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Seafood Fest 2016 nets big catch

Olean’s brightest stars came out Friday night, April 1, to support The Rehabilitation Foundation’s elegant Seafood Fest 16 which reeled in a whopping catch of more than 220 attendees.

As Dan Carter’s auction chant rang out in the glittering candlelight of The Old Library Restaurant, dozens of individuals and corporations responded generously by purchasing lobsters and porterhouse steaks for hundreds of dollars. Together they dug deep and gave unsparingly to the important work of The ReHab Center throughout Cattaraugus, Allegany and Chautauqua counties benefiting hundreds of people with disabilities.

While each benefactor made a tremendous contribution to the agency, there were several outstanding stars. Among them was Martin Maynard, owner of Ask Design Jewelers, who generously purchased a lobster dinner for Cappy Dominic, who has worked for The ReHab Center’s SubCon Industries for more than 30 years.

Another generous star was Sarah Kinley of the Kinley Corporation who bid on and won a 75-year-old lobster. While bidding was strong among attendees and sponsors, the Kinley Corporation and Maple Leaf Contracting were active bidders and winners.

Among the generous corporate benefactors who contributed to the fun and flavor of the evening were Cutco, Ellicott Villas, and Ask Design Jewelers, all of whom contributed items for auction valued at more than $1,200. U.S. Foods donated two porterhouse steaks and a five-pound lobster.

Seafood Fest 16 could not have been such a great success without the amazing generosity of its sponsors.

Admiral Sponsors were Bryans & Gramuglia CPA, LLC; ComiOn, Inc.; Iroquois Group, Inc.; Kinley Corporation, MJ Painting Contractor Corp., and Shults Toyota of Bradford.

A huge heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our 2015 Annual Fund! You helped us exceed our goal and have made a significant difference in the lives of the people we support.
Ronan Balcom is a happy and active two-year-old little boy. Ronan’s life started a bit early – he was born at 36 weeks and was a preemie.

Eighteen months later, Ronan was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Cerebral Palsy. He was also recently diagnosed with hyperkinesia and apraxia of speech. Despite all this, he doesn’t let very much slow him down, as you can see by the smile on his face.

That’s why when the Rehabilitation Foundation received a request to help fund the remaining balance on Ronan’s leg braces to assist with his walking and proper gait, the Foundation was happy to honor the request.

Ronan’s family describes him as a “very sweet and active two-year old, who likes to climb and watch Sesame Street.”

The Rehabilitation Foundation has a mission of supporting building brighter futures for people with disabilities.

The Rehabilitation Foundation not only achieved their mission by helping Ronan, but did it again when they provided funding to the Social Recreation program for nine people who were financially unable to participate in recreational trips due to financial constraints.

Funding from the Foundation allowed for a fun-filled day including dinner at Olive Garden, a shopping trip and the centerpiece of the day, Buffalo Sabres game.

When questioned about the day, Dan said “I really liked the game and going out to eat with my mom. I just like spending time with her.”

Daisy, Dan’s mom, said “I wished they (the Sabres) would have won. I liked spending time with Dan.”

And finally, Cappy said “I loved the game. Too bad the Bills and the Sabres lost! I love Olive Garden, it was delicious.”

It was obvious that everyone had a wonderful time and made memories that will last a lifetime. This trip would not have been possible without the financial support of the Rehabilitation Foundation’s dedicated donors – because the Foundation relies heavily on donations to continue to providing programs, like our Social Recreation program, that are mission-critical, but which receive no dedicated funding.

The Rehabilitation Foundation is looking forward to making the next set of dreams come true!

TheSUBWAY Wish Tree Gifts

Our SUBWAY Wish Tree was a great success. Thank you to all those who bought a gift to be donated, and a very special thanks to Shelley Pollock for making it possible.

Warm wishes for a safe and happy new year!

HURRY! The Weekday Jackpot starts soon!

Weekday Drawings - 51 chances to win!

This year’s Jackpot will run from April 25th through July 4th. The winners on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will receive $100 each. Winners on Fridays will receive $500 each. The campaign will conclude with a special drawing for $1,000 on July 4th!

