



# THE Parchment NEWSLETTER

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**OUR VISION:**

*The Arc  
of Livingston-Wyoming  
empowers people of all ages  
to experience the joys  
and challenges of life  
with a growing sense  
of personal dignity  
and independence.*



Vermeer's original painting, *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*

## A Rare "Pearl"

Little is known about 17th century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, or of the identity of *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, the subject of his 1665 masterpiece of the same name.

Vermeer's portrait shows a porcelain skinned young woman cast against a solid black background, as she glances toward us over her left shoulder. She could be a relative, neighbor, or friend to Vermeer.

Fourteen-year-old **Ben Brauen**, a student at Autistic Services Inc. of Williamsville, New York, recently reimagined the classic work on a giant 4-foot canvas. In his interpretation, which became the centerpiece of a month-long exhibition at the Albright Knox Art

Gallery in Buffalo, Ben recasts the subject as an African American beauty, positioned amid a celebration of primary and secondary colors.

In its modest way, Ben's painting has become as intriguing as Vermeer's original—a rare work of art that satisfies aesthetically while sparking lively dialog about its subject and artist. "It looks a lot like my grandmother when she was younger," says



Ben Brauen's interpretation of Vermeer's painting

Ben's mother, Stephanie. "Ben's maternal great-grandmother's heritage is with Bahamian slaves who ended up with the Seminoles in Florida, and the Blackfeet Native American tribe. Ben may have internalized the stories she's told of her heritage, and this came out in the painting. Ben is very intelligent and very close to his great grandmother, even though he has limited verbal skills."

Diagnosed with Autism at a young age, Ben attends school at Autistic Services five days a week. "The philosophy of the art program and the agency as a whole is to celebrate what's there, not to 'fix' something," says Autistic Services Teaching Artist **Dana Ranke**, Ben's art teacher. "The most meaningful part is that Ben is engaged in an art-making process he

has chosen, and that he is at peace while he is drawing and painting. Art is purely an outlet for Ben to express his gift."

For his take on *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Ben used an overhead projector to magnify Vermeer's original onto an oversized canvas, where he penciled a general outline of the features that served as a foundation for his work, which he would bring to life using bright acrylic paints. *(story continued on page 8)*

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## Message from the President, Cheryl Englert

Greetings to you, our extended Arc family.

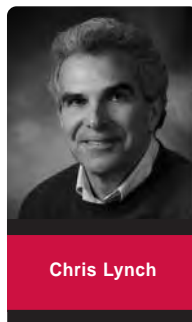
As we approach this holiday season, I have paused to think about the message of this season. My family is very thankful our son, Matt, has a variety of services including Residential, Day Services and Recreation, delivered by a great Direct Care Professional staff, backed up by a top-notch Administration.

We are thankful on a daily basis, that he is happy and healthy, along with his many friends and the whole Arc family.

We are thankful we live in a community and state that has supported these programs, however, the future doesn't look as easy. As our state works to get its financial house in order, funding will get tighter and many things we have taken for granted for the past 20 years may be changed or be eliminated.

Now is the time for us to voice our concerns to all of our local and state legislators to retain the funding that enables us to provide all the services we have worked hard to initiate and build. I am asking everyone in our extended family to give your voice, time and money to help protect our Arc.

## Lynch Named KidStart Director



**Christopher Lynch**, of Geneseo, has accepted the position of KidStart Director, effective January 2012. Mr. Lynch will succeed current KidStart Director Margaret Harrington, who plans to retire from The Arc in August 2012.

Mr. Lynch brings 15 years of leadership experience as a Primary School Principal, at the Dansville and Livonia Primary Schools. He has also held positions as Teacher, Counselor and Director of Pupil Personnel Services throughout a career in education that spans 35 years. His professional affiliations include the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and School Administrators Association of New York State.

Most recently, Mr. Lynch managed KidStart's Opening Doors campaign, which has already raised more than \$400,000.

