SARATOGA BRIDGES

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OUR MISSION

SARATOGA BRIDGES EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE THEIR LIFE GOALS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, COLLABORATION AND EXPERIENCE.



OUR HISTORY

Saratoga Bridges was founded in 1954 by parents who were determined to have a rightful place in society for their children with developmental and other disabilities.

OUR PROGRAM

We proudly offer a full range of programs to assist each individual in developing his or her own capabilities. Our purpose is to continue enhancing and enriching each person's life by providing the highest level of quality services. Throughout our history, we have worked diligently to promote people's potential, achievements and accomplishments – always with a goal of being able to empower hopes and dreams for our individuals to work, volunteer, socialize and recreate while leading full, productive and contributing lives.

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ANNUAL GALA THE WHITE PARTY WITH A SPLASH OF COLOR

A record \$187,000 was raised at The White Party with a Splash of Color held on July 16 at the majestic Saratoga National Golf Club. Co-Chairs Kimberly and Leigh McConchie and the amazing committee welcomed a festive crowd of 435 guests who dressed in various splashes of color. The event included complimentary cocktails from DIAGEO (generous partners with Saratoga Bridges for 26 years), 90+ Cellars and DeCrescente Distributing Company, scrumptious food by Mazzone Hospitality, Silent and Live Auctions, Santore's World Famous Fireworks, Creative Endeavors' artwork, photos by Cathleen V. Duffy Photography and Silly Snaps Photo Booth, Valet Parking and Cryin' Out Loud kept guests dancing until 11 p.m.

News Channel 13 Anchor Chris Onorato kicked off the program as Emcee and introduced our Foundation Board President Erik Whittle and CEO Jane Mastaitis who thanked the many sponsors, donors and guests. We recognized the McConchie's, Honorary Chairs Charles and Candace Wait and Community Builders Awardees Angelo and Kate Calbone for their long-time support and gave them prints of torn cardboard collages created by collaborative artists from our Creative Endeavors Art Center.

THE 19TH ANNUAL J. MICHAEL FITZGIBBONS MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC



The Saratoga Bridges' 19th Annual J. Michael Fitzgibbons Memorial Golf Classic was a highly successful tournament with the agency raising over \$67,000! Held on August 9th, 138 golfers played the beautiful Edison Club. The day included a scramble format, BBQ lunch, munchies and boxed meals for dinner, complimentary beverages courtesy of Saratoga Eagle, DIAGEO and DeCrescente Distributing Company. The players also received rain jackets sponsored by Performance Industrial and goodie bags from DeCrescente Distributing Company, The Appraisal Company and UKG. A Golf Ball Air Cannon Launcher from LaChance State Farm agency added to the fun. Among the prizes awarded was 1st Place (with a score of 54, the lowest round by any foursome in an Edison Club tournament) to Dan Cardella, Mandy D'Andrea, Diane Jorgeson, and Rick Matteson. A portion of the proceeds benefitted the J. Michael Fitzgibbons Memorial Scholarship Fund. Annually, one of our staff members is awarded an educational scholarship in memory of Michael, a long-time Saratoga Bridges Board Member who passed away unexpectedly in 2005.

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TRAVERS DAY AT THE RACES

Close to 175 guests joined us at our 32nd Annual Travers Day at the Races at the historic Saratoga Race Course. The event, held on August 27th, was Saratoga's most exciting day of the meet. The guests had premium seating in the Easy Goer Restaurant and the Veranda Terrace, a buffet lunch, complimentary beverage service, Clubhouse admission and post parade program. They also received a Saratoga Bridges blanket as a favor.

THE 22ND ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN CHALLENGE 5K/10K & KID'S FUN RUN

After two years of hosting "virtual only" events, due to the pandemic, we came back together on Saturday, October 15, for the 22nd Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge! The event was held in the Saratoga Spa State Park with close to 1,000 participants who ran, walked, or rolled to raise \$35,000 for Saratoga Bridges' non-funded or underfunded programs and services. The race featured NET Chip Timing from Albany Running Exchange, homemade refreshments made by Saratoga Bridges' individuals, donated food and beverages from Hixny, Uncommon Grounds, Bimbo Bakeries USA, Hannaford, DeVoe's Rainbow Orchard, Healthy Living and Fresh Market. The day also included a costume contest and an annual favorite, the decorated pumpkin contest, with pumpkins decorated by our day and residential programs. Many "Bridges Buddies" participated in the 5K upon completing the agency's Walking and Wheeling Program. Additionally, over 120 people volunteered for the event from MVP Health Care, BOCES' Criminal Justice students, Goldman Sachs' Community TeamWorks, Saratoga Spa Catholic and Saratoga Bridges staff, board members and friends.







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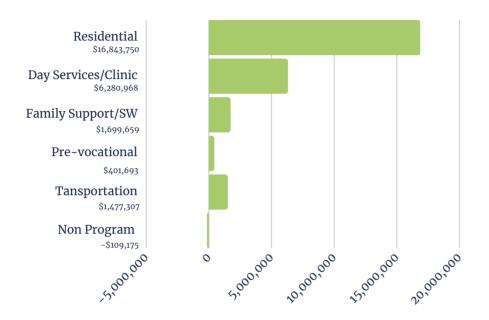
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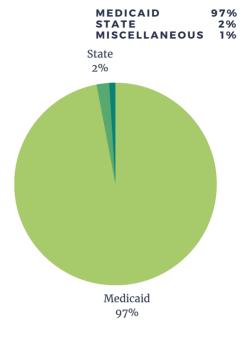
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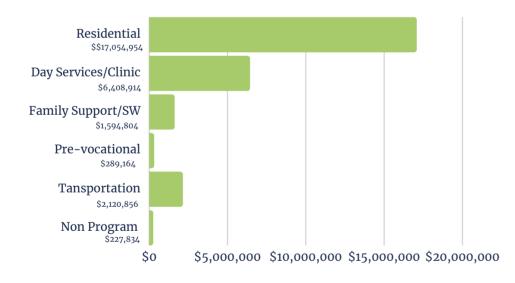
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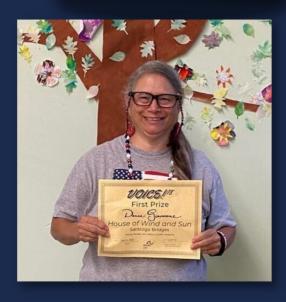














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