Tickets are $25 each. You can buy a ticket at one of the following locations: our main offices on the corner of Constitution Avenue & Buffalo Street in Olean, NY or at 3799 South Nine Mile Road in Allegany, NY. Tickets are also available at two additional SubCon locations at 338 North 15th Street in Olean, NY and 65 South Avenue in Salamanca, NY.

Winning tickets are re-entered weekly, so you may win more than once! Winners will be listed each week on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheReHabilitationCenter, personally contacted and mailed their winnings!

Thank you in advance for your support. Good luck!

The Rehabilitation Foundation

You make us proud!

On behalf of The Rehabilitation Center and our board of directors, I want to personally thank our amazing staff members for their dedication and generosity.

Not only have you devoted your working lives to helping people with disabilities, but more than 77 percent of you chose to contribute to the annual “staff appeal” fundraiser, which benefits our Foundation and people with disabilities in our community. Such a high percentage is unheard of – it demonstrates how strongly you believe in our mission and the valuable work we do. Thank you!
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(from front)

Captain Sponsors were BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York, Community Bank, N.A.; Drs. Ahmad & Naheed Hilal, Kellner, LLC; Maple Leaf Contracting, Peterson Roofing Co., PLAN Architectural Studio, Ron’s Smoke Shop, The Bonadio Group, and Valley Tire, Inc.
First Mate Sponsors were Brandcrush; Casey, Halwig & Hartle Funeral Home; CUTCO Corporation, IBC Engineering, P.C.; Mazza Mechanical Services, Inc.; Olean Medical Group, One Group, Portville Truck, Wilby Construction, Shawley Office equipment, Inc.; SolEpoxy, Inc.; The Wilday Group of Morgan Stanley, Westminster Consulting, LLC.Group, PLLC; Robert A. Benjamin Excavating & Trucking, Subway – Shelley Pollock.
The Rehabilitation Foundation is especially grateful to its friends at The Old Library for their elegant display, exceptional service, impressive creativity and dedication. A huge thank you also to Ask Design Jewelers for sponsoring the Clam Treasure Chest. Your support of Seafood Fest 16 and commitment to the work of the center is enormously appreciated.
It is with heartfelt gratitude that The Rehabilitation Foundation thanks all who helped make Seafood Fest 16 a great success and memorable evening.

Family Peer Support Services awarded two scholarships for innovative use of art

Family Peer Support Services achieved a double win at the Rehabilitation Foundation’s annual Scholarship and Awards Reception on August 19, 2015. It earned both the Roger Hennig Memorial Art Enrichment Grant and The Patrick J., Jr. & Rita L. Carroll Memorial Award for its innovative use of art to support families of children and youth with mental health issues.
The program offers a wide range of services to support families raising a child or young adult with emotional, developmental and/or behavioral health challenges in their home, school or community.
Its unique approach to supporting the child by strengthening the family utilizes the wisdom of a peer advocate who has also experienced caring for a child with a mental health issue. The peer advocate coaches parents on vital, and often creative ways to promote the child’s ability to thrive.
It was the program’s creative, out-of-the-box initiative that supported the agency’s mission, incorporated its values, while also enhancing the department that earned it The Patrick J., Jr. & Rita L. Carroll Memorial Award. The award provided funding for hands-on art projects, including making polymer clay jewelry and spoon rings.
The art projects, which were held in the safety of a secure group setting, helped both the parents and children feel comfortable learning new activities together while also building rapport and a stronger family unit.
The grant also offers program participants opportunities to attend creative cultural activities in the community. The funds gave the children and their families a visit to the Corning Museum of Glass and the Niagara Mohawk Power Plant. At the Museum of Glass, the children and their family members explored together colorful exhibits of hand-blown glass and live glass-blowing demonstrations presented by the museum.
At the Niagara Mohawk Power Plant, the children made crafts including gingerbread houses and pinecone bird feeders, and watched a musical performance by a local high school band.

Volunteering for ‘Pink Pumpkin Project’

To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ReHab Center employee Jocelyn Hannahs [lower pic, left] accompanied volunteers from the prevocation program to lend a hand to the “Pink Pumpkin Project,” a fun local fundraiser to support people fighting the disease.

Elena Bombardier, The Rehabilitation Foundation’s new Development Director, added her unique creative touch to the seafaring decor and worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success.

Children and their families watch a live glass-making demonstration at the Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY.