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CASINO NIGHT
April 12, 2019

Honoring

Linda & Anthony Rocca
Ricky Godorov Key Day Award

Marci & Rick Cherry
Wendy Cohen Advocacy Award
Congratulations to this year’s Honorees!
Linda & Anthony Rocca
2019 Ricky Godorov Key Day Award
and
Marci & Rick Cherry
2019 Wendy Cohen Advocacy Award

Thank you for your generous commitment and support of AADD and the special needs community!

Abbie & Harvey Hoffman
Dear Friends,

Welcome! On behalf of the Board of Directors, Key Day Committee, staff and especially our members, we would like to thank you for supporting our Key to Independence events.

This year we are privileged to have Linda & Anthony Rocca and Marci and Rick Cherry as our honorees. In addition to their professional and community accomplishments, the support they have given AADD has been invaluable.

In the spirit of celebration, we would like to acknowledge each of you for making this a memorable event for years to come. We extend a special thanks to all of our sponsors.

As you know, AADD’s mission is to empower and enrich the lives of our members. Your contributions are invaluable. Over 70% of your support goes to programs and every dollar we raise helps our members build a pathway to independence.

We hope you enjoy the event!

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AADD History

The agency was started in 1973 by a group of five parents. The original premise was to create a forum for their sons and daughters to get together and socialize after they graduated from high school.

The small group met on Saturdays at a house on Susquehanna Road in Abington where they would hold dances, play games and socialize. The first fundraiser they held was a dinner, cooked by the parents and attended by approximately 50 people. The first donation received was given to them by Harry Levine, father of Cissie Vizak-Frantz.

Irv Segal, our first Executive Director, worked with Bob Leon, a Social Worker from a Base Service Unit from Montgomery County, to start the Rap Sessions (education and discussion sessions). Pretty soon, they outgrew the small house on Susquehanna Road and the group moved to St. Paul’s Church in Elkins Park. After many years at this location, a parent made a contact with Bill Ferstenfeld of Keneseth Israel Synagogue. Ever since, the synagogue’s youth lounge has been home to the Elkins Park RAP Group.

From that point in AADD’s history to the present, the agency has grown to include men and women from across the greater Philadelphia region and formed three different groups for RAP sessions. The RAP groups are located in Elkins Park, the Main Line, and Spring House and each meets once a week for education regarding life skills and discussion about issues that are important to the members. While some individuals may take for granted tasks such as making change for a dollar, our members often see mastery of this task as a stepping stone on a path to achieving greater independence.

The social learning activities, which include educational, cultural and recreational activities, have gone from a once a month outing to an outing every weekend. The variety of trips range from the theatre to sporting events and from dances to site visits at museums. They allow for social interaction and relationships with peers and mentors, as well as create authentic experiences for practicing the skills learned at RAP sessions. Also, these activities provide opportunities for interaction with the community and respite for the families.
Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities’ (AADD) mission is to provide education, discussion and social learning activities that empower special needs men and women, 18 years and older, to live more independent lives while helping to support caregivers and helping to increase acceptance of special needs in our community. AADD creates secure environments where members develop the vital skills for lifelong independence – from employment, healthy eating, arranging transportation and managing personal finances, to forming and maintaining friendships and understanding the intricacies of public etiquette. Our program helps members break the chains of social isolation as they strive to maneuver through our complex world, assisting them to gain the self-confidence, pride and greater independence that can lead to a long, healthy and fulfilling life.
Marci and Rick were born and raised in Philadelphia. Marci grew up with a sister with cerebral palsy. She helped take care of her along with her parents. Marci graduated from Temple University with a master's degree in physical education and a minor in adapted PE. Rick attended George Washington high.

Marci and Rick met in 1974 and were later married in 1978. They have 3 children Evan, Shane and Taryn. Rick has spent his career of 46 years in the automobile business. He started as a mechanic and worked his way up to general manager positions.

Marci has taught in the Philadelphia school district, the Korman school for special needs and at religious schools in the area. Marci is currently working as a facilitator for AADD.

Marci and Rick were introduced to AADD through CEO Larry Rubin. The organization touched both their hearts. The organization does so much good for their members that Rick and Marci felt they needed to be part of the organization. Rick is currently a board member and is on several of the committees. Both Marci and Rick volunteer their time at many of the AADD functions where they get to spend time with and learn about our members.

Both Marci and Rick feel that this has been a very rewarding and enriching experience for them. They encourage friends and family members of AADD to get involved. They are sure you can't imagine the difference you can make in the lives of so many people.
Congratulations!

Linda & Anthony Rocca

Ricky Godorov Key Day Award

Anthony has practiced law for over 30 years in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the areas of corporate/business law, business transactions, real estate, estate planning, family business succession planning and estate administration. Anthony is the President of the Law Offices of Anthony J. Rocca, P.C. and a shareholder in the continuing professional education firm of Werner-Rocca Seminars, Ltd. He lectures extensively throughout the United States in the areas of protection of assets, preservation of wealth, business succession and estate planning and other tax matters. Anthony received his Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law in 1984 and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Pennsylvania State University.

