

HAND IN HAND News

Mulgrave Award Winners



Board Member Joseph A. Murray and Mrs. Margaret Mulgrave present Dolly Hines and Andy Zibritosky with plaques and checks for \$1,000 at the Employee Recognition Luncheon held on October 30 at the Airport Holiday Inn. **Pictured from left to right:** Dolly Hines, Margaret Mulgrave, Andy Zibritosky and Joseph Murray.

For the first time since its inception, two people were named as the 2009 recipients of the seventh annual Dr. Norman W. Mulgrave Award for Advocacy.

Dolly Hines is a 29-year employee of PFQ / CCI. She has watched the agency grow and change over the years. Dolly began her career at Robinson Developmental Center and remained there until the people she supports were able to move into community homes. To help them achieve their hopes and dreams, Dolly supported them to explore their world by attending events in the community, assisting them to attend religious services, maintaining family relationships and even planning vacations for them. This is no easy task, since the gentlemen that she supports have severe disabilities. Dolly is also a strong advocate when it comes to the health and safety of the people she supports. She has played a key role in obtaining adaptive equipment and wheelchairs for the men. This was of particular importance to one of the men she supports, whose style of wheelchair was no longer in production. She worked with the supplier to have his chair re-upholstered and she made sure that new features were added to make him more comfortable. Even with 29 years on the job, she's still learning and growing as a CCI employee!

Andy Zibritosky is a 13-year employee of PFQ / CCI. Andy has been very successful in maintaining good relationships with people who have intellectual disabilities as well as mental health diagnoses. He respects people's rights, and is an advocate for their rights in the community. Going above and beyond is no exception for Andy! He volunteers his time, talent and resources to plan and organize a "Christmas Show" for a local nursing home starring the people who live at the Kennedy and Hattman sites, even planning a "cast" party for them afterwards. Andy has made true bonds and friendships with the people who live at the Hattman site by accompanying them on cruises and trips to Las Vegas, New Jersey, Virginia Beach, Michigan, San Antonio, Washington DC and even Canada. Andy saved the day when another staff member was unable to go on a cruise the day before the cruise was scheduled.

Without Andy's help, the cruise would not have been possible. Andy uses these opportunities to help build social capital for the people supported as they travel around the country and beyond!

Both Dolly and Andy reflect the intent of the Dr. Norman W. Mulgrave Award for Advocacy, Dolly as a life-long learner and Andy as an involved traveler. On behalf of the Board of Directors, and especially the people supported by PFQ / CCI, we extend our congratulations and our gratitude to Dolly and Andy.

Also honored: Grove Deming, Petra Mussi, Kathryn Phillips and Kristine Powell for 30 years of service; Marie Manzella for 25 years of service; Melissa Annesi, Darren Austin, Sandra Bartus, John Gegick, Chuck Gibbons, Phyllis Rychil, Grace Schnupp and Geraldine Workmaster for 20 years of service; Karen Bosick, Lisa Bruce, Rachel Jacobs, Nancy Kratochvila, Marie Kundrat, Victor Porch and Betty Richard for 15 years of service; Deborah Gehlert, Mabel Jones, David Lori, Michelle Putt and Edwin Shaffer for 10 years of service; Keithia Allen, Wiendi Allen, Benjamin Amfo-Ayeh, Brandon Apparicio, Joy Bowser, Seri Brazier, Christina Bridge, Joanne Chase, Tammy Ciarletta, Christine Cook, Melinda Ford, Candace Johnson, Russell Kobaly, Alice Mahler, Joseph Matucheski, Shirley McWilliams, Bonnie Morrison, Brenda Morrow, Uloma Okoye, Olga Redkina, Rachael Sheader, Brian Sinyangwe, Jennifer Tinivell, Lou Verlato, Eric Voyten, Erika Wagner, Betty Jean Walker and Benjamin Watt for 5 years of service.



Kris Powell, Don DiMichele, Katie Phillips, Grove Deming

Can it be 35 Years ?

