



# Maryhaven Center of Hope

Catholic Health Services

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# Inside Maryhaven

## TREASURES OF MARYHAVEN

Respect and praise are given Maryhaven employees for the devoted care they give to the residents and others who attend the many day programs that enhance the lives of over 1500 people with mental and physical limitations. Additionally, there is awareness that many of the staff are involved in different areas of volunteerism outside the daily work schedule. Some of their stories will remind us that their good works and spirit make up the treasures of Maryhaven.

Many staff are involved in volunteer experiences associated with their church activities. For example, Pat McClay, Office Manager in the CRS program in Port Jefferson Station, has taught in the religious education program at Infant Jesus Parish for over twenty-five years. Also involved in this program are Bernadette Parezo, Assistant Coordinator of Behavior Services while Catherine Cudmore, Program Manager, teaches at her parish, St. Lawrence in Sayville. Other staff volunteering at Infant Jesus Parish include Joy Tellekamp, Secretary at Day Habilitation programs who is a member of the RCIA team working with adults to develop their spirituality and Mary Roeske, RN, as a member of the Joseph of Arimathea Society which provides wake/burial services to those less fortunate individuals who have no family.

A program sponsored by Catholic Health Services to provide spiritual support for patients in hospitals and nursing homes on Long Island was adapted to become Spiritual Care Companions at Maryhaven. Elly Supinsky, Production Supervisor in our Vocational Program in Yaphank along with Debra Noble, Apartment Manager in our CRS Department



*Jessica Young, Olinda McGee, Kristine Urcuiolio and Stacy Humphrey*  
each volunteer to meet with a Maryhaven individual to share life and prayer.

Additionally, Debra has formed a women's group, GLOW, (Godly Ladies of Wisdom) for prayer, worship and fellowship and also volunteers as a Sunday School teacher for children 3 to 5 years old. Debra also continues to mentor a young woman she met through Long Island Youth Mentoring and has provided her with stability and spirituality over the years.

Elly Supinsky also volunteers along with Sue Timm, Direct Support Professional from Day Hab 101 in Yaphank, as members of a national organization under Homeland Security called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) which prepares volunteers for any natural disaster that might occur

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## MESSAGE FROM LEWIS GROSSMAN



"This is the best of times and the worst of times." These words which Charles Dickens wrote in his novel, A Tale of Two Cities truly describes the status of Healthcare today in New York State.

The high quality of our services, the exceptional talent and dedication of our staff is evident throughout Maryhaven. Our individuals are happy, productive, and are offered diverse opportunities to expand their horizons. I am proud of the care we provide throughout our agency.

As I reflect upon the progress and opportunities we afford our individuals, this is truly "the best of times!"

Unfortunately, the future stability of the service delivery system is also a question. Inadequate reimbursement due to New York State withholding of rate adjustments and increases of unfunded regulatory mandates have challenged the financial resources of agencies across the state.

New York State is converting from a Fee For Service Rate Methodology to a Medicaid Managed Care System to determine the level of funding for our programs. This change is anticipated in the 4th quarter of 2015.

Will our future be the "best of times" or "the worst of times?"

We are examining the implications of operating within a new system. Despite the diligent efforts of my leadership team, there are so many unanswered questions:

1. Will Managed Care rates be sufficient?
2. Will the regulatory mandates continue to dilute resources?
3. Can we recruit and retain competent workforce to care for our individuals?
4. Will there be resources to create new program opportunities?

Although the answers to many questions are uncertain, Maryhaven remains committed, resilient and will ensure that our future will be "the best of times!"

## SISTER MARYALINE ZIERLE RETIRES



Maryhaven is honored to acknowledge the tremendous impact Sister Maryaline has had on so many people within our Maryhaven family. She is the epitome of love, and has genuine concern for the well being of all those who cross her path. Sister Maryaline opens her heart to those who are in pain; her words become

a beacon of hope to those in need; a healer when one is suffering, and to all of us a teacher and a friend.

Your spirit, your drive, and your willingness to take on whatever needs to be addressed is an inspiration to all. Thank you for sharing your journey with us and for being such a wonderful role model. We have been truly blessed by your Ministry at Maryhaven. Congratulations on your retirement!



