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## Saratoga Bridges receives a grant from

## The Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region's Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund

Saratoga Bridges received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region's Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund. This invaluable support is instrumental in sustaining their scope of services for 77 individuals at their Clifton Park Day Habilitation Program located at 495 Clifton Park Center Road.

They will utilize these funds to purchase a wheelchair scale. This piece of therapeutic equipment will help individuals who have a range of medical conditions from medically frail, over weight, recently diagnosed cancer, heart conditions, j-tube placement requiring tube feeding and re-admits from hospitalization. This industrial-strength constructed model has a ramp for easy access and an oversized platform to accommodate geriatric (recliner) chairs and extra wide wheelchairs while providing necessary information to follow obesity, weight loss and water retention. Accurate weight is necessary for proper nutrition, medication and food supplementation. For individuals who receive g-tube feedings and/or supplemental nutrition it is extremely important to maintain optimum health. The scale allows trained staff to weigh consumers in a safer, faster, more comfortable and efficient manner. As there are very few physicians in the area that have wheelchair scales, it is vitally important that their staff work with physicians, nutritionists, nurses and therapists to provide the best possible health care to their individuals.

As one of the largest non-profit organizations in Saratoga County, Saratoga Bridges has been proudly providing the highest level of services and programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 55 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of community life. Throughout their history, family members, staff and volunteers have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and aspirations 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 to be responsible for the 24/7 care of over 800 individuals. Saratoga Bridges' philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!



