

Hope



Alzheimer's
Center

Illuminations

Winter 2007

Upcoming Events

The work of Hope's talented artists will be featured at an exhibit at the Bellini Ruggeri Gallery in Wayland Square.

The highly respected East Side gallery hopes to "honor the special achievements of these artists and their families" with a show in February.

Details on date and time will be posted on our web site: HopeAlzheimersCenter.org as soon as they become available.



Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp and Case Managers Ellen Grizzetti and Dorothy Poveromo present the Michael F. Rossi Memorial Distinguished Service Award to Walter Lada.

Hope Honors a Dear and Dedicated Friend

This year's Michael F. Rossi Memorial Distinguished Service Award was presented to Walter Lada at Hope's annual Art Show and Soiree.

Calling Mr. Lada "a generous benefactor and a wonderful ambassador for the Center," Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp went on to describe him as "a hero to our staff."

A gold standard in devotion

"From the day he walked through our front door with his beloved wife, Mary, Walter set the gold standard in devotion and care. Since her passing he and his family have been true friends of Hope, providing constant kindness and thoughtfulness.

"He believes in our mission and has created a lasting memorial for his wife through the establishment of our Mary C. Lada Family Center."

The Michael F. Rossi Memorial Distinguished Service Award was created to honor the late Mr. Rossi, a member of the Hope Board and a tireless supporter of its programs and participants.

Soiree a Sparkling Success

Our annual Soiree brought friends together for a delightful evening, provided an opportunity for people to enjoy (and purchase) the lovely artwork of our participants and raised over \$32,000 to support our programs.

Highlights of the evening included

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Deborah St. Peter, our talented (and very funny) volunteer auctioneer, gets top dollar for an authentic "game day" jersey.

Speaking Out on Funding Changes

Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp testified recently at a public hearing on a proposal that could make as many as a third of the seniors who receive state help paying for daycare or home-care services ineligible for that help. The proposal would also mean that even elders who did qualify for state help would have to pay more for services.

Penny wise and pound foolish

"Let's not be penny-wise and pound

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Speaking out on Funding Changes

foolish," said Conant-Arp.

"Supporting families who want to look after their loved ones at home is good policy -- it is fiscally responsible, provides for the nursing and therapeutic needs of beneficiaries and respects the preferences of community dwelling older persons."

Moreover, as she and others pointed out, without help paying for day and home services, many families will end up placing loved ones in nursing homes -- at considerably more cost to the state.

Two ways to lend a hand

The proposal, which is a result of the state's current budget crisis, is slated to take effect on January 1 if nothing happens to change the minds of the Governor and legislators -- which is where you come in.

Experts say that legislators don't hear from their constituents very often, so when they do they tend to listen. As few as three or four letters or phone calls can have a substantial effect.

So contacting your legislator -- and the governor as well -- to tell them about how much adult day services help participants and their families could make a real difference.

Your support helps, too. Even prior to this proposed cut, state subsidies paid only part of the cost of caring for participants. Under the new plan, it may be harder for families to afford the higher cost of adult day services.

Your donations help us continue to provide the best possible services for everyone who comes here, regardless of their means.

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Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp honors Phyllis John whose lovely artwork was featured on the invitations to our Soiree.

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A Sparking Success

kind words from Corinne Calise Russo, director of the Department of Elderly Affairs, and Hope board member Dr. John Stoukides, as well as the chance to honor our good friend Walter Lada.

Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, bid on a wide range of silent auction items -- including an entire table of sports memorabilia -- and participated eagerly in a live auction conducted with humor and enthusiasm by Deborah St. Peter.

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“This year my dear father passed away, leaving behind big caregiving shoes for our family to fill. He lovingly attended to my mother’s needs without complaint -- relying on Hope for outstanding support. He knew his beloved wife was in a safe environment and treated with respect and compassion.

Today I am carrying on his legacy of love with significant help from Hope. I cannot imagine what my family would do without the caring staff and programs there.”

*Excerpted from our
holiday fund appeal letter
written by family caregiver
Richard A. Cardillo*

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...to the Surprise Woolhouse VFW Post #329 and Ladies Auxiliary for their donation of \$5000.

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...to the kind people who made donations in memory of our participants between June and November 2007.

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