Anthony has been a member of AADD’s Board of Directors for six years and served as Board President from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. He was recognized as a Multiple Sclerosis Leaders Circle Honoree in 2012.

Linda is an independent business strategist and commercialization consultant working with early stage public and privately held companies in the life sciences, biotechnology, medical device, technology and professional services sectors. She is a managing member of Aurora Business Strategies. Also passionate for the performing arts, she danced with three entertainment companies for over 13 years. Linda holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration and textile technology from Philadelphia University, (now Jefferson University) and continued her studies with coursework at Temple University, Drexel University School of Medicine and the Wharton School of U of PENN.

Linda currently serves as an advisor and member of the Board of “Humans are Heroes” / GardenofEden.co in NYC and has actively contributed to various organizations. She served as Board President, Girls on the Run, Montgomery County; Board member of the Philadelphia Chapter of American Marketing Association; Board Director of the Alumnae Association of Philadelphia High School for Girls. She is Treasurer of her Homeowners Association and has been an active member of Whitemarsh Women’s Club community philanthropy since 2003.

Linda and Anthony are not only inspiring and generous leaders, but they have been married 31 years, have three beloved children, Alexandra, Gianna and Anthony John and two cats. They are deeply honored to receive the 2019 Ricki Godorov Award for Leadership.
Congratulations AADD on another wonderful year and to Linda & Anthony Rocca for receiving the Ricky Godorov Key Day Award.

Our mother would be so proud of your continued success.

We are so grateful to all of you for keeping her legacy alive.

Craig, Stacy (Cohen) & Brad Godorov
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AADD appreciates your continued support of our agency.

Thank you for serving as the honorary chairpersons for Key Day 2019.

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To Our AADD Family

Congratulations for another wonderful year.

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Rachel, Sam, Abe & Ben
The joy of this organization is written on everyone’s face.

Keep up the wonderful work and savor all these friendships.

Much love,
Marlene Weinberg
May AADD
Go From Strength to Strength

Phil & Ruth Spergel
Congratulations!

to

Larry Rubin, Ellen Goldman, Katrina Filiatrault, the Board of Directors and the entire team at AADD.

We applaud your outstanding dedication to AADD members and their families.

We are proud to support the wonderful work of the Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Wishing you continued growth and success… Educating, Enriching and Empowering the lives of Members.

All our Best, Anthony & Linda Rocca
Congratulations and Thank You!

LINDA AND ANTHONY ROCCA
RICKY GODOROV AWARD

MARCI AND RICK CHERRY
WENDY COHEN ADVOCACY AWARD

We continue to support AADD and wish the organization many more years of success.

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AADD is a wonderful organization that helps enrich and grow the lives of the special needs community.

When you see over and over again how the members benefit from our programs and become an important part of society, it is very heart warming.

We urge you to reach deep into your pockets and continue to support AADD. No donation is ever too small to enrich our members’ lives.

Thank you AADD for this wonderful award and recognition.

We are so pleased to be part of this group.

Marci and Rick Cherry
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Cristy, Mitchell, Matthew, Noah & Reed
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We applaud your outstanding commitment to AADD and to our community.

We are proud to support the wonderful work of Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

We wish you continued growth and success.

Vicki & Gary Erlbaum
Congratulations and best wishes to the award recipients. We applaud your outstanding commitment to AADD. We are proud to support the wonderful work of Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities and wish you continued growth and success.

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Wishing our beloved AADD a prosperous year ahead.

With appreciation

Harriet, Jeff & Bill Bleiman
Our heartfelt thanks to AADD for their unwavering commitment to the special needs community the last 46 years, by fostering independence and expanding the social engagement of their members.
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Take great pride in congratulating our dear friends and colleagues
Linda and Anthony Rocca
on their wonderful work with AADD.

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Marci and Rick Cherry
WENDY COHEN ADVOCACY AWARD
Congratulations to our honorees – your exemplary example of dedication to AADD is extraordinary and enormously appreciated!!

Hannah Berger & Family
“At the end of the day, it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished. It’s about who you’ve lifted up. Who you’ve made better. It’s about what you have given back.”

-Denzel Washington

Dear Linda and Anthony,

Congratulations on being the recipients of the Ricky Godorov Key Day Award.

Knowing both of you and your energetic personalities, it is obvious that you have what it takes to motivate and create change. You have demonstrated this firsthand through your work with developmentally disabled adults. Your dedication and compassion to this cause enables men and women to live their best, most independent lives.

We honor you today for the incredible impact you have had on those in need.

With admiration and gratitude,
Victoria and Martin
Justin Naidech Loves AADD!
Congratulations and much success on this year’s Key Day Events!

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