PARTNERS FOR QUALITY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2010. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1975, PFQ HAS GROWN FROM A SINGLE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDED SERVICES TO 132 PEOPLE TO ONE OF THE LARGEST HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS OF ITS KIND IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY, CURRENTLY SERVING APPROXIMATELY 2,500 PEOPLE ANNUALLY. IT IS RECOGNIZED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY AND HAS RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM, HAVING BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON QUALITY AND LEADERSHIP (CQL) SINCE 1978!

At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and happy Holiday Season and a peaceful and healthy New Year!

ALLEGHENY CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE



A HOME FOR JOHN! John is a very engaging, 8-year old boy who became known to ACI in 2006. John was placed in a foster home because of inappropriate behaviors cited by his siblings in his biological home environment. During his first five years with his foster mom, he made some significant adjustments relating to his peers both at school and at home. The ACI Service Coordinator started out by getting him evaluated for supportive in-home services, which were medically necessary. John's foster mom, who is an experienced child-care worker, took a vested interest in him. She developed an understanding of his therapeutic needs, and worked with the ACI Service Coordinator to provide the structure and services needed to give him stability in his young life. After receiving in-home services recommended by the Psychologist at ACI, John began to be more open and sociable in his relationships with others. John received BHRSCA services, Family-Based Mental Health services and BHRSCA-Brief Treatment sessions through ACI. The Service Coordinator played a significant role in getting his psychological assessments and referrals for ongoing services, as well as getting John accepted into summer camps over the past three years.

John's foster mom was pleased with his progress and began a successful adoption process. She has a strong, loving bond with him and advocates for his material and emotional needs through ACI and other assisting agencies. John is now proudly living in a happy home with a caring adoptive mom! ACI continues to monitor and coordinate services for his future needs.

EXCEPTIONAL ADVENTURES



The Red Hat Ladies are 'Hat-It' Again!

The Red Hat Ladies decided to participate again in this year's ACI Angel Tree. They decided that a bake sale would be a great idea to help raise money. They hosted two bake sales — one at the Exceptional Adventures Steelers Picnic and another at the Halloween Havoc Dance. Both of them were a huge success!

For information on the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, February 13 or the Retro 70's Dance scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010, please contact Exceptional Adventures at 412-446-0713.

PFQ NEWS BRIEFS

Board News

Partners For Quality Foundation is pleased to welcome **Dr. David Dietrich** and **Marcy McKivitz** to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Dr. Dietrich has a BSBA undergraduate degree in Marketing/Management from Robert Morris University, a Certificate in small business management from the Katz School / University of Pittsburgh and holds both an MBA from Point Park University and a Ph.D. from Bernelli University in international business. Dr. Dietrich has been an adjunct professor at Point Park University and Robert Morris University. He teaches Strategic Planning, International Business and Economics to MBA and undergraduate students. He is the President of the Family Business Roundtable in Pittsburgh and serves on the boards of the CEO Forum, Western Pennsylvania Family Center and the Allegheny HYP Club. He is a partner with the Neville Group, and he and his wife, Mary Jo, are owners of ComForcare Senior Services.

Ms. McKivitz holds a degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh. She has served on the Boards of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and

the Parkway West Rotary, where she is Past President. As a Rotarian, Marcy is very involved in community service. She organizes the Rotary's largest fundraising event, which is the annual Steak and Ale. Marcy also organizes the Rotary's Thanksgiving and Christmas food and toy drives which benefit needy families in the Montour and West Allegheny School Districts. She was also an active committee member of Boy Scouts of America. Marcy is the Director of Sales in Western Pennsylvania for The Callos Companies. She and her husband, David, and their two sons reside in Crafton.

PFQ Building

We are pleased to tell you that after an extensive renovation project, PFQ's corporate offices, Exceptional Adventures, Partners For Quality Foundation and the PFQ Corporate Training Center moved to the PFQ Building located at: 250 Clever Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The corporate phone number is 412-446-0700.

