

# ONTARIO ARC 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

## A MESSAGE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS



*Photo: Jan Regan*

A crisis can often bring out the best in people. Such was the case at our agency this past year.

In late 2009, Governor Paterson announced his Deficit Reduction Plan which called for huge reductions in the field of developmental disabilities. If enacted, Ontario ARC would have faced devastating cuts that would have significantly changed the way we provided services, or in some cases, caused us to eliminate programs altogether.

Our state agency NYSARC, Inc., along with other statewide organizations, began an all-out advocacy campaign to inform legislators as to the impact these reductions would have on people with disabilities throughout the state.

On a local level, Ontario ARC held a number of family and friends meetings to let people know what was going on and to ask their help with contacting state legislators. This was the first time in probably 30+ years that we had reached out to families this way and honestly we had no idea how people would respond.

What happened next far exceeded our expectations.

Over the course of 3 days in November, hundreds of family members met at our agency in a show of support. Parents shared stories about the impact of ARC services on the lives of their children. They expressed fear over what a loss of these services could mean in the future. Everyone that attended showed a strong commitment to do whatever it would take to get the message out to those that needed to hear it.

But there was even more.

Families said to us they wanted to be more involved in ARC. They wanted to have an opportunity to come together on a regular basis and they wanted to know ways they could help our agency. It made us wonder why we had waited so long to bring people together. It also made us appreciate what a wonderful resource our families and friends can be. The story has a happy ending, at least for the time being, as the Governor's Deficit Reduction Plan didn't happen. We know, however, with the current state of the economy we remain vulnerable to future funding cuts.

We also know that we have an ever growing network of families who strongly believe in our agency and will do whatever it takes to see that Ontario ARC continues to offer quality services for people with developmental disabilities – for that we are thankful.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Castiglione".

William Castiglione,  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Bognanno".

Joe Bognanno,  
Board President



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## **2009 Ontario ARC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **REVENUE**

Medicaid	\$16,555,416	72.87%
Abbey Industries	\$1,488,849	6.55%
Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities	\$2,085,706	0.32%
Participant Fees	\$1,393,499	6.13%
Ontario County	\$295,948	1.16%
Ontario County - Children with Special Needs Vocational and Education Services for Individuals With Disabilities - VESID	\$61,974	0.27%
Interest/Investments/Other	\$315,824	0.39%
Office of Mental Health - OMH	\$102,570	0.45%
Fund Raisers	\$108,719	0.48%
Grants	\$107,653	0.47%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,717,570</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### **EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM**

Abbey Industries	\$4,679,760	20.85%
Day Habilitation	\$5,287,124	23.56%
Administration	\$1,974,550	8.80%
Support Services	\$194,117	0.87%
Clinic	\$194,214	0.87%
Community Services	\$1,499,610	0.68%
Family Support	\$670,938	0.99%
Fund Raising	\$204,202	0.91%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,440,112</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**2009 SURPLUS/LOSS**

**\$277,458**

# ONTARIO ARC: YEAR IN REVIEW

In **January**, the Finger Lakes College Experience program assisted the Red Cross with its annual blood drive at the college campus.

The Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club, both of Canandaigua, hosted the agency's third annual **February** bowling tournament.

Ontario ARC announced the closure of Abbey Industries – a staple in the Finger Lakes business community – in early **March**.

In **April**, the agency opened its Seneca Castle Road home for six residents.



*Bowling with the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Canandaigua*

Kris Ruppensberger participated in Hobart & William Smith Colleges' commencement ceremony in **May** to honor his completion of the agency's College Experience program.

The College Experience program won the "Community Partner of the Year" from Hobart & William Smith Colleges in **June**.

The agency participated in Canandaigua's Fourth of **July** parade to commemorate the 60th anniversary of NYSARC, Inc.

Cruisin' for a Cause was held at Steamboat Landing in mid-**August** to raise funds for recreation services.



*Receiving the "Community Partner of the Year" award from HWS Colleges President Mark Gearan*

In **September**, staff and participants joined ARC Chapters across the state to march in Albany for NYSARC, Inc.'s 60th anniversary.

The Creative Expressions program's art show entitled "Exploring Expressions" debuted at Rio Tomatlan in **October**.

The agency hosted three meetings in **November** to discuss New York's fiscal crisis for parents, family members and friends of Ontario ARC participants.

With the help of local volunteers and patrons, the agency ran its annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Booth at the Eastview Mall in **December**.



*In Albany to commemorate NYSARC, Inc.'s 60th anniversary*



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**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**MISSION**

Ontario ARC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. We offer personalized services and supports that promote independence, recognize individual uniqueness and value the quality of life.

**VISION**

We envision a community where people with developmental disabilities are welcomed, involved, and respected. To achieve this, we live by our values, creating opportunities for individual growth, decision-making, choice, and access to services.