## CONFIRMATION 2014

On Thursday, May 8, 2014, thirteen students of our Maryhaven School, received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Charles Chapel in Port Jefferson. Bishop John C. Dunne gave special attention to these individuals and their families by approaching each row of people to greet and give the blessing of God's Holy Spirit to each student waiting to be confirmed.

Since many of the children are on the autism spectrum, each was supported not only by family but by the outstanding attention of one or more of our Maryhaven staff. While preparation was minimal, the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in the care and respect that was a great part of the ceremony. Family members were moved to tears to have this Catholic sacramental rite offered to their children. One young man who does not often speak gave a loud "AMEN" after being blessed with the holy oil.

In the following letter received by Sister Cathy Smith, Director of Pastoral Care, Bishop Dunne compliments all the staff involved in the process.



Annabelle and family with Most Rev. John C. Dunn



May 12, 2014

Sr. Cathy Smith  
Maryhaven Center of Hope  
450 Myrtle Avenue  
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Dear Sister Cathy,

Just a brief word to thank you for your kind welcome and hospitality on the occasion of my visit to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the young people of Maryhaven. Everything went smoothly. The young people were prepared nicely and well. The ceremony turned out to be truly prayerful and supportive of parents and family members. You and all the Maryhaven staff are to be complimented and thanked for carrying out your ministry to the young people and their families so very well.

I enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with you and other members of the administration at Maryhaven. It was an instructive occasion for me and inspiring to learn about the great care given to the young people and their families. The solicitude shown by all of you is truly a sign of God's love and presence.

Keep up your good work. Please express my gratitude to everyone who had a hand in making Confirmation day so special.

With every best wish, I am,

Most Rev. John C. Dunne

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## TREASURES OF MARYHAVEN *(continued from front cover)*



*Sue Timm and Elly Supinsky*

such as a hurricane. After extensive training they are assigned a division based on their home address to be available for emergency situations.

Katherine Signorelli-Swensen, Secretary at the Higher Learning Day Habilitation Program in Patchogue, is a volunteer EMT with the Community Ambulance Company in Sayville. She is involved in education projects with elementary school children and with the Youth Squad for adolescents. In these programs she teaches about the available emergency services and also assists in Suffolk County EMT courses. A minimum of 6 to 12 volunteer hours is required weekly for this organization that helps neighbors in need averaging over 4,000 calls a year. Contact Katherine for more information if you would like to consider a way to donate time in a meaningful manner.

Over a year ago, a particular need to offer remedial reading



*Nancy Belnick, Tom Conklin, Olinda McGee*



*Lou and Seth Grossman nearing the finish line at the AIDS/LifeCycle*

for adults was voiced by Maryhaven's Medicaid Service Coordination Team. Tom Conklin, a teacher at the Maryhaven School for 16 years, responded to this invitation and presently holds a weekly class for adults to assist them in reading, writing and speaking. From the basics to creative writing and thinking, Tom, assisted by other volunteers Olinda McGee, Jessica Young, Kristine Urcuiolio, Stacy Trezza-Humphrey and Nancy Belnick, all from the Service Coordination Department, reaches out to a group of 4 or 5 individuals who share companionship as well as progress in their studies each Wednesday.

In June, Lou Grossman, CEO, took his love of bike riding to a meaningful level by participating in the AIDS/LifeCycle Bike Ride in California. Along with his son, Seth, they rode 545 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles over a seven day period. The event was to raise money and awareness in the fight against HIV/AIDS.



*Deb Noble*



*Katie Signorelli-Swensen*

An avid Breast Cancer Awareness supporter, Tara Frawley, Accounting Program Specialist, has participated in the NYC Avon Walk for Breast Cancer for the past three years. The walk takes two days and covers over 39.3 miles throughout NYC. Tara is a member of the Breast Cancer Walk team, Wellness Warriors, who have consistently been a top ten or better fundraising team and have raised over \$722,000 for Breast Cancer research. Although the walk is in October, the commitment to raising funds usually begins in January and training for this enduring walk is done throughout the year.

