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Saratoga Bridges receives grant from WGY Christmas Wish Program

Saratoga Bridges received a grant of \$1,000 from the WGY Christmas Wish Fund program. They will be utilizing the funds to augment their Family Reimbursement Program which falls under their umbrella of Family Support Services.

In particular, they will be apply the grant towards their Family Reimbursement Program which provides families, who care for a loved one with a developmental disability living at home, with a cash subsidy to assist with expenses not covered by other resources, or take inordinate time to be approved. These may comprise of services or items including additional respite coverage, iPads, clothing, tutoring, camp tuition, travel expenses, swings, YMCA memberships, afterschool social programs, therapeutic swimming and horseback riding lessons, Applied Behavior Analysis therapy, therapeutic equipment, sensory items, books, weighted blankets, diapers, yard fences, rent, glasses and conference fees. 100% of the funds will designated towards these cash subsidies.

A committee of family members and professionals review, discuss and prioritize each request while Saratoga Bridges staff acts as the oversight agency. This process ensures due diligence is conducted and achieved. This WGY Christmas Wish Fund grant will relieve the physical, emotional and financial stress for several families. Their continuous support definitely makes a difference in the lives of the children they support.

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 830 individuals. Saratoga Bridges' philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!