Warm Retirement Wishes

We extend warm wishes to **Angela Dewit**, **Charlotte Yingling** and **Margaret Yokim** who recently retired from PFQ / Citizen Care after many years of dedicated service. We wish them much happiness as they begin a new and exciting chapter of their lives.

CITIZEN CARE

Hopes & Dreams Shared

We extend a huge "Welcome" to seven people who became the newest members of the Citizen Care Family. Jeremy Beatty, Mark Chen, Dorothe Davis, Victoria Kwiatkowski, Robert Nebash, Donald Pifer and Charles Pyle all moved into houses and/or apartments within Citizen Care over the past five months.

Jeremy is in his early 20's and came to Citizen Care from home. He moved into an apartment in the Hyland Hills program in July. Jeremy is employed five days a week at UPMC Voc TAC. He loves square dancing, listening to all kinds of music and making people laugh with his great sense of humor. Jeremy is very close to his family and enjoys spending time with them.

Mark is also in his early 20's and came to Citizen Care from home. Mark moved into the Kenridge house in July; he participates in day services at Citizen Care's TOC and ACHEIVA. Mark is very friendly and enjoys a variety of leisure activities including fishing, playing video games, dancing and watching WWE Wrestling. Mark also participates in a variety of community activities.

Dorothe is 39 years old and moved into an apartment in the Kennedy program in July; she also returned to Citizen Care's CCO. Dorothe is somewhat shy and very compassionate; she also has a great sense of humor. Dorothe's interests include dancing and shopping and participating in a variety of leisure and community activities. Dorothe has the support of a very large family.

Donald (D.J.) is 53 years old and in August moved into the Kenridge house. Don is a very hard working man and has a great sense of humor. Don has attended PACC for many years and is the honored Master of Ceremonies for their annual talent show. Don was recently hired to work two days a week at the Holiday Inn; he really enjoys his new job and earning a paycheck! Don is a music lover and spends his leisure time recording songs off of the radio and TV. Don also enjoys reading the newspaper, bowling, shooting pool and traveling.

Victoria (Vicky) is 59 years old and moved into a home in the Moon program in October. Vicky was familiar with Citizen Care as she has worked at the TOC since 1994. Vicky is making friends with her new housemates and enjoys listening to music (especially polkas) and watching the food network. Recently, Vicki has become a STEELERS fan and has been cheering them on a weekly basis.

Charles (Chuckie) is 53 years old and moved into the North Branch house in October. Prior to moving in, Chuckie lived with his family in McKees Rocks; he continues to be very close to them. Chuckie is very excited about living in his new home and is quickly becoming comfortable with his housemates. He is eager to become involved in his new community and enjoys a variety of activities. Chuckie has attended Citizen Care's CCS since 1996.

Robert (Bob) is also 59 years old and is originally from McKees Rocks; he moved into the Speer house in November. Bob began attending Citizen Care's Walden Senior Center and has made new friends. Bob really enjoys participating in activities in the community. Additionally, Bob likes to bowl and watch hockey and baseball games. Bob is a huge Elvis fan!

We wish them all many years of joy and happiness in their new homes!

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Race for the Cure

People supported from CCI's Community Living Robinson Division participated in the "Race for the Cure" which is a race designed to promote awareness and to raise money toward breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The Robinson Division Team participated in the one mile "Fun Walk" and was led by captain April Miller, Community Living Manager of the McMichael and Tidball houses. There were 16 people on the team including, Richard Ake, Paul Gilchrist, Tommy Graham, Judy Curry, Rhoda Green, Harriett Johnson, JoAnn Simmers, Elaine Hytowitz and a number of their staff members.



Walk for a Change

Many individuals from Citizen Care came out to support the Network of Hope by walking in the 2009 "2nd Annual Walk for a Change." People who live at the McKinney, McCartney, Coraopolis Heights, Norman and Sterling homes participated. The walk consisted of a 3-mile walk around the Frank Letteri Memorial Stadium in Coraopolis.