Tara also has participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk. For the past few years she has done this in support of a cousin who was diagnosed with MS. This year took on added meaning when after starting the walk she met up with her friend and co-worker Patrick Velez, MIS Manager; together they joined forces and completed the Walk. Patrick, who has lived with



*Patrick Velez and Tara Frawley*

Multiple Sclerosis for 16 years, is a member of a fundraising team called HopeDreaMS. Throughout the year they raise money through fundraisers and the MS Walk. These funds go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year HopeDreaMS was the highest contributor in Suffolk County and the second highest on Long Island. Patrick personally walked 1.5 miles this year at the MS Walk in Belmont. As Tara states, "although the walk was a mile and a half in total, and may not sound like much, to those struggling with the affects of MS, it was a major accomplishment." Kudos to Patrick and Tara for sharing their triumphant story!

Maryhaven is blessed to have so many wonderful staff who in addition to their regular work and family life, give of their time and talents to help others in their community. They are truly treasures to behold.



*Patrick Velez and sons at the finish line*



*Pat McClay, Joy Tellekamp, Bernadette Parezo and Mary Roeske*



## ANNOUNCING THE 2013 HONOREES OF THE YEARS



**John McMahon**  
Administration  
Quality Assurance  
QA Specialist



**Greg Hughes**  
Adult Services  
Medford Day Hab  
BIS



**Ramon Alfaro**  
Children's Services  
Young Men's Dorm  
DSP



**Justin Saraguard**  
CRS  
ICF 3  
Medical Transporter



**Debra Lerner**  
Nassau Services  
Recovery House  
Program Supervisor

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE HONOREES OF THE MONTH

**ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:** John McMahon, Susan Rennard, Al Weich, Kim Campbell, Liz Galeja, Tammy Wagner, Pat Mascia, Michele Michel, Maira Madera, Diana Leibold, Rob Pecoraro, James Abruzzo

**ADULT SERVICES DIVISION:** Nancy Migliorino, Diane Andrews, Sean Meadows, Siobhan Cantwell, Stephanie Ahearn, Ryan Demillio, Cathy Padro, Greg Hughes, Tara Busam, Katherine Vanturini, Megan Pascal, Mary Hathway

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION:** Loretta Marzano, Kristin Rio, Jeff Victor, Andrew Black, Frances Siegel, Kate Bastian, Kelley Chimento, Ramon Alfaro, Cassandra Keating, Catherine Young, Isaac Marshall, Ines Hohn

**CRS DIVISION:** Ashley Suriel, Sara Haggerty, Cathy Bauser, Michael McLarnon, Mario Louis-Jacques, Michelle McCann, Patty Pliska, Erin Harvey, Annmarie Egenberger, Christina Laricchia, Justin Saraguard, Marjorie Wadsworth

**NASSAU SERVICES DIVISION:** James Batcher, Anthony Perico, Kathy Rodriguez, Edward Paradiso, Kathleen Hasay, Natacha Gilles, Rosemarie Politano, Adriana Carbury, Pete Yagaloff, Anthony DeStefano, George Saunders, Debra Lerner

## PATRICIA (PAT) FOGARTY, CHS SCOLLARD AWARD WINNER

As the Executive Division Director of Adult Services at Maryhaven, Pat is committed to the programs she supervises and does all she can to ensure their success. During her thirty-five year tenure, she has tirelessly seen the expansion of quality programs from the first Day Habilitation Program developed in New York State nineteen years ago. From this pilot program, Pat has added an additional eight Day Habilitation programs that span special interests such as art, dance therapy and dramatic arts all included in Performing Arts, Culinary Arts, Higher Learning and programs to support people diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. Over 450 individuals are served, very happily, in these now specialized programs.

Additionally, Pat supervises a Steps to Life program in Riverhead with services for youth, adults and their families with a history of substance abuse and other dual diagnoses. Services offered include education, prevention, intervention and treatment. This program is a clear illustration of Pat's innovative skills both as a mental health clinician and a leader in the field.

Further evidence of Pat's creative, innovative and leadership skills can be observed in Maryhaven's successful Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) programs which are the latest model of treatment endorsed by New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH). Individuals in Pat's division are afforded the opportunity to be employed by the work center or in the community through the Supportive Employment Program. Pat is never content with the status quo and is responsive to new opportunities to ensure the work center transforms itself to a more competitive model.

