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PAUL SAXTON NOMINATED FOR THE WILLIAM B. JOSLIN AWARD

Paul Saxton was among 57 statewide 2018 Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through... *Please turn to page 3.*



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MESSAGE FROM ANN SCHEETZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ann Scheetz

We have so many things to share with you this quarter, but we'd like to simply start out by saying thank you. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. For your commitment to our programs and services, and for helping us to achieve our vision that people with disabilities or other challenges are one with their communities.

In this edition of ARC Life we celebrate the many accomplishments of the people we support in our employment program. October was National

Disability Employment Awareness Month, and you will read about Paul Saxton, who was nominated along with nearly 60 others for the William B. Joslin Award, the very special relationship we have with Maco Bag, whom we have partnered with for over 3 decades, and the Rochester Area Employment Award that Sodexo, another employment partner received.

We congratulate Sue Walker who was the 2018 recipient of the Jerry Archibald Award. This award is presented annually to an Ontario ARC staff member who embodies our agency values that Jerry, a long-time friend of Ontario ARCs' is known for: integrity, commitment, and respect. Sue has been with the agency for 26 years and currently serves as the Jobs, Exploration and Training Coordinator, was nominated by her peers for this prestigious award.

We are thrilled to share with you that Bad Dog Boutique has opened at 84 South Main Street in downtown Canandaigua. Being a part of the downtown community is very exciting and in addition to providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities or other challenges, we also tie-together our Pet Connections program, BAD DOG retail manufacturing and BAD DOG Spa in an incredible high-traffic location in the heart of Ontario County.

Looking back on the past year, we are grateful for your attendance and support of our signature fundraising events. This year we introduced our first ever Fall Festival, braved the snowy conditions on Thanksgiving morning for the Canandaigua Turkey Trot and wrapped thousands of gifts at both of our holiday giftwrapping booths. We could not have done this without you and your generosity. Stay tuned for some exciting changes in our events next year!

Wishing you peace, health, and prosperity in the coming year!! ✨

Sincerely,

Ann Scheetz, Executive Director

ONTARIO ARC'S 9TH ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN & WALK BENEFITS FRIENDS OF ONTARIO ARC FOUNDATION

We give special thanks to our race sponsors who made the 9th Annual Canandaigua Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk possible. Our gratitude extends to all the participants who braved the record-setting cold and blizzard conditions to join us on Thanksgiving morning, November 22nd, to feel the burn before the bird! Over \$10,000 was raised for the Friends of Ontario ARC Foundation. ✨



2018 JERRY ARCHIBALD AWARD WINNER

Sue Walker is the 2018 recipient of Ontario ARC's Jerry Archibald Award. The award is presented annually to an Ontario ARC staff member who demonstrates the agency values of commitment, integrity, and respect. Sue has worked at Ontario ARC for 26 years, and is the Jobs, Exploration and Training Coordinator.

"Sue demonstrates our agency values every day. We are thrilled to present her with this honor." says Ann Scheetz, Executive Director. ✨



(L to R) Ann Scheetz, Executive Director, Jerry Archibald, Sue Walker, and Barbara Risser, EdD, Board President.



John Rasmussen, Facilities Manager of Ontario ARC, and Paul Saxton.

Paul Saxton Nominated for the William B. Joslin Award from Cover.

... New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc's (NYSID) 15th annual people-centered awards program. Thirty people—including coworkers, supervisors, and Paul's proud father—attended the surprise ceremony at the beginning of his work day on October 22nd. Paul was thrilled to be honored with the presentation of a certificate and check for \$500.

Paul joined Ontario ARC's custodial crew in 1994 and was one of the first employees hired when Spot On Cleaning Company opened in 2016. As a crew member working in Geneva, he is known for his experience, dedication, and smile. *Congratulations, Paul!* ✨

BAD DOG BOUTIQUE OPENS IN CANANDAIGUA

BAD DOG Boutique's first storefront is located at 84 South Main Street in the heart of downtown Canandaigua, NY. Stop in with your pooch for full-service dog grooming and a unique Finger Lakes region shopping experience. The shop for dog lovers offers a wide selection of pet products, gifts, and accessories, including the BAD DOG retail product line.

The product selection includes local and national brands that align with our values and offer exceptional quality products. We invite dog lovers to visit our storefront and share the adventure with their furry friends!

BAD DOG boutique, a division of Ontario ARC which opened in November 2018, is a social enterprise of Ontario ARC that offers an integrated working environment and provides employment opportunities for people of all abilities. ✨

Find us online and like us on Facebook! 



The newly opened BAD DOG Boutique in Canandaigua offers pet products, gifts, accessories, and full-service grooming.

FALL FEST FAMILY FUN

Lincoln Hill Farms in Canandaigua was the site of Ontario ARC's first Fall Fest on October 20th. This festive fall event featured family fun, including a pumpkin patch, bounce house, farm animal petting area, lawn games, and live music by The Endless Mountain Derelicts and Nick Vecchioli. Other activities offered were Spin Art t-shirts by Tornado T's and food sold by Porky's BBQ, Molly's Munchies, MighTea Boba, and Peach's Frozen Yogurt. ✨

All proceeds support the Friends of Ontario ARC Foundation and Ontario ARC's growing menu of programs and services for children and adults with disabilities or other challenges.

HOLIDAY WRAP UP!

Over 400 volunteers spread holiday cheer and raised over \$26,000 at our two Eastview Mall holiday gift wrapping booths throughout the 2018 holiday season. Our busy elves wrapped nearly 4,500 gifts! We are also grateful for our generous sponsors who helped make the Holiday Gift Wrapping Booths possible!

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Ontario ARC's first Fall Fest was full of family-friendly fun!

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH



(L to R) Louis Digoia and Jeremy Glass are members of the Ontario ARC crew at MACO Bag.

Every October we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month as a time to spotlight the talents and contributions that people with disabilities bring to their workplaces.

MACO BAG IS ONTARIO ARC'S LONGEST RUNNING WORK SITE

After a thirty-year partnership with Ontario ARC's Employment Services program, this year MACO Bag of Newark found a new way to include our skilled workers ready for competitive employment. Doug Kirchhoff, Director of Operations at MACO Bag Corporation and a member of the Ontario ARC Community Advisory Board, says the move came from the company's need to grow their workforce to support sales growth during a time of historically low unemployment. The most significant problem was one that many competitive workers who receive supported employment face: transportation.

The solution was found in the flexible partnership that already includes a group receiving pre-employment training at MACO Bag. This fall, two people were hired for flexible part-time shifts that allow them to ride in with the pre-employment group.

"MACO now has two enthusiastic employees to help our production. It is extremely rewarding to see the growing relationships and their smiles every day when they arrive," says Doug Kirchhoff. "MACO Bag looks forward to many more years of working together with Ontario ARC and the people they support."

SODEXO HONORED FOR SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-BASED EMPLOYMENT

Sodexo Rochester, a provider of integrated food, facilities management and other services, contacted Ontario ARC during the summer of 2016 with a goal: to add qualified employees to their workforce at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. That initiative and their relationship with Ontario ARC since that time earned them recognition at the annual Rochester Area Employment Network awards, held in October.

"This is a very promising partnership," says Andy Watson, Supported Employment Manager. "We nominated Sodexo for the award because they go above and beyond, and are so willing and flexible in their support of the people they employ—who love working there!" Three people supported by Ontario ARC employment specialists now work at Sodexo. ✨

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