

President & CEO's Report

As we close 2010 and look forward to a new year, we anticipate many challenges we can turn into opportunities. We recognize that New York State is struggling with its fiscal problems, but we have a new governor who is up to the challenge to correct the problems and put us back on track. Inspire continues to look at ways to strengthen itself during these difficult times and I want to acknowledge the efforts of the Board of Directors, the Management Team and Staff for all they did this past year to help keep Inspire on the right track. The most important part of this effort is our ability to continue to serve the needs of our partners throughout the community.



Marcel Martino

We will continue to strengthen our existing programs, while taking advantage of any opportunities that are presented to us to grow and diversify. Collaboration with other organizations continues to be a major focus for Inspire as we move into 2011.

As our five year strategic plan comes to a close this July, our new plan, which is in its final stages of completion, will guide us for the next three years, July 2011 – June 2014 and set the tone for Inspire's future.

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Inspire's Mission

To form partnerships with people who have special challenges in order to maximize their capabilities to lead fuller lives...

- By providing quality person-centered services to meet individual challenges
- By informing and educating about development, intervention & resources
- By promoting understanding of special challenges & inclusion within the community
- By developing new and ongoing programs in response to changing community needs

Programs at Inspire are funded in part by the Orange County United Way.

Upcoming Dates

Monday May 2 Inspire Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
Otterkill Golf & Country Club

Thursday July 28 Inspire & Orange County Chamber of Commerce Summer Reception

Get Acquainted Tours are offered on the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December) beginning at 9 a.m. at 2 Fletcher Street, Goshen. Join us for a guided tour of the entire facility at Inspire to learn more about available programs and services.

Please call (845) 294-7300 ext. 233 for more information on any of these activities. We hope you are able to join us!

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Opportunities, Resources, Inspiration.

Inspire Awarded "Not-For-Profit Enterprise Of The Year!"

The votes are in and Inspire was awarded the "Not-for-Profit Enterprise of the Year" Award by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. John D'Ambrosio, Orange County Chamber President, presented Inspire President & CEO, Marcel Martino with the award at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Reception on October 21 at Catlin Gardens in Slate Hill, N.Y. Thank you to the Chamber and the greater business community for recognizing Inspire and its work on behalf of the individuals with disabilities and their families.



O.C. Chamber President John D'Ambrosio and Inspire President & CEO Marcel Martino.

Did You Know...

In a recent article in The Times Herald Record, United Cerebral Palsy received an "F" for spending over 60% of their annual budget on marketing and fundraising, as opposed to programs. Inspire is **not** a member of United Cerebral Palsy, nor is it affiliated with it in any way. It is a member of New York State Cerebral Palsy Associations which is completely separate from UCP. As an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Inspire serves the local region with a variety of life-changing programs and

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services for people with all types of disabilities and their families. We value donors who place their confidence in Inspire through their support, while allocating all donations according to the donor's intent to support a specific program, Endowment Fund, equipment purchases, or the agency as a whole. While the state budget has had its adverse effects, Inspire continues to operate cost effectively, providing the highest quality services to the community.

Inspire's Shining Stars Recognized At Annual Celebration

The Inspire Foundation held its annual Shining Stars Celebration on November 20 at the Middletown Elks Lodge. Over 200 friends and supporters of Inspire enjoyed an evening of dinner, dancing and holiday cheer.

Each year, Inspire recognizes outstanding individuals from Orange County with Shining Stars Awards. This year, Inspire honored longtime Board Member and volunteer Mary Lee Berry for her dedication and commitment to Inspire. Mrs. Berry was the recipient of the Outstanding Service to People with Disabilities Award, which will be named in her honor going forward. Alan and Irving Zuckerman were given the Exemplary Service to the Orange County Community Award for their dedication and support of Inspire, as well as many other Hudson Valley based nonprofit organizations.

Shining Stars proceeds will be invested in Inspire's long-term endowment fund, which helps to ensure that Inspire is able to provide future programs and services for children and adults with disabilities.



