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

March 4, 2022

PAUL H. TORRES
Chief Executive Officer

As spring of 2022 beckons, and positive COVID cases continue to decline, I wanted to reach out and thank all of the members of the AHRC Suffolk community for your support and perseverance over the last three years, and ask for yet more support and involvement in the months and years ahead.

JOHN MCGUIGAN
Chief Operating Officer

CHRISTOPHER VEROS
Chief Financial Officer

AHRC Suffolk has been providing programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities for more than sixty years. Throughout this time we have changed the lives of the individuals we support and their families. Those families have always been the foundation of the agency.

OFFICERS

JOHN SMITH
President

DEBORAH PFLIEGER
Treasurer

Almost three years ago AHRC Suffolk went through a much needed major reorganization, with a new Chief Executive Officer (Paul Torres) and a remote board of directors appointed by the Arc of New York, our parent organization. We now have a fresh executive leadership team under Paul, including a new Chief Operating Officer (John McGuigan) and Chief Financial Officer (Chris Veros), and are on the precipice of electing a new board with its roots in Suffolk County.

DIRECTORS

Alden B. Kaplan

James P. O'Connor

Brian O'Reilly

Then we were faced with the pandemic, which completely changed the nature of our programs, endangered our individuals and put enormous stress on our incredibly dedicated workforce. Shifting to remote learning, very limited outings and socially distanced day programs was a struggle, and yet we have stayed focused on our ultimate responsibility: supporting and advocating for individuals of all ages with unique abilities and challenges. Now we are gratefully finding a “new normal” with more engaging programs and increased capacity.

While we receive the vast majority of our financial support from government programs, the heart and life blood of AHRC Suffolk are the people we support, their families, our very committed workforce and our donors. We were formed in the late 1950s by a group of parents who wanted more from the world for their children. It is our responsibility to ensure that those children, many of whom are now senior citizens, and the generations who came after them, continue to safely enjoy everything the world has to offer, without artificial barriers or limitations.

That is why we are asking for your help and involvement today:

- If you are not already a member of AHRC Suffolk, please click **HERE** and join us today. Membership dues are \$15 per year, and increased numbers give us a louder voice as we advocate for those we serve
- Donate to the extent that you can, to support our programs and help our dedicated employees receive the compensation they so richly deserve
- Volunteer at a fundraising event or join with friends, family, co-workers or complete strangers to help spruce up some of our many properties across Suffolk County
- Stay tuned for future opportunities to advocate, volunteer and contribute to our very worthwhile cause

Sincerely,

Deborah Pflieger

Family Member of a Program Participant, Board Member, Treasurer

