

### FALL 2019

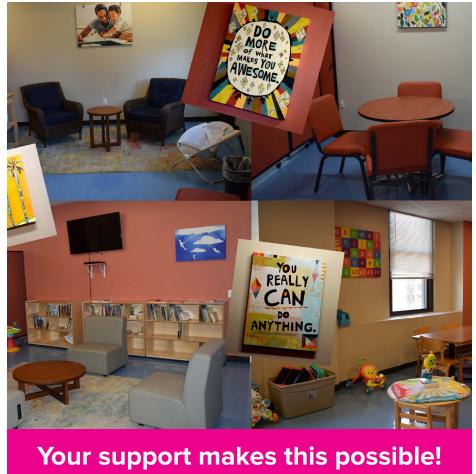
# Matters

# You Bring Dignity to Struggling Families

Keeping the connection between biological parents and their children in foster care is very important to the process of helping a family heal and reunite permanently. When biological parents come to Abbott House to visit their children, the experience, in a word, is tense. The visiting room we had was large, noisy, lacked privacy and was not conducive to activities that families do together. Biological parents already feel apprehensive knowing they have to be supervised by staff, so a space like this this only adds to their level of stress and anxiety.

Thanks to the Hyde and Watson Foundation and to our awesome donors. You created amazing Family Visiting Spaces that reflect the dignity that all families deserve.

The parents and children love the new space. The staff noticed an immediate impact the moment they walked into the room. Because of you, the renovation has reduced the levels of stress and anxiety making it easier for parents to learn parenting tips from the staff and for the children to reconnect with their parents.





Family Visiting Room Spaces. Ribbon Cutting Event and room. Ululy Martinez, 84th Assembly District Leader and Councilman Reuben Diaz Senior.

# **A Night Filled With Superheroes**

Because of you, The Loving Arms Awards Dinner raised vital funding to increase our operational capacity to help traumatized children, struggling families and adults with developmental disabilities in the Hudson Valley and New York Metropolitan Area.

Congratulations to the night's Honorees: Sasha Joseph Neulinger, Ann Toback & The Workmen's Circle, Desmond Lyons and Mira Zaslow. Your passion to serving those in need is admirable and we are so proud to celebrate you!

# The event could not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors:

USI, Truman's Gentleman's Groomers, The Workmen's Circle, CTI, Cigna, Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, Eurotech Construction, O2 Living Juice, TD Bank, Mt. Carmel Pharmacy, PKF O'Connor Davies, Lyons McGovern LLP, Clarfeld Financial Advisers, Fargo Lane Communications

Thanks to you, our mission to build lasting foundations of support under children, families and adults with developmental disabilities continues!

1. Ken Jenkins, Westchester Deputy County Executive 2. Walter Montgomery, Desmond Lyons, James Kaufman 3. Kerry and Desmond Lyons and their family 4. Ken Salaz, Master of Astonishment performing for a crowd 5. Robin Rosenthal, Peggy Bernstein, Janet Mitchell 6. Deboralis Garrigo, Ann Toback, James Kaufman 7. Rebecca Borden, Sasha Joseph Neulinger, Rhea Mallett, James Kaufman 8. Helen and Al Daniels, Lois Francis Harrison 9. Julie Peskoe, ? 10. Dr. Samantha Rai, Mira Zaslow, Dr. Jay Zaslow 11. Karen Nelson, Chris Heffernan, Laura Martinez 12. Suzanne Zoltola, Nydia Ocasio, Lauren Sisak, Morgan Haimes, Emily Christenson 13. Sarah Schmidt, Clara Cohen, Kristina Papa, Aggie Shah, Isaac Cohen



























#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday, January 23, 2020 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Be Our Guest at Our Annual Donor/Volunteer Recognition Event and Music Room Ribbon Cutting

Abbott House 100 North Broadway, Irvington, NY



# Help Spread the Word!

One of the best ways to support our mission is to help spread the word. We are available to speak to community and business organizations on Supporting Vulnerable Members of Our Community through a Social justice Lens.

If you are interested please contact development@ abbotthouse.net.

## Make the Holidays Brighter for Children

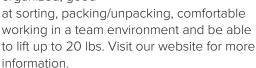
Plans are underway for our Annual Gift Drive! The holidays can be a wonderful time of the year, but for many struggling families, the holidays can create feelings of stress, anxiety and loneliness, especially for children facing complex challenges at home. **You can make a difference!** You can help ensure that every child at Abbott House feels special during the season of hope and love.

A simple act of receiving a toy can go a long wav in keeping the magic and wonder of

the holidays alive for children. More importantly, it lets them know that they are not forgotten.

To participate in Abbott House's 2019 Gift Drive you may contribute items, make a monetary donation online, or volunteer your time to help organize the effort.

We are seeking strong volunteers who can devote three to five hours a week starting on December 10th. You should be organized, good



We also invite businesses, schools and community groups to hold their own Toy Drives for Abbott House. Simply collect new unwrapped toys and make arrangements to deliver them to us! We'll take it from there. To learn more, please contact development@ abbotthouse.net.



#### **Abbott House Invites You To Our Mission** 101 Events!

Starting in 2020, Abbott House invites you to join us for a one-hour Mission 101 Event to learn about the impact being made on children, families and adults with developmental disabilities.

Bring your friends, family, and colleagues to see what we are all about. **This is a non-fundraising event. Space is limited.** 

To reserve your seat. please contact development@abbotthouse.net Location: Abbott House, 100 North Broadway, Irvington, NY

#### DATES AND TIMES:

January 29 at 11:30am, February 25 at 6:00pm, March 24 at 11:30am, April 28 at 6:00pm, May 19 at 11:30am, June 16 at 7:00pm



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A team of Regeneron scientists put together red wagons filled with essential supplies for the kids.