Special 'thanks' to the ladies who live at the Norman House for helping to get the word out! Prior to the walk, people enjoyed opportunities to make new friends and connect with old friends. Everyone had a great time! The Norman House ladies hope to recruit more CCI volunteers next year!

A Fun Evening

West Ridge Christian Community Church organized an Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Theater Party which was attended by Tom Boyan, Bob Gabos, Sidney Dragosin, David Nicalo, Donald Kavalir, Rick Pelkey, Frank Zamborsky, Charlotte Jackson, Gloria Caltagirone, Marie Evangelista, Peggy Huston, Debbie Slater and Marlene Kahaunaele. These individuals had a great time as the event was packed with lots of activities, including a talent show, music, dance, a concert and a Chinese Auction. It was a fun evening and the church extended their sincere appreciation to all who participated.

A Brighter Day



On a stormy day last summer, Shirley, Trina, Jackie and Donna brought a little sunshine to 20 children at the Boys' and Girls' Club of Carnegie Day Care Center. As part of their efforts to be active in their community and give something back, these ladies — with an assist from staff — purchased activity books, crayons, puzzles, treats and more to put together gift bags for the children. Shirley, Trina, Jackie and Donna spent part of the afternoon meeting the girls and boys, handing out goodie bags and supplying special treats and drinks. Everyone had a great time getting to know each other.

Back to School Bash

The Coraopolis Church of God held a Back to School Bash, which consisted of a small carnival with games, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks and “Giggles the Clown” — who crafted balloon animals to perfection! The purpose of The Bash was to collect backpacks and school supplies for children who are less fortunate – and was a great success!

This year’s addition of a dunk tank had the pastor, Kenneth Wade, brave enough to sit on the ledge – and he spent a lot of time in the water! The Network of Hope acknowledged many people from Citizen Care who participated in helping with the activities. Everyone had a great time helping with the games and the kids, listening to the D.J. and handing out candy and prizes. They are looking forward to participating again next year.

“Camping” in Deep Creek Maryland

This year, David Mulgrave, Mickey Scarselli, Joe Keck, James McMillin, David McDonough, John M. Sistik, Mark McCreery, Jeff Aurila and Howard Thomas went on a camping vacation to Deep Creek, Maryland. After going to the beach in previous years, the men decided to go to a camping resort. When they arrived at the resort house, everyone soon realized that it would not be ‘camping’ in the traditional sense. Equipped with eight flat screen televisions, three Jacuzzis, a hot tub and a pool table, the experience was far from roughing it. The house’s amenities allowed everyone to do whatever activities they wanted to do at the same time, allowing everyone to enjoy the vacation individually. Some of the guys relaxed, others helped to cook dinner on the deluxe grill, and still others enjoyed outdoor games in the two-acre yard. The guys particularly enjoyed spending time at the lake, taking a two-hour pontoon boat tour and fishing, where Joe Keck caught a nine-inch bass, the largest fish that he has ever caught! One night, the men went to the Garrett County Fair where they were able to see one of their favorite events, Demolition Derby. Throughout the week, the men played several rounds of miniature golf and countless rounds of skee ball and video games at the arcade. Mark challenged one of the staff to a go-kart race and they both had a blast! On another night, the men went to a bonfire event where they were able to see people dressed like Native Americans dancing to the beat of drums. Some of the evenings found the men relaxing and watching the eight flat screen televisions. The men finished the trip buying souvenirs for friends and family. The guys had such a good time that before the trip was even over, several of them said that they wanted to go back again.



