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Saratoga Bridges receives a Wright Family Foundation grant

Saratoga Bridges received a very generous grant of \$20,000 from The Wright Family Foundation, Inc., which will make a significant impact locally on the lives of people with disabilities. It will be used specifically for their community-based home located in Clifton Park, NY.

In particular, these funds will give the 5 individuals who live there new front and rear ramps, a deck system and a vinyl lattice roof cover. Due to the inclement weather conditions, these 20+ year old structures needed to be replaced. The roof covering will avert the buildup of snow, reduce slippage in rainy, icy weather and avoid environmental debris. The benefit for the individuals who use wheelchairs or have ambulatory issues will be able to remain safe while eliminating the possibility of falling. The renovation will also will prevent injuries to their staff members.

Saratoga Bridges is most grateful for all of the ongoing support they have received from The Wright Family Foundation. In 2004, a \$50,000 grant was used towards the renovation of the agency's Corinth Pallet and Production Facility where their individuals construct custom-sized hardwood pallets. These improvements consisted of a new loading dock, kilns, covered wood storage area and building HVAC upgrades. As a result, people are integrated in this pre-vocational program and are learning valuable employment skills that they hope to transition into competitively paid positions. In 2011, Saratoga Bridges received a grant of \$30,000 to construct The Wright Family Foundation Pavilion at their Wilton Day Program. Prior to the construction project, the topography was prohibitive to many. Now their objectives have been achieved in that individuals can experience and enjoy the natural surroundings of the property without concern for insects, precipitation or temperature. The therapeutic, accessible area serves as an excellent means of increasing personal, daily living, recreational, communication and social skills.

Saratoga Bridges has been providing the highest level of programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 60 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of the community. As one of the largest private non-profit organizations in Saratoga County, they have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and dreams as they work, volunteer, socialize and recreate while leading full, productive and contributing lives. The agency employs close to 600 conscientious people who work diligently and with great compassion in their 24/7 care for over 800 individuals. Their philosophy truly is that every day is full of possibilities!