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Living the American Dream
...It Takes a Family



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A Message from our CEO

I would like to personally thank all of you, our donors, for your contributions. CRVI relies on the CRVI Foundation to help provide support for items that are not covered by Medicaid funding. During this time of budget reductions and Medicaid cuts, your support is more vital than ever. CRVI remains focused on our New Directions... New Lives initiative and empowering the people we support to have more independent lives. Our recent quality certification by the Council on Quality & Leadership demonstrates the commitment of our staff to ensure people have the best lives possible.

Every generous contribution we receive helps us to fulfill our mission and provide more opportunities for the people we support. You can be confident that your support helps to put smiles on people's faces. In 2018, your gifts helped to support the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van, funded the costs of vacations, conferences and enhancements in our homes. The CRVI Foundation also provided the funding for Family Fun Day at The Castle in Chester, NY. This highly anticipated annual event was a huge success again this year with nearly 800 attending. The Annual Luncheon, held at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, NY is another event sponsored by the Foundation and this year over 450 attended and everyone had a wonderful time. You are the one who make these events to remember a reality; each one making a huge impact on the lives of the people supported by CRVI. Thank you to each of you for making a huge difference.

From all of us at CRVI, we wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

Bill

William J. Sammis, Chief Executive Officer
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From the CRVI Foundation Board President...

Everyone who serves on the CRVI Foundation board is thankful to all of you who generously donate, allowing us to provide more opportunities and independence for the people we support.

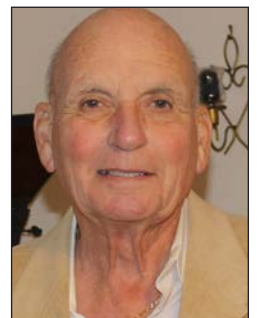
Last year's Annual Appeal contributions allowed us to purchase a wheelchair accessible van. We are planning on purchasing an additional van this year, making the lives of the people we support more comfortable and will allow them to get to medical appointments and activities in the community much easier. There are also several houses that need generators. Both the van and the generators are costly and we are asking for your help to make these purchases possible.

We are appealing to each of you for your continued support and generosity; without your gifts we would not be able to provide nearly as many opportunities for the people supported by CRVI. In this season of giving, please consider donating to the CRVI Foundation; each gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Every gift received is essential for the continued success of our work.

Finally, the CRVI Foundation wishes each of you a joyous and happy holiday season and all the best in the new year. Together we can change lives.

Ed

Edward J. Hoblin
President, CRVI Foundation Board





ANNUAL APPEAL: *Can We Count on Your Help?*

**Your help has made a huge difference in the lives of the people we support!
Please continue to help us get where we need to go!**

Last year during our Annual Appeal, we asked you to help fund a wheelchair accessible van. You helped us not only meet our goal but your donation had a tremendous impact on the lives of the people we support. The new van, pictured above, is used for transportation to medical appointments, community activities, shopping and outings. We are grateful that we are able to fill such an urgent need, thanks to your generosity.

This year, we are again asking for your help in reaching our goal of \$75,000 so we can purchase an additional wheelchair accessible van. Many of the people we support are getting older and the need for them to be using wheelchairs is growing. Can we count on your help?

Will you make a gift that will make a difference and will help get the people supported by CRVI to the places they need and want to go? Please send your gift to the CRVI Foundation or donate online at foundation.crvf.org. Your support helps us continue our essential work. For your convenience, pull out the enclosed envelope to send in your gift.

Thank you, from all of the people supported by CRVI. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

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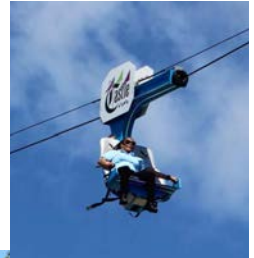
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CRVI Family Fun Day

We are so grateful to our generous supporters for helping us make our 5th Annual Family Fun Day another huge success and a day to remember. Over 700 people from our CRVI family, including those we support, their families, our staff and their families came together at The Castle Fun Center to enjoy the fun of all the activities. It was a beautiful late summer day and everyone had a great day; one they will certainly remember for a long time!

Special thanks to M & T Bank, our Event Sponsor. Below are all of the sponsors who contributed to this successful event. We certainly couldn't do it without their generosity.