Nemacolin Getaway

Cathy Allen and Violet Grimm arrived at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort with their staff. After completing check-in to their luxurious, beautifully-decorated room and unpacking, the ladies enjoyed Nemacolin’s complementary shuttle service to the wildlife sanctuary for a walking tour, where they saw many animals, including a mountain goat, brown and black bears, zebras, lions and buffalo. Returning to the hotel, Cathy and Violet enjoyed a delicious dinner at *The Tavern*. The following day, Cathy and Violet arrived at the “Woodlands Spa” at 7:30 AM for special pampering, that included a full body massage, a mineral bath, relaxing skin treatments, manicures and pedicures! Before returning home the following day, they had lunch at *P.J.s*, a 1950’s style restaurant, where ‘cars’ from the era replaced booths for a unique dining experience!

Cathy and Violet and their Support Staff would like to thank the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort and Spa for their experience and would recommend them to any person who would like to be pampered.

Happy Reunion after 55 Years!

John Snee, who resides at the Silver Lane house, was reunited with his sister, Jane, after 55 years! Jane had not seen John since she was only 5 years old and John was 7 years old.

The initial contact with Jane was made by Community Living Manager, Peggy Walsh. Although John’s history indicated that he did not have any family contact, Peggy researched information on John’s parents. Peggy found Jane’s name and called directory assistance for the phone number. When Peggy called her, Jane was very excited to hear about John and said that she often thought about him over the years. Jane was delighted to hear everything about John’s life and wanted to see him.

Jane came to John’s house to visit. She brought pictures of their parents and sister, Ann. It was a very happy, tearful reunion. John smiled from ear to ear the entire time. Jane and John have begun corresponding on a regular basis and visit each other whenever possible. John’s other sister, Ann, now lives in Florida and is looking forward to meeting John when she’s in Pennsylvania.



Heart Walk T-Shirt Design

Congratulations to Bernice Barnes, affectionately nicknamed “BB.” BB helped staff member, Tammy Ciarletta, design a T-shirt for the PFQ Team that participated in the *Heart Walk*, which took place on October 17, 2009. PFQ employees voted for their favorite design from several that were submitted. BB’s design won! She received a gift card for her participation. Many of the people supported and the staff of PFQ participated in the *Heart Walk* to raise awareness of heart health. Everyone is very proud of BB’s accomplishment!

Nationality Dinners



The ladies living on Sterling Drive — Patricia “Cookie” Dubchak, Nancy Frank and Michaelene Opczynski — hosted a Mexican dinner party for their friends. Everyone enjoyed making chicken enchiladas, beef quesadillas, taco salad and Margaritas. Fried ice cream was served for dessert. Mexican music was played during the course of the meal, and all enjoyed friendship time after.

The dinner party was such a huge success that the ladies decided to host a monthly dinner party, each featuring a different nationality theme. They can't wait for the next one!

Erie Vacation

Liz Wilcox, Amanda Crawford and Samantha Garnes, accompanied by Tammy Ciarletta and Maureen Deilly, enjoyed a week-long vacation in Erie, PA. Although the weather tried to dampen the vacation spirit, everyone had a great time! They visited Waldameer Park and the Erie Zoo, and climbed the lighthouse. They delighted in fine dining and listening to a jazz band. Sam even joined in and sang with the band. They also danced and shopped “until they dropped.” Even though they traveled to Ocean City in the past, the trip to Erie encouraged them to take advantage of the near-by opportunities and to make new memories.

A “V.I.P.” in the Making



Denise Miller and Donald Pifer

Recently, Donald Pifer (who likes to be called D.J.) began receiving residential and non-residential services through PFQ / Citizen Care. It was clear that D. J. possessed many of the skills and a fun-loving attitude that fit perfectly with the service industry. D.J. applied for a position with a local hotel, and with some support, was able to share his marketable skills and his

outgoing personality, both of which were very apparent during the interview. He was immediately hired by the Holiday Inn on University Boulevard to work in banquet services. This is a huge milestone for Donald, since he has never been competitively employed. In his own words, “I really like my job. I enjoy it a lot. I have met new people. Everyone likes me there and I try my best to do my job.” The other employees already consider D.J. as the V.I.P. of banquets and he has quickly become a member of the Holiday Inn family. Congratulations Donald!

