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*Serving Children and Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities for over 70 Years*

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**PAUL H. TORRES**  
Chief Executive Officer

*Every year I see this thing AHRC Suffolk sends out that asks me to become a member...*

**JOHN MCGUIGAN**  
Chief Operating Officer

*I'm not really sure what it is or what it means, but I'm sure it really only applies to other supporters, vendors, families or staff and not to me.*

**CHRISTOPHER VEROS**  
Chief Financial Officer

*And even if it might be important to me, someone else will join and take care of what is needed...*

**OFFICERS**

**JOHN SMITH**  
President

Sound familiar? Please read on...

*We are faced with the fact that tomorrow is today.*

**DEBORAH PFLIEGER**  
Treasurer

*We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.*

*– Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**DIRECTORS**

Alden B. Kaplan  
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Joining AHRC Suffolk and becoming a member sends a powerful message. Your support gives us a stronger voice as we address and advocate for issues such as education, employment, housing, and safety that are critical to your loved one. Joining AHRC Suffolk gives us a stronger voice as we fight for standards of pay and a clear recognition that working in our field is a valuable and undeniably challenging career that never was and never should be a minimum wage job!

As a member of AHRC Suffolk, your annual support will make our advocacy more powerful! There is power in our numbers! Imagine the impression it makes to a funder, politician or decision maker if we could say more than 50% of our families are members, more than 50% of our staff are members! We are an undeniable force when we are united in membership and voice. When our membership is combined with all Arcs across the State we are a force to be reckoned with.

*The strength of our voice today just recently influenced OPWDD to reverse a substantial and devastating cut to our residential programs that would have been retroactive to 5/1/2021.*

*Our persuasiveness of our numbers across the State have influenced the governor to commit substantial investments in our field and our workforce through the upcoming budget ([click](#) to view).*

*Imagine our persuasiveness if our voice was bolstered by a far greater number of members. Our alignment through membership is an undeniable force strengthened by our numbers.*

Membership comes for as little as \$15\*... that's like \$1.25 a month, less than 29¢ a week! [CLICK HERE](#) and become a member today or text Member2022 to 41444.

(\*every membership comes with a complimentary entry into our Annual Cash Raffle to win \$1500)

Paul H. Torres  
Chief Executive Officer

