



Because we value leaders who have notably impacted Saratoga County, we created a Community Builders Recognition Award to showcase the exemplary leadership individuals have made by sharing their time, resources and influence both locally and beyond. These leaders enrich and enhance the quality of life for everyone they touch as well as laying the foundation for future generations.

It was our distinct privilege to honor Lisa and Ed Mitzen as they understand the vital importance of breaking down barriers and forming partnerships among numerable stakeholders. Whether together or independently, they have volunteered for a myriad of causes and their strengths have been to find solutions which have reaped many successful outcomes.

Our relationship with Ed began in 2005 when he graciously offered pro bono services on behalf of Palio's amazing team to guide us through our new name, logo and branding project initiative. What a fantastic experience that was for us and one we will forever be appreciative to have had.

Whether participating in our fundraising events, distributing art supplies for the people we support, becoming season sponsors, joining our community leaders' breakfast or designating our agency to be a recipient of the Bread Basket's proceeds, these opportunities have significantly benefited us. And their commitment to the community is quite remarkable. With Code Blue and their purchases of the Bread Basket and just last week Hattie's, their new initiative the Business for a Good Foundation, is making an immediate impact. They are unbelievably generous and set a wonderful example of volunteerism and philanthropy for everyone to emulate. As a result, they have enabled Saratoga Bridges to raise awareness and funds that significantly contribute to the fabric of diversity throughout our community.

We were thrilled to present Lisa and Ed with an original torn cardboard collage which was initially called "The Barn" but we took the liberty of changing to pay homage to their "Handsome Cock Farm" as a way to further strengthen our connection to them.