MAKING CONNECTIONS

The people supported and the staff of the Ewings Mill, Silver Lane and Norfolk homes have been working with the Robinson Township Christian School in an effort to bring our community together. The students wanted to learn more about us, so tours were scheduled for them to visit our homes. The students learned about differences between our homes and theirs, such as the fire alarm systems and adapted bathrooms. The students asked many questions and enjoyed using the chairlift and seeing the operation of the lift. After the tours, everyone went back to school to enjoy a choral performance and pizza party. We look forward to further developing our friendship with the Robinson Township Christian School.

CCI Community Homes – Holiday Parties

Due to continued difficult economic times and the success and positive feedback we received from the people we support and their families and friends, we will continue the tradition of celebrating the holidays with smaller gatherings. The smaller, more intimate celebrations provide people the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Doreen Gordon
1926 – 2009

Donald Kavalir
1942 – 2009

Lester Lewis
1940 – 2009



Hats Off to....

Kristin Brake, Ken Corey, Chris and Julie Falki, Ed Forsberg, Connie Gato, Anna Marie Kassab, Marie Kundrat, Bobbi Lasto, Mary Ann Marks, Linda Masilunas, Bill and Mary Mitchell, Joe and Nancy Murray, Linda Parker, Marty Sporrer and Madonna Smith, all for their donations of miscellaneous items for the Chinese Auction baskets for Foundation events.

Roxanne Buckels for her donation of prizes for a Rotary sponsored dance for people served.

Marty Sporrer for his donation of tickets to a Pirate game, a Pitt football game and the Pittsburgh Zoo for the people served by Citizen Care.

Francesca Ervin for her donation of a large box of Caddysack Attachable Organizers for wheelchairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fielder and the Fraternal Order of Police for inviting the people served by Citizen Care to their annual fishing trip in Washington PA, that included lunch, fishing and plenty of entertainment.

Mr. Ronald Vas for his donation of 2 motorized wheelchairs, a chatterbox and a Hoyer Lift for the people to use at the houses.

The Italian Sons and Daughters of America for inviting people served by Citizen Care to participate in another fun filled, all expenses paid “Italian Day” at Kennywood Park.

Jim and Diane Esposito for their donation of two weeks use of their time share in Orlando Florida.

Peggy Karman for her donation of purses and magazines for the people served by Citizen Care.

Marge Mulgrave for her donation of clothing, jewelry and 2 tote bags for the Red Hat Ladies of Exceptional Adventures.

Herman Edwards for his donation of two weeks use of his time share in Orlando Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Malone for their donation of a baby bouncer seat, a baby bathtub and a bassinet for ACI.

Peg Wrabley for her donation of candy to Partners For Quality.

Stacey Bercini, Sarah Shultz-Blonski and her husband, Ron, Cris Bridge, Ashley Campbell, Kathleen Dougherty, Melinda Ford, Lisa Longo, Terri Loop, Linda Pescho, Sue Riles, Grace and Roy Rowland, Maria and Tony Salcido, Holly Shine, and Maggie Zalewski, all for their donations of items for the Chinese Auctions at the Exceptional Adventures dances and Red Hat Ladies' events.

Event Update

Bob Pompeani Charity Golf Classic

An ace gets a new car for Jack Kelly!

Jack Kelly, along with his golf partners George Albert, Nick DePersis and John Yock, teed off and began a sunny round of golf at the Bob Pompeani Charity Golf Classic, which was held on June 22 at Chartiers Country Club. Volunteer witnesses greeted them as they approached the par-3 fourth hole, which was a contest hole. Jack Kelly made a nice swing and then he heard the volunteer witnesses watching on the green shouting for joy. Jack made a hole-in-one! The foursome was met by PFQ/CEO Don DiMichele who joined in the celebration and the ace was officially recorded by the pro at the clubhouse. Jack won a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu courtesy of Jim Crivelli Chevrolet! The news spread quickly and added an element of excitement for all of the golfers who went on to finish the round and continued the celebration throughout the day.



