



More Than 40 Years of Caring

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Community Partners, Board members and Employees of East House Honored

“I’m honored to be part of the good work done by East House to improve peoples’ lives,” said John Baldanza, Volunteer Coordinator at Foodlink, as he accepted a “Partner in Quality” award from East House. “The clients work very hard for Foodlink, and I’m proud that they receive experience and job training while they help us to do the work that we do.” Baldanza was one of six individuals and three organizations to be honored as outstanding partners of East House, collaborating with the agency to improve the quality of life for individuals recovering from mental illness and chemical dependency. These Partners in Quality were recognized at the agency’s Annual Breakfast Celebration, held at Mario’s Italian Steak house on May 22nd. Eighteen employees and three Board members were also honored as they reached milestone anniversaries with the agency.

In addition to Baldanza, the following individuals from the Rochester community also received “Partner in Quality” recognition: **Ed Fraser**, Job Developer, Monroe County Dept. of Human Services; **Pamela Geil**, LMSW, Primary Therapist, Strong Ties; **Michelle Lanphear**, Conference and Event Coordinator, R.I.T.; **Kris Miller-Blazak**, Teacher, Greece Central School District and **Steve Neelin**, President, Quality Recruiting. The following organizations were also honored as Partners In Quality, helping East House to provide quality service: **Beacon Residential Management, Highland South Wedge Pharmacy, and Oggi/Domani Salon and Day Spa.**

Three Board members were recognized for twenty years of distinguished service to the agency: **Samuel King**, *Howe & Rusling, VP and Senior Portfolio Manager*, **James Papero**, *Retired, Rochester Institute of Technology* and **Patrice Scheg**, *Time Warner Cable, VP Human Resources*. “I feel privileged to have helped East House fulfill its mission to change lives—there is great satisfaction in knowing that I played a small part in that effort,” said Patrice Scheg.

The following employees were recognized for their years of dedicated service: **Everett Rose**, *Assistant Program Director, Independent Living Program*, celebrating 30 years with the agency; **Susan Lambert, MS.Ed, NCC, CASAC**, *Program Supervisor, Crossroads Apartment Program and Richard Macirella*, *Counselor, Mental Health Apartment Program*, celebrating twenty years; **Pamela Kaufman, MS, CRC, LMHC**, *Mental Health Program Director and Scott Vogt, BA*, *Case Manager, Independent Living Program*, celebrating fifteen years; **James Dziubaty**, *Program Assistant, Independent Living Program*; **Kathleen Jacobowitz, MA**, *Counselor, Collins House*; **Donna Marcello, BA**, *Career Counselor, Career Services Program*; **Mary Morgante-Rice, AAS**, *Counselor, Boehm Lodge*; **Geoffrey Rono, BSW**, *Counselor, Boehm Lodge*; **Nancy Sanford**, *Senior Accountant*, celebrating ten years of service; and **Terence Heffernan**, *Counselor, Blake House*; **Cathy Jackson, CASAC**, *Case Manager, Crossroads Apartment Program*; **Daniel Jermyn**, *Maintenance Supervisor*, **Sharon Jones**, *Assistant Program Supervisor, Blake House*, **Diane Lapp, BS**, *Counselor, Shumway House*, **Amy MacIntyre**, *Learning Center Assistant, Career Services Program*, and **Keenan Steverson, BA**, *Assistant Program Supervisor of Wolk House*, all celebrating five years of service. For more information, call (585) 256-3800, ext. 213.

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