- Event Sponsor \$7500 - M & T Bank
- Barbecue Sponsor \$3000 - CBIZ
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 - P & N Fire Alarm



Why Planned Giving Matters

Richard Shapiro, Certified Elder Law Attorney, of Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone, LLP, presented a Planned Giving seminar on November 5 at the Middletown Marriott. Mr. Shapiro's presentation, "How to be a Philanthropist", was a "soup to nuts" explanation of effective ways to ensure the well-being of an individual/couple and their family, while considering CRVI and/or charities in their long-term plans. Those attending the seminar learned how they can benefit the CRVI Foundation as well as provide significant benefits for themselves, as well as how to avoid common estate and tax mistakes, and increase income.

For more information about planned giving and estate planning strategies, contact Karen Hartley, Foundation Director, at 845-673-4224 or by email at karen.hartley@crvi.org. All inquiries are completely confidential.



CRVI Foundation Board President Ed Hoblin, Bill Sammis, CRVI CEO and Michael Flynn, CRVI Board President chat with Rich Shapiro prior to his Planned Giving seminar.

Living the American Dream...It Takes a Family

The Buci Family immigrated to the United States in the early 1980's in pursuit of a better life. When they first arrived in this country, they settled in the New York City area. This is where Agon was born. In 2006, the Bucis moved to Orange County, giving Mr. Buci additional opportunities to develop his construction business. Similar to so many "American Dream" success stories, the Bucis worked hard, and in the family's words, "Our parents embraced the American dream, integrated into the community and worked hard to give the whole family a better life."

Agon has two older sisters and a younger sister and brother. His three sisters have relocated to Washington, DC and to Charlotte, NC in pursuit of their career objectives. Like his father, Agon has a particular interest in construction and loves taking trips to Home Depot. He also loves eating out (pizza is his favorite food) and he

enjoys going out into the community with the other residents in his home. Agon goes to program and loves being part of the local community. He also likes to help the residential staff run errands and he welcomes any opportunity to explore new environments.

Agon has extended family in the New York tri-state area. He is very close to his cousins and aunts and uncles. He uses Skype to communicate with them!

The Buci family is grateful that CRVI provides Agon with good care, structure and the stability of his mentors and of course, his peers. Agon is happy to have his family nearby and he enjoys any opportunity to help his father with a construction project.

Like the Bucis, many of us have an "American Dream" story in our family's history. A special thanks to Agon's siser Besa, who shared her family's story with us!

Agon is pictured here with his dad and Bill Sammis, CRVI CEO and on the front cover of this newsletter with Bill and his family after receiving an award at the Annual Luncheon for his positive contributions to the CRVI family.



Memorial Tribute Gifts

The list of names below indicates memorial gifts by our donors honoring a family member or friend, denoting a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one. Their gifts will be used to meet the CRVI Foundation's most pressing needs or in some cases, the gifts are allocated toward a specific request made by the donor.

In Memory of Amiel Bar-Ziv
Hoda Foster

In Honor of Friedel Leopold
Susanne and Ben Fruchter

In Memory of Frances Weisbrot
Richard Weisbrot

In Memory of Georgiana Brander
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In Memory of Dean Weisbrot
Richard Weisbrot

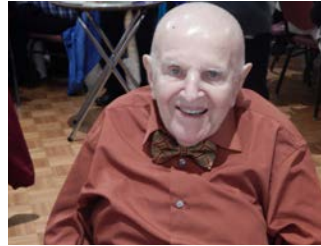
In Honor of the Pilar Jenkins Family
Celeste Jenkins

Annual Luncheon

This year's Annual Luncheon was another beautiful event sponsored by the CRVI Foundation. Dressed in their best "fancy" clothes, over 450 attended, including the people we support and their families and our staff. Everyone enjoying catching up with each other and enjoying the luncheon provided by Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, NY. After lunch was served, the award presentation was done by Bill Sammis, CRVI CEO.

The 2018 Award recipients were **Agon Buci, Igor Maseyev and Paul Gilman.**

Everyone is already talking about and looking forward to next year's Annual Luncheon.

