



# Family News

The Arc of Litchfield County, Inc.

May 2017

## Honoring Larry Cassella's Retirement



After 36 years of wonderful service at LARC, Larry Cassella will retire as Executive Director as of June 30, 2017. Larry has led the agency since March 1981 and brought LARC to its current level of achievement. Under Larry's leadership, LARC created a network of residential living choices, a recreation program available to all in our community, a vocational program offering employment opportunities for all, a camp where children experience an inclusionary opportunity second to none, a community based day activity program, and a transition program giving young adults full access to community life.

There will be several opportunities to wish Larry well in his retirement. First, the Festival of Trees Committee is sponsoring a Spring Dinner Dance on Tuesday, June 9th at Chatterley's (Former Cornucopia). This will be a fun evening and a way for individuals supported by LARC, and their families, to say goodbye to Larry. The cost for the buffet pasta dinner is \$5 per person. An invitation with more information is enclosed.

LARC will also hold a formal celebration of Larry's service with a Gala on Friday, June 16th at the Torrington Country Club. The evening will feature a tribute to Larry, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing. Music will be provided by *Eight to the Bar*. Tickets will be available for \$100/person, a portion of which will be donated to the LARC Endowment Fund, in honor of Larry. A formal invitation will be mailed.

Finally, friends will have the opportunity to write a message to Larry in the keepsake program book that will be published for the June 16th event. The prices are as follows: Full Page - \$500, Half Page - \$250, Quarter Page - \$100, and Listing (75 characters) - \$50. All proceeds will benefit the LARC Endowment Fund, in honor of Larry. To reserve a space, please contact Christina Emery at 860-482-9364 x39 or [cemery@litchfieldarc.org](mailto:cemery@litchfieldarc.org).



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## Congratulations Katherine Marchand-Beyer

The United Way of Northwest Connecticut recently honored Katherine Marchand-Beyer as “Woman of the Year” at their Fifth Annual Women’s Leadership Gala. Katherine, a tireless advocate for individuals with special needs, was chosen for her commitment to the community and success as a leader.

Katherine joined LARC when our first Executive Director and her neighbor, Eleanor McCann, told her she needed help one day. Katherine went to work 42 years ago and hasn’t left. Today she oversees the Day Services Program, Recreation, School to Community Transition, and Camp MOE. Her goal is that all individuals are accepted with care, compassion and dignity. Congratulations Katherine on this well deserved award!



*On behalf of our Board of Directors  
you are cordially invited to LARC's*

# *Annual Meeting*

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

6:00 pm at LARC

314 Main Street, Torrington

*Please join us as we honor:*

*LARC Individuals*

*Danny Hervieux, Robin Goewey,  
Ben Kelsey, Eric Lambert & Travis Stolle*

*Vocational Partners*

*ITW & BD*

*Special Olympic Athletes*

*Natasha de Elye Cole & Rebecca Lamoin*

*RSVP to 860-482-9364*

## Family Support Group

Please join us for LARC's next Family Support Group on Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 PM. The Group provides resources and mutual support to caregivers.

The Support Group is led by Nicole Cornell, a licensed clinical social worker and a family member of an individuals with a disability.

For more information, please contact Julie at 860-482-9364.