler, Director of Communications and Outreach, joined consumers and staff from Aspire of WNY and the Franziska Racker Center for training in public speaking.

*Agnes McCray*



Activities ranged from basic public speaking concepts to audience assessment. Participants developed a speech around a topic of their choice,

practiced their presentation skills with an audience, and received a professional critique of their presentation. Individuals left the session with a videotape of their speech, as well as many new friends and increased confidence in their abilities. These newly trained public speakers have named themselves the *Unstoppable Dreamers* and plan to reach out into their communities to speak on behalf of the agencies from which they have received services and speak about disability issues in general.

*Frank Graziano*



## Fourth Annual Clare L. Smith Golf Classic

Presenting sponsor, First Niagara Bank, was host to a full field of golfers supporting both Enable and the memory of Clare Smith. Thanks to the exciting live auction with Jim Boeheim and Mark Johnson, the tournament raised over \$36,000 to support services for children with disabilities and their families. The impact of the event is doubled by a matching grant through Onondaga County. This is the fourth year that Enable has been participating with the Smith family to honor the late Mrs. Smith.



*The winning team: Don Lemp, John Wilde, Chuck Wilde and Larry Smith.*



*Board member Dan O'Donnell of First Niagara with Board President Virginia Felleman, Jim Boeheim, Guest Auctioneer, Sara Wall-Bollinger, Executive Director and Golf Committee Chairman, Board member Doug Pinckney.*

## Incredible Years

Enable is collaborating with Syracuse University and Laura Lee McIntyre, PhD. to offer free parenting education sessions for parents of pre-school children at the Exploring Your World Nursery School in September. Dr. McIntyre's research interests include early identification and treatment of children with developmental and behavioral problems, home-school collaboration, and multi-cultural family-based research. Contact Dr. Laura Lee McIntyre for more information at 443-2075.

# Thanks to our Shining Lights

The exciting rhythms of the Whatevah Samba Group, a drumming and dance troupe of Enable program participants, entertained over two hundred guests at the 2004 Shining Lights Awards Celebration.



*The Whatevah Samba Group entertains the crowd.*

Honorary Chairs Hal and Ruth Brown kicked off the enjoyable evening which included Enable Board of Director's President Virginia Felleman as well as Past President Tim Murphy, Vice President Clem Nadeau and Board Secretary, Leola Rodgers presenting the awards.



*Sara Wall-Bollinger and Virginia Felleman present the Community Service award to Scott Stanton, president of UAW Local 624.*



*Ruth and Hal Brown, Jr., honorary chairs of the 2003-2004 Annual Campaign, and two of their children, Hal, III (standing) and Betsy (seated center) are greeted by Sara Wall-Bollinger.*

# New Entrance at Court Street

You may not believe your eyes! Please stop by to see for yourself - almost an acre of paved parking lot, with excellent drainage, lighting, landscaping and painted lines! Board President Virginia Felleman hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony held July 9th featuring Peggy Ogden of the Central New York Community Foundation, which provided funding for the renovation needed to make a new entrance at Enable's main building. Also speaking were County Executive Nick Pirro and NYS Advocate for People with Disabilities, Richard Warrender. Enable's Northside neighbors, Board members, staff, program participants and supporters participated in the celebration.



*Ambassadors from the Chamber of Commerce presented Enable with a certificate acknowledging Enable's service in our community.*



*Board President Virginia Felleman and Peggy Ogden of the Central New York Community Foundation officially open Enable's East entrance on Loma Avenue.*



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## Upcoming Events

**August 6th, 2004** ..... United Way of Greater Oswego Annual Stuff-a-Bus. Contact Melanie Trexler at 315-593-1900.

**August 8th, 2004** ..... British Car Show at Lorenzo Historic Site in Cazenovia. 315-655-3200.

**August 8th, 2004** ..... Liverpool Elks Club Music Fest. <http://elks2348.org>

**September 15th 2004** ..... Empowering Self-Directed Lives, Keynote Speaker Norman Kunc. Call Tracy Tamburo 315-455-7596 x. 315

**September 25th, 2004** ..... RJ Cooper Workshop in Utica. . .Special Education software, hardware and Assisive Technology. [www.rjcooper.com](http://www.rjcooper.com)

**October 20th, 2004** ..... Disability Mentoring Day Job Shadowing and Hands-on Career Exploration. [www.dmd-aapd.org](http://www.dmd-aapd.org)

**November 5th, 2004** ..... Sue Mistrett Assisive Technology Training. <http://letsplay.buffalo.edu>

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### Enable's Services

Advocacy  
Aquatic Therapy  
Assistive Technology  
Augmentative Communication  
Certified Residential Settings  
Computer Access & Training  
Day Habilitation  
Diagnostic Assessment  
Early Intervention Evaluation  
Family & Individual Support  
Home & Community Based Services

Inclusive Pre-School  
Special Education  
Individual & Group Counseling  
Itinerant Special Education  
Neurology Services  
Occupational Therapy  
Personal Assistance  
Physical Therapy  
Pre-School Evaluation  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
Residential Habilitation  
Sensory Integration

Service Coordination  
Speech & Language Therapy  
Supported Employment  
Support Groups

### Affiliations:

Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS  
United Way of Central New York  
United Way of Greater Oswego County  
Association for Persons in Supported Employment  
National Association for the Education of Young Children  
U.S. Green Building Council