## And the Winner is...



Robert Oswald's photo took first place in the NYSARC Quill Awards

Photographer **Robert Oswald** was honored by The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming's state organization for Best Photograph of 2011 in NYSARC's prestigious Quill Awards. The winning photograph, "Kids Cutting Ribbon," appeared in the Spring 2011 edition of *The Parchment*.

Mr. Oswald accepted the award on Friday, October 14th at NYSARC's annual convention in Albany.

The Arc of Livingston Wyoming also earned an award in the Best Editorial category for **Lorraine Sturm's** editorial in the April 7, 2011 issue of *The Perry Herald*.



**Chris Peterson,**  
Executive Director

## Comments from the Executive Director

Significant changes have affected us during the past year: a combination of funding cuts prompted by a \$10 billion NYS deficit gap and the state's decision to restructure Medicaid funding from the federal government.

Since October 2010, our chapter's annual cuts amounted to nearly \$1 million, with most reductions occurring in the Residential Program. Although measures were taken to react to the cuts, Arc staff continued to provide safe and needed services to people. This was not an easy task and they deserve recognition for their support and suggestions.

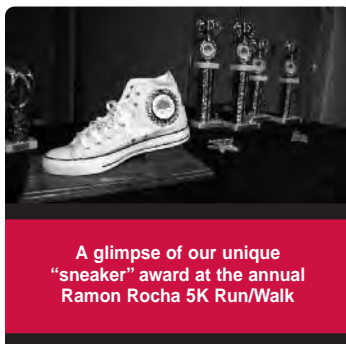
More information on the Medicaid restructure, or "1115 Waiver," can be found at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) website at [www.opwdd.ny.gov/507plan/images/waiver\\_507\\_comprehensive\\_plan.pdf](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/507plan/images/waiver_507_comprehensive_plan.pdf). The 1115 Waiver's primary objective is to preserve \$1.7 billion in federal funding the state uses to support community programs like The Arc's. Programs such as the Demonstration Project, The Arc's 5-year transition to newer services project, have been slated for NYS approval by April 1, 2012, however we'll be anxiously awaiting to hear more about this as time unfolds. I encourage you to provide me with any feedback or questions on this matter to assist you through these transitional times.

## Foundation News!

On August 24th, over 280 people came together to enjoy a warm summer night full of a variety of mouth-watering gourmet foods, wine tasting, and entertainment at the **9th Annual Divine Delights** event, held at the Breezy Hill Party House in Warsaw. This year's event was presented by **Five Star Bank** with proceeds benefiting both **Angel Action of Community Action for Wyoming County** and **The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming**. **M&T Bank**

was also a prominent sponsor of the event. The evening was filled with delicious samples from over 20 generous restaurants and caterers, along with free wine and beer tasting and many great items to win. Volunteers and participants raised \$10K for The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Foundation. Plans for next year's event, to be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, are underway, so be sure to save the date!

On October 1st, the annual **Ramon Rocha 5K Run/Walk** in Geneseo, part of the "Geneseo Trio" of races, raised \$7K for The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming Foundation. Over 220 runners and walkers enjoyed the scenic route and music by **The Burn Brothers Band** along with food, drink, awards and prizes. Volunteers, including representatives from **Geneseo Kiwanis**, **The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming**, and **Circle K** and key event sponsors; **KeyBank**, **Relph Benefit Advisors**, **Alden Pharmacy, Inc.**, **Once Again Nut Butter Collective, Inc.**, **MVP Health Care**, **GioVanna's Pizza & Pasta** and the **Rocha Family** helped make the event a big success. Special recognition was given to participants of all three races with a "Trio" glass along with awards. Visit [www.lwarc.org](http://www.lwarc.org) for more information and pictures from the event. Next year's Ramon Rocha 5K Run/Walk is slated to be part of the Geneseo Trio again and will be held on the first Saturday in October 2012. Ready, Set, Go!