The evening program was hosted by our own Bob Pompeani who thanked everyone for helping to make the event the best yet netting more than \$65,000 for the Foundation! We are grateful to Bob and the members of the Fundraising Committee: Susan Cataldi, Julie Falki, John Harker, Sandy Havern, Joe Murray, Wendi Rybicki and Marty Sporrer for helping us put together another great golf outing. We extend our thanks to all of the sponsors, golfers, advertisers, contributors, volunteers and dinner guests for their generous support! **Mark your calendars now for the 2010 golf outing set for June 21 at Chartiers Country Club!**

Congratulations to our top three teams:

First Place: Amy Fanelli, Dr. Neal Fanelli, Brandon Pompeani and Brock Pompeani

Second Place: Tom Alderson, Kip Carol, Dean Martik and Mark Sabich

Third Place: George Albert, Nick DePersis, Jack Kelly and John Yock



Prior to the awards dinner, Mr. DiMichele honored Roy F. Johns, Jr. and his business partner Earle W. Kazis, who unfortunately could not be present, for their most generous donation of the building that is now the home of the PFQ Corporate Office. Mr. Johns received a standing ovation from the guests for his dedication and generosity to the Agency. **Pictured from left to right are:** Don DiMichele, Roy Johns, Barbara Johns and Jeff Johns.

6th Annual Pittsburgh Fashion Story

On a runway lined with Pittsburgh's top models, Show Producer Tara Rieland and Fashion Coordinator and Stylist Tori Mistick, sent out a crowd-pleasing lineup of fashions from area boutiques including Charles Spiegel for Men, e.b. pepper, Jupe Boutique, Shop.412, the Planet Pulse and Tomasina Couture. The show, emceed by Paul Steigerwald, was held at J. Verno Studio on September 12 and consisted of a collaboration of all six boutiques all of which offered completely different styles from accessories to ready-to-wear designer to cocktail couture. While all of the boutiques deserve equal recognition we would like to thank Stephanie Keremes from Tomasina Couture for designing a special collection of couture dresses. Stylists from Brett James Salon provided high fashion hair and make-up for the models. The backstage production team consisted of Richard Bryan, Tom Watson, Kylee Gavlik and fashion students from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Dean McAfee of Pittsburgh DJ Company and Myztery n' Sneek, a local hip-hop band, performed before and during the show. Honorary Chairperson Mary McVay greeted all of the guests who enjoyed a cocktail reception prior to the show and a dessert reception following the show.



Mary and Tim McVay

We extend our thanks to Miss Pennsylvania, Shannon Doyle for a special guest appearance, and Welcome, Prosper and Grace Tjelmeland for their help recognizing our sponsors. We also wish to thank our sponsors, volunteers, donors and guests for their support. Last but not least, we would like to recognize the Planning Committee members: Justin Bombach, David Bush, Kylee Gavlik, Stephen J. Jason, John Lamberson, Tim McVay, Jena-Anne Sabom, Jim Scott, Tolga Sevdik, Douglas Tjelmeland and Mary Withrow.



John Carolus,
Mary Crivelli
and Dan Skreptach

100 Club Strolling Supper and Monte Carlo Night

The 11th Annual 100 Club Strolling Supper and Monte Carlo Night held on Friday, November 6 at the Airport Holiday Inn was a friendly evening of dining and gaming. Marty Sporrer, Fundraising Committee Member, kicked off the evening and invited everyone to enjoy dinner. CEO Don DiMichele conducted the elimination drawing while some of the guests enjoyed the gaming tables. The five finalists were: John O'Connor, who was not present, Dotti Bechtol, John Carolus, Mary Crivelli and Dan Skreptach. The elimination drawing continued, leaving John Carolus, Mary Crivelli and Dan Skreptach to split the grand prize of \$2,100. Our thanks to all of the 100 Club members, especially Marty Sporrer and Bobbi Lasto.

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