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Saratoga Bridges announces The Adirondack Trust Company as a Lead Sponsor

Saratoga Bridges is thrilled to announce The Adirondack Trust Company as a Lead Sponsor for their 2014 fundraising season. For more than two decades, The Adirondack Trust Company has supported Saratoga Bridges and their programs. As needs continue to increase for people with developmental disabilities and families, the agency must obtain vital funds. Saratoga Bridges is committed to keeping its crucial services intact for individuals and their families living in Saratoga County.

Valerie Muratori, Saratoga Bridges Executive Director, expresses the entire agency's appreciation, *"On behalf of over 800 individuals and their families we serve, I am extremely grateful to The Adirondack Trust Company. As deeply committed community partners, they demonstrate their charitable support by not only donating financial resources, but by encouraging their employees, colleagues, family and friends to volunteer for non-profit organizations like Saratoga Bridges. We have been most privileged to receive both! Private corporate and individual donations ensure we can continue providing vital services such as daily transportation to and from homes to program sites, art materials and supplies for our Creative Endeavors program, family reimbursement and in-home respites. Our existing revenue streams do not fully fund this services and activities."*

One of the programs supported by donations is Saratoga Bridges Sibshops. Rory Graham, age 12, stated this about her experience, *"Five years ago I thought I was the only one who had feelings I kept inside about my brother. I took things personally and was very hurt. Then my parents learned about a program called Sibshops Saratoga Bridges was having. I was quite nervous, but it was a great opportunity. When I got to Sibshops the other kids would say, "My brother does that too!" It was very comforting to know that other kids have the same experiences and was really beneficial to have such a strong support system. We share things that I can't talk to my friends at school about because they don't really get how upsetting, annoying or sometimes embarrassing life with my brother can be. Now I realize I'm not alone, that they understand and that I'm not the only one feeling the way I do. These kids get it! We have fun and I like to go and be with a bunch of new friends from different schools. One of the things I enjoy most is that we can talk in a place that is a safe environment and have fun activities to express ourselves. Without this opportunity, I would not be as tolerant and accepting of my brother's behavior. Sibshops have given me a sense of maturity, perspective and peace of mind. I am so happy to be a part of it!"*

Here is a full list of Saratoga Bridges Season Sponsors for 2014 and their events:

Lead Sponsors: The Adirondack Trust Company, Constance & Thomas D'Ambra & Ketel One Vodka

Featured Sponsors: Coca-Cola, Relph Benefit Advisors, and Stewart's Shops

Associate Sponsors: The Bonadio Group, Camoin Associates, Champlain Wealth Management Reinhart, O'Connell & Aronowitz Attorneys at Law, Saratoga Casino & Raceway and Tarella Financial Group

July 14 – Relph Benefit Advisors presents The 11th Annual J. Michael Fitzgibbons Memorial Golf Classic

Enjoy lunch, complimentary beverages, golf, prizes and a 19th Hole Awards Ceremony at The Edison Club, a private golf course located in Rexford, NY.

July 19 – Ketel One Vodka, Mrs. Marylou Whitney & Mr. John Hendrickson and Michael W. & Stacie H. Arpey present Saratoga Bridges Annual Gala “The White Party”

Honorary Chairs - Julie & Sonny Bonacio, Gala Co-Chairs - Beth Alexander & Heather Straughter, the Gala Committee, & Saratoga Bridges proudly announce “The White Party” to be held at Fasig Tipton. This event will feature food by Mazzone Hospitality Catering, Cocktails courtesy of Ketel One Vodka, HBT Crazy Photo Booth, Silent & Live Auctions and Live Entertainment from GRAVITY.

August 23 – Ketel One Vodka presents The 25th Annual Travers Day at the Races

Held on the most exciting afternoon of the meet, Travers Day at Saratoga Race Course, this event includes premium seating and hospitality with a delicious buffet and beverage service in the Carousel Restaurant.

October 18 – MVP Health Care presents The 14th Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge

This event features a 5K walk/run, 10K run & Kids Fun Run through Saratoga Spa State Park. Each registrant (5&10K) receives a long-sleeved moisture wicking T-shirt (*if registered prior to 10/1*). Limited to 1st 2,000 registrants and NO DAY OF registration in 2014.

For information on becoming a sponsor or to make a reservation at any 2014 Special Event, please contact Heather Varney at 518-587-0723 ext. 1266, e-mail at hvarney@saratogabridges.org or go online 24/7 to www.saratogabridges.org.

Saratoga Bridges has been providing the highest level of 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. 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, shop, play, and volunteer while leading full, productive and contributing lives. This voluntary service provider believes that the care they give increases immeasurably the quality of life for every citizen. Saratoga Bridges’ philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!

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