A glimpse of our unique "sneaker" award at the annual Ramon Rocha 5K Run/Walk

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## 2011 Ramon Rocha 5K Run/Walk

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## 9th Annual Divine Delights

### Gold Sponsor

Five Star Bank

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Breezy Hill Party House  
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Conference Center  
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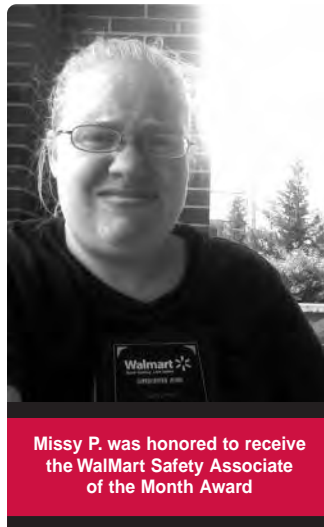
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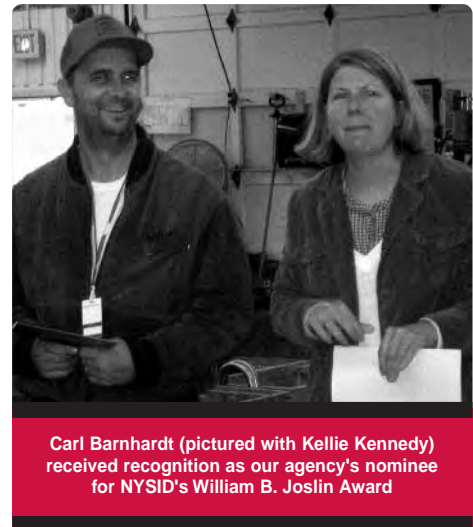
Michael Richenberg (#286),  
was the fastest man,  
finishing the Ramon Rocha 5K in 17:54



Christa Meyer (#338),  
was the fastest female,  
finishing the Ramon Rocha 5K in 19:06



Missy P. was honored to receive  
the Walmart Safety Associate  
of the Month Award



Carl Barnhardt (pictured with Kellie Kennedy)  
received recognition as our agency's nominee  
for NYSID's William B. Joslin Award



Terry Hills Country Club served  
up delicious treats at this year's  
Divine Delights event in August



Tim McCallum "manned" the bar  
at the 2011 Divine Delights



Frank B. sells lemonade at Hilltop to support The Muscular Dystrophy Association



The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming was well represented during the 2011 Pike Fair parade



Carlene K. and Jim M. pose for the camera during the 2011 Hilltop Summer Picnic festivities



Patricia T. and Kim F. had a great time at the 2011 Hilltop Summer Picnic



Casey V. and Kayla O. proudly display their medals from the horse trial competition for Special Olympics



Kara W. is all smiles at the Special Olympic horse trials

### 9th Annual Divine Delights (cont.)

#### Wineries/Brewery

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& Resort  
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Genesis Salon  
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## 9th Annual Divine Delights (cont.)

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## Save the Date



Mr. Claus brought joy to the kids during Breakfast with Santa 2010

**Saturday,  
 December 10**  
 The Arc's annual **Breakfast with Santa Event** will take place at the Geneseo United Methodist Church, Geneseo. This

FREE community event is available to all children (ages 0-12) from 8:30 to 10 am, and young adults from 10:30 am to 12 pm. A delicious breakfast buffet is served along with caroling/music, crafts, balloon animals, face painting and a very special visit from Santa and his elves! Call 585-658-2828 ext 108 or 133 to reserve your seat(s) today and/or any questions. *Donations of canned goods are graciously accepted at the door.*



Mark Saunders proudly displays his cookie work

## The Sweet Life

After 55 years as the area's most recognized and celebrated newspaper carrier, **Mark Saunders** turned in his delivery bike for a shot at the sweet life. Mark can now be found packaging cookies four days a week at Hilltop Industries, The Arc's vocational rehabilitation division.

"I like it," says Mr. Saunders, who celebrated his 72nd birthday in August, about his late-in-life career change. "The people are good, and so is the money."