Gayle Lerch accepts the Outstanding Service to People with Disabilities Award on behalf of her mother, Mary Lee Berry also pictured, who was unable to attend.



Inspire Board Chairman, Mary Ellen Rogulski presents Alan & Irving Zuckerman of Verticon, Ltd. with the Exemplary Service to the Orange County Community Award.

From Goshen To Iraq!

Kids from *Opportunities*, a program at Inspire for tweens and teens on the autism spectrum or with similar behaviors, put together care-packages for the 442nd Military Police Company serving in Iraq. Care packages included toiletries, snacks, stationery, Gatorade and hand-made pillows. The thought behind this wonderful gesture came from Danielle Papp, Assistant to the ResHab & Respite Supervisor at Inspire whose husband, Sgt. Michael Papp is currently serving overseas. Since the kids weren't able to see the expressions on the soldier's faces when the packages arrived in Iraq, Sgt. Papp was sure to take a picture!

To inquire about Inspire's *Opportunities* Program, please contact Jeanne Northrup at (845) 294-7300 ext. 239. Members should have some functional communication and a desire to socialize with peers. *Opportunities* includes two social skills training meetings monthly. During these meetings members will plan and organize a community event each month.



Above: Kids from *Opportunities* send some comforts from home to Iraq.



Right: The packages arrive overseas to Sgt. Michael Papp.

Inspire Staff Spreads Holiday Cheer

Each holiday season, the staff at Inspire participates in a "Giving Tree Project" in which a holiday tree is placed at each location decorated with ornaments naming a toy and clothing size for a child in need. Staff members voluntarily choose one or more ornaments and purchase gifts for that child or family. With the support of so many generous employees, they were able to brighten the holiday season for 42 families that receive services from Inspire!

Inspire's very own Santa and Inspire's Community Service Committee Member Danielle Papp among some of the 200 gifts distributed.



Congratulations To Terri Alesandro On Receiving Her CHC Certification



Inspire Corporate Compliance/Privacy Officer, Terri Alesandro.

Terri Alesandro, Inspire's Corporate Compliance/Privacy Officer, recently received her Corporate Health Care Compliance Certification. Terri brings her knowledge of relevant regulations and expertise in compliance processes sufficient to assist the healthcare industry to understand and address legal obligations, while promoting organizational integrity through the operation of effective compliance programs. Inspire believes that integrity, ethics and compliance to industry standards strengthen Inspire's commitment to provide quality service and care to its consumers.

Inspire's Head Teacher Of Special Education Diane Silver Honored

JMHCA (Joint Membership of Health & Community Agencies) honored Diane Silver at its 9th Annual Luncheon held at the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen, N.Y. Diane received the "Distinguished Service Award" for her work in the field of Children's Services. For the past 15 years, Diane has headed a classroom at Inspire where she teaches children who are the most medically involved and fragile. Diane and her staff utilize a cross-disciplinary approach in her unique classroom where preschool education and individualized therapies are blended.



Diane Silver holding her award, a painting from the Art Studio at Crystal Run Village, with her Inspire co-workers.

You Can Help Give A Child A Cozy Night's Sleep

Did you know there are children that have never had a new pair of pajamas to call their own? This is Inspire's fourth year collecting new pajamas for newborns up to age 18. Pajamas can be for any season and all sizes are needed. All pajamas collected will be distributed to children from various organizations across Orange County that can use the extra assistance, including Inspire. Pajamas will be collected at the following drop-off locations until February 28:

- Inspire, 2 Fletcher St. – Goshen
- Inspire, 78 Cypress Lane – Goshen
- Inspire, 45 Gilbert St. Extension – Monroe
- Stowaway Self Storage, 580 Toleman Rd. – Rock Tavern
- Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega & Associates' Office, 339 Blooming Grove Tpke. – New Windsor

Please send any monetary donations for pajamas to:
Inspire Community Relations, 2 Fletcher St., Goshen, N.Y. 10924
Please include note "For Pajama Drive"

Please direct any questions to Community Relations at (845) 294-7300 ext. 233 or 235.