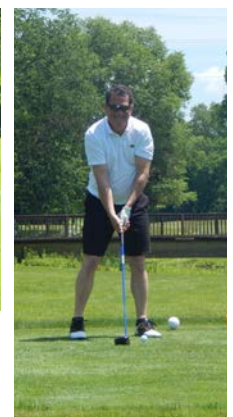


Annual Golf Event

The 20th Annual Golf Event was held on June 11, 2018 at the Otterkill Golf & Country Club in Campbell Hall, NY. The event was a huge success and we thank all of our sponsors, supporters and 114 golfers who enjoyed the beautiful warm day. It was the perfect day for golf! Special thanks to our Title Sponsor, E & A Contracting and to all our sponsors who made this event possible.

2018 CRVI Foundation Golf Event Sponsors:

- Title Sponsor \$10,000 - E&A Contracting
- Platinum Sponsor \$7500 - AJ Gallagher Risk Management
- Gold Sponsors \$5,000 - The Bonadio Group, CBIZ, Storm King Group
- BBQ Lunch Sponsor \$3,000 - Driscoll Foods
- Hole In One Sponsor \$3,000 - Enterprise Fleet Management
- Golf Carts Sponsor \$3,000 - GNS Group, Ltd.
- Golfers' Gifts Sponsor \$3,000 - Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy
- Raffle Sponsor \$2,000 - K-MAN Glass
- Birdie Sponsor \$1,500 - Atlantic, Tomorrow's Office
- Beer & Beverage Sponsor \$1,500 - Focused Wealth Management
- Golf Awards Sponsor \$1,500 - Global Communications
- Eagle Sponsor \$1,500 - Kristt-Kelly Co.
- Continental Breakfast Sponsor \$1,500 - Nationwide Insurance Co.
- Fairway Sponsor \$1,500 - Orange Bank & Trust
- Golf Ball Sponsor \$750 - Barclay Damon
- Hole Sponsor \$300 - Alan Turken Allstate Insurance, Barclay Damon, BFI, Crystal Run Health Plans, Irv Schroder & Sons, Inc., Kinetech Voice Technologies, Lanc & Tully
- Two Tee Signs \$350 - Allied Excavating, Catholic Charities, Orange Regional Medical Center,
- One Tee Sign \$200 - DJ Heating & Air Conditioning, International Contractors, IQuarters, Jackson Lewis, Judelson, Giordano & Siegel, O&D Electric, Corp., Todd Lyons Paving, Ward's Bridge Inn



Help Us Pave the Way to New Directions...New Lives



Buy A Brick for an Everlasting Tribute – A Great Holiday Gift Idea!

Would you like to recognize someone with a onetime donation that will last a lifetime? For more information, pull out the order form in this newsletter!

The CRVI Foundation is offering engraved bricks for placement at the base of the lighted flagpole and bench at the new CRVI Administrative Support Building. Your brick will be personalized with your custom message; it can be in memory or honor of a loved one, a family or a company. The funds raised from your brick will help open the door to more independence and the opportunity to achieve the best lives possible for the people who receive our support.

Fill out and return the pull-out form in this newsletter to order your engraved brick today!
 Each 4" x 8" brick is \$125 Each 8" x 8" brick is \$1,000

Mini replica bricks to remember your donation for your home or office are an additional \$25

Legacy Brick Donors

The list of Legacy Brick donors below reflect the donors of all engraved bricks that were ordered prior to December 3, 2018.

4" X 8" Bricks

Abilities First
 Acme Industries, John and Laure Landrio
 Anderson Design Group
 Cosmo and Margherita Auliano – (3 bricks)
 Broadband Consulting Services
 Colonial Bryant Funeral Homes – (3 bricks)
 Combined Energy Services
 T.M. Contracting of Orange County, Inc.
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Corinne Cody & David Klein
 CR Wolfe Heating
 Driscoll Foods
 Carolyn Dunne- (2 bricks)
 Barbara Eccleston
 Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield
 John H. Eschenberg, Inc.
 Christine Gillislee, Franklin Garcia, Alysha Jayne
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 Marie and Danny Hunt
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 Walter Kerut
 Joan Kohler

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 Myrna and Joseph Kurtz- (2 bricks)
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 Steven Rubinsky
 Jay Safier
 William J. Sammis
 Lewis Siegel, Esq. (10 bricks)

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Upcoming Events

21st Annual CRVI Foundation Golf Outing
Monday, June 10, 2019
West Hills Country Club, Middletown, NY

6th Annual Family Fun Day
Sunday, September 15, 2019
The Castle Fun Center, Chester, NY

Annual Reunion Luncheon
Sunday, October 19, 2019
Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, NY