With the conversion of Mercy Medical Center's Behavioral Health programs, both day and residential components, to Maryhaven in 2010, Pat was a constant and supportive presence



*(L-R) CHS's Chairman of the Board Richard J.J. Sullivan, Jr., Scollard finalist Arlene Costello, RN, Maryhaven Center of Hope President and CEO Lewis Grossman, Scollard finalist Bonnie Morales, RN, President and CEO Alan Guerci, MD, Scollard winner Patricia Fogarty, Good Samaritan Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer Nancy Simmons, St. Catherine Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer Paul J. Rowland, former president and CEO of CHS and St. Francis Patrick J. Scollard.*

to the staff from these Nassau County programs providing a foundation of leadership and a welcome that was unparalleled.

Pat's vast history within Maryhaven has enabled her to learn from the past in order to better the future of our agency. She is able to run daily operations, yet yearn for the next project years down the line. Her standards are high and she follows the edict to "continue Christ's healing mission, promote excellence in care and commit herself to those in need." It is with great pride that Maryhaven appreciates Pat Fogarty for her qualities and vision as she is proclaimed by CHS to be the Scollard Award Recipient of 2013.

## JOHN CORBETT MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT

John Corbett is the Clinical Coordinator at Maryhaven's Steps to Life Program in Riverhead which is a dual diagnosis outpatient program dealing among other needs with the abuse of drugs and alcohol by adolescents.

A few years ago, John addressed parents at a local high school to educate adults and staff about the use of E-Cigarettes by their children/students who were using them to refigure the vaporizer so the odor of marijuana could not be detected. Soon after this informative lecture, John became a member of the Youth Re-entry Task Force where he still volunteers weekly in a program for incarcerated adolescents dealing with addiction-related crimes. This has grown to include an education program to enable them to prepare for their GED while awaiting trials.

Beginning in 2013, John was contacted by CBS NEWS to do a story on the drug "Molly", a dangerous hallucinogen. Five different stories on other drugs followed leading to John's appointment as

CBS' Long Island Correspondent on Addiction and Recidivism. The latest story produced this May was on "Alcohol Vaporizing" which leads to irreparable harm to abusers. John is often contacted as a resource for CBS on these subjects. His expertise has found its way to Telecare, the Catholic television station, in a taping for CHSLI on "Treatment Modalities."

As a Coordinator in the Honorable Judge Camacho's courtroom in Central Islip, John has become a referral source for adolescents who face charges but can be placed in substance abuse programs as part of their sentences. This has become a great tool in reaching the most defiant adolescents and has been rewarding because of the success that has occurred to reduce recidivism among this age group. In these many ways, John Corbett continues to enhance and expand the Mission of Maryhaven which is to enrich, improve and respect individuals with special needs.

## JOSLIN AWARD WINNERS MEET WITH COUNCILWOMAN KEPERT

On Friday, February 28, 2014, Councilwoman Connie Kepert was given a personal tour of Maryhaven Center of Hope's Work Center in Yaphank and met with Maryhaven's management team, including Jim White, Business Development Coordinator and Patricia Fogarty, Adult Program Executive Division Director. "It was my pleasure to be given a tour of Maryhaven's facility in Yaphank. Maryhaven's organization provides opportunities for individuals with special needs to have a sense of self worth and independence while creating and providing quality, customized goods and services to the local New York community," said Councilwoman Kepert. After the tour Councilman Kepert meet with Maryhaven's Joslin Awardees. The Joslin Award is an annual award given to workers across the state who have "performed with excellence" while working on New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) Preferred Source Contracts with NYS agencies. Most of Maryhaven's winners have worked on document imaging contracts for the NYS Unified Court System. We currently scan records for 25 separate courts in the NYC metropolitan area.

### Customer Testimonial:

"The Suffolk County Courts have relied exclusively upon Maryhaven for its microfilming, digital imaging and other records management needs for over 10 years. Throughout that time, we have been very satisfied with both the quality of work performed by Maryhaven and the level of customer service we have received."

- John McGinn of Suffolk County Courts



Pictured are the NYSID Joslin Outstanding Performance Award winners from 2004 - 2013.

