



Enriching the lives of people with disabilities and their families by enabling them to achieve their fullest potential at home, at work and in the community.

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Dear Friend:



As we near the end of another year, we are proud to say that ARI has truly enriched the lives of the people we serve and their families by enabling them to achieve their fullest potential at home, at work and in the community. We are writing to you to share some of our recent successes.



We are excited to announce that the first two phases of a major renovation to our Richmond Hill facility are near completion. This includes restoration of the exterior of the building, installation of energy efficient windows, addition of a new, covered ramping system, renovated cafeteria and the upgrade of all restrooms. We are planning a grand reopening and rededication ceremony in the Spring of 2012.

With your support our programming has been able to excel despite flat funding from the State and other sources. We continue to provide high quality individualized services to over 150 adults with developmental disabilities. Our clients continue to learn skills to integrate into their community through competitive employment, volunteer opportunities and community-based programs.



For example, this past year, several ARI clients gained new employment. One of these successes was with Travis, a client who was hired as a janitor at the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens in Stamford. We are proud of Travis, who is responsible for the cleaning of the Arboretum's new education center. Not only does competitive employment allow individuals like Travis to earn a paycheck; it fosters self-respect and self-worth.



Employment Services is just one of the many programs that saw success this past year. Last year, the Day Services Options program began a partnership with the High Ridge Park Corporate Center in Stamford through which ARI clients participate in a comprehensive recycling program. This program continues to thrive. While helping to improve the environment, they learn hygiene and communication skills, business etiquette, and more. For some, this program is their "job." For others, it is a step towards becoming competitively employed. For all, it is a way to give back to their community and help the environment.



Our clients' successes are not possible without your help. Our goal for the 2011 – 2012 Annual Appeal is to raise \$50,000 to continue programs for the increasing population with developmental disabilities. Any amount you donate will help us to reach our goal. We hope that you will join us in support of our work and our mission this year. Please return your donation in the enclosed envelope.

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Thank you, in advance, for your commitment to ARI and for assisting us in making a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

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