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December 11, 2020

**PAUL H. TORRES**  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

**JOHN MCGUIGAN**  
Chief Operating Officer

It takes a certain kind of moxie to stand up to what the AHRC Suffolk community has faced this past year and stare down adversity in the way that we have!

**CHRISTOPHER VEROS**  
Chief Financial Officer

A very heartfelt thank you to all who supported our 60th Annual Candlelight Ball. I hope you were all able to view our special video, which highlighted our essential workers, and flip through our digital journal which recognized our loyal donors and supporters. Donations are still very much appreciated for this event. The video, journal link and donation options can be found ***HERE***.

**OFFICERS**

**JOHN SMITH**  
President

**JOSEPH ZIFCHOCK**  
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**JOSEPH CASSARINI**  
Secretary

I would also like to recognize the generosity of our staff. In a year in which they have already been asked so much of, it is a testament of their selflessness, their tenacity, that their contributions helped us surpass historical giving levels this year for our American Cancer Society Denim Day fundraiser as well as our Thanksgiving Fund drive. The AHRC Suffolk team never ceases to amaze me with their kindness and true heart for the agency and those we serve.

**DIRECTORS**

Deborah Pflieger

On Monday, our Saul & Elaine Seiff Educare Center began their revised plan, which permitted students in all classrooms to attend school full-time in person if desired. Protective measures remain our priority, and it is wonderful to be able to welcome back students who would like to be in-person full-time.

As we await further progress on the COVID-19 vaccines, early indications of the rollout in Europe are promising. We are working with the Department of Health and OPWDD to advocate for prioritizing our individuals and staff in the vaccine rollout due to the significantly higher vulnerability our population has of contracting the virus and the disproportionate adverse reaction. As we learn more and have increased confidence we will encourage families and staff alike to consider taking the vaccine to help put an end to this nightmare pandemic. Until we reach that option, let's continue to protect ourselves and each other. Let's remember we are in a marathon together and it is not over yet! Please continue wearing your face covering, washing your hands routinely and limiting gatherings outside of your household members. We need and want you all healthy and happy as we enter the holiday season. *#InItTogether*

Wishing a very Happy and Healthy Hanukkah!

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres  
Chief Executive Officer



**It's not too late!** Visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/candlelightball20](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/candlelightball20) to donate to our 60th Candlelight Ball, and to view the event video and digital journal link.

Join the AHRC Suffolk Team! Visit [www.ahrcsuffolk.org/careers](http://www.ahrcsuffolk.org/careers) to see our current openings at various locations. Apply today!

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