Saunders is among three dozen Hilltop employees who package cookies for Original Gourmet Food Company, one of Hilltop's largest customers. In 2010, Hilltop packaged over 1.5 million cookies for the Salem, New Hampshire based confectionery giant. Chocolate chip and other cookies arrive at Hilltop individually wrapped. Mark and his co-workers prepare them for in-store display by placing each cookie into a metal tin with a decorative seasonal design for Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, or Easter. The tins are then shrink-wrapped, and shipped nationwide for display at retail stores. Mr. Saunders estimates that he prepares about 195 cookie tins in an average 6-hour workday.

Mark currently works at Hilltop's Mount Morris, New York workshop, in a clean-room environment mandated as part of Hilltop's SQF 2000 – Level 3 Certification by the Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI). Hilltop's recent elite certification for secondary packaging of food will allow Hilltop to carry out work for Target Corporation, as an approved supplier. Internationally recognized as the most stringent and highest level of certification, it also paves the way for Hilltop to gain certified supplier status from other retailers that operate under an SQF mandate, such as WalMart.

Mr. Saunders has led anything but a cookie-cutter life. But those who know him are quick to point out that sweetness is his specialty, which makes him a perfect fit for his new vocation. "He is great for the job because he gets along well with everyone, and because he is used to following a daily routine from his years of newspaper delivery," says Hilltop Case Manager **Lisa Beals**, who has known Mr. Saunders since she was a child.

At age 15, he began delivering newspapers, first for the *Times Union* and later for the *Batavia Daily News*. For five consecutive decades, Mark delivered papers to customers throughout his hometown of Perry, New York in the baskets of his trusty bike, NellyBelle, named for Roy Rogers' sidekick Pat Brady's jeep. Struggling with arthritis, Saunders retired from the newspaper business in 2010 and connected with The Arc shortly after an illness forced his mother to move from their family home to East Side Nursing Home in nearby Warsaw, where he visits her weekly.

Since June of 2010, Saunders has lived with five other residents at the Hope IRA, an Arc-operated residence located in Retsof, New York. When he's not working, Mark enjoys making crafts, playing golf, and spending time with his nieces and nephews. He is an honorary member of the Perry Fire Department, and attends Perry Baptist Church. He's also not one to leave his passion for the sweet life at the office. "I'm a cook, too," Saunders says, with his trademark smile. "I just made some really good homemade cookies."

## Capital Campaign Contributors

The Arc's Opening Doors campaign to raise \$800,000 to help finance the construction of the new KidStart school in Groveland is off to a great start, thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and individuals. To date the campaign has raised slightly over \$400,000. Gifts at all levels are graciously accepted, and donations are tax-deductible. Like so many who have already given, with your support The Arc can open critical doors of learning and growth for future KidStart generations.

To give to the Opening Doors capital campaign, visit [www.lwarc.org](http://www.lwarc.org) or make checks payable to The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming, Attn: Opening Doors, 18 Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY 14510.

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## A Rare “Pearl”



Ben Brauen creating his masterpiece at school

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Dana selected Ben's finished painting as the featured piece for the Arts Work for Autistic Services exhibition at the Albright Knox Art Gallery, which included works by 16 student artists from the school during its September 1-28 run. Ben's piece was also used in all advertising for the event.

“I am just so darn proud of him, and remember when he was four,” says The Arc's **Jody Dumbleton**, Ben's service coordinator for more than 10 years. “I've had the opportunity to see him grow and develop, even with sensory and other challenges. Creating artwork appears to be soothing and calming for Ben, and a powerful avenue for his self expression.”

As with the original Vermeer work, it might be difficult to pin down Ben's inspiration. But according to his dad, the piece accomplishes much more than that by providing meaningful insight into his son's creative abilities. “All I can say is that I've never seen him create anything before that's quite like it,” says Ben, Sr., whose Arcade, New York apartment walls are adorned with images of cars and comic book heroes colored by his son. “Ben loves to color, and he has always had an artistic side, but the *Pearl Earring* portrait is the best that I've ever seen him do.”