Standing (from left to right) Chris Ortutay, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Chrissy Packert, Mariano Salgado, Kenny Jones, and Kerilynn Turner  
Seated (from left to right) Victor Sostre, and Kimberly De Jesus

*Maryhaven is honored to have such wonderful, caring and compassionate staff that carries out the Mission of Maryhaven each and every day.*



*Thank you for all you do!*



## NASSAU OASAS PROGRAMS ATTEND “LIGHT THE DOME” EVENT

On Wednesday June 18, 2014, Maryhaven’s Nassau OASAS programs (New Hope, Mercy Hall and Recovery House) were represented at the County’s “Shine Light on New York’s 911 Good Samaritan Law” event. The Legislative Dome in Mineola was lit purple to signify overdose prevention. This event focused on lives lost to heroin overdoses that could have been saved. The main focus was to remind people that calling 911 in the event of a heroin overdose could save a life.

Representing Maryhaven at the “Light the Dome” event were Debra Lerner, Recovery House, Karen Mendlinger, Mercy Hall and Terri Schembri-Jones, New Hope.

Maryhaven OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) Programs are committed to assist individuals in their recovery from alcohol/substance abuse problems. An individualized recovery plan is developed for each individual with an emphasis on strengthening independent living skills and encouraging active self help participation. The program encourages successful employment by providing vocational evaluation, education and training. Short and long term visions for the person’s life are developed through a team approach.



The goal is to achieve personal outcomes that contribute to and maintain a healthy and satisfying life. The programs work with each Individual to restore or enhance their sense of self and connection to the community in order to establish a productive lifestyle.

# SHINE LIGHT ON NEW YORK'S 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW



**Your call could save a life!**

## MARYHAVEN SERVICE AWARDS

Maryhaven was pleased to honor 153 employees for their years of service at the Annual Service Awards event that was held on March 25th at Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook. Celebrating 40 years of service to Maryhaven was President and CEO, Lewis Grossman. Terry Ahern, Program Manager of the Performing Arts Program received her 30 year award. In addition, Maryhaven was extremely honored by the service of seven 25 year awardees, eighteen 20 year awardees, eighteen 15 year awardees, twenty-nine 10 year awardees and seventy-nine 5 year awardees.

Also honored for their years of service to Maryhaven were the following Retirees: Sue Meola, Charlie Tardalo, Maria Fernandez, André Moran, JoAnn Coco, Linda Novak, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Rodriguez, Anna Leduzet and Sister Maryaline Zierle.

Maryhaven is grateful for the service and dedication that each of these employees has given throughout the years.

Congratulations to all!



*Terry Ahern, 30 year awardee.*



*Chris Block, 25 year awardee.*



*20 year awardees.*



*15 year awardees.*





Retirees, Charlie, Sister Maryaline and Sue.



10 year awardees.



Lou Grossman receiving 40 year pin from his wife, Risa.



Nick Kranidis, 25 year awardee.



5 year awardees.



5 year awardees.





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### MISSION STATEMENTS CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Catholic Health Services of Long Island, as a ministry of the Catholic Church, continues Christ's healing mission, promotes excellence in care, and commits itself to those in need.

CHSLI affirms the sanctity of life, advocates for the poor and serves the common good. It conducts its healthcare practice, business, education, and innovation with justice, integrity, and respect for the dignity of each person

### MARYHAVEN CENTER OF HOPE

As a member of Catholic Health Services, the Mission of Maryhaven Center of Hope is to improve, enrich, and respect the lives of people with special needs. We promote each person's highest potential by encouraging all aspects of growth. We are committed to delivering quality services throughout the individual's life journey. Together, we will make the difference.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Performing Arts Show**  
"Once Upon A Time"  
July 28 - August 1, 2014  
August 4 - August 7, 2014  
For Tickets and Show Times  
Call (631)474-1585
- **Maryhaven's 23rd Annual Fundraiser**  
"Garden Party on the Bay"  
Saturday, September 6, 2014  
1pm - 5pm - Land's End, Sayville, NY  
For Tickets and Information  
Call (631)474-4120 ext. 214
- **Friends of Maryhaven Celebration**  
Saturday, November 8, 2014  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Ai Fiore Restaurant  
New York City

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