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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our JARC newsletter is officially out of hibernation!

I have been an active JARC Board member for over 15 years, and for the past 7 months I've also been serving as JARC's interim CEO - a job that has been both rewarding and challenging. Thanks to some cost cutting and improved stewardship, our fiscal situation has improved substantially over prior years. But we are still losing money, and these losses aren't sustainable.

We must continue to improve through fundraising, cost cutting, additional revenue sources and other ways. Part of our plan includes focusing heavily on marketing, public relations and telling our story. Over the next few months you will notice more media attention, an enhanced website and a more robust social media presence. Also, as you see, we've revived and refreshed our JARC newsletter. On the following pages you will read about many of the wonderful things our amazing JARC staff and volunteers are doing every day for the people that we serve.

With the help of many, we are enriching the lives of hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities through gentle and loving support, valued relationships, and community engagement. Now more than ever we need your help-through your personal contributions, volunteering and just sharing the JARC story with friends. We all need to spread the word about JARC, the great work JARC does, and the challenges we face to everyone with whom we interact. I hope that you find our stories impactful and enjoyable.

Happy Reading!

David Carroll

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Please know that two-thirds of JARC's funding comes from government sources. The other third must come from you and it's what makes JARC...JARC.

Creative Ways To Donate:

There are many ways to add your own "personal touch" when making a cash donation to JARC. Here are just a few creative giving ideas to consider:

- Include JARC in your celebration (make a donation to JARC in lieu of gifts)
- Adopt-a-JARC-Home for a monthly Shabbat dinner
- Provide a special birthday celebration for a person served
- Donate tickets to a sporting event or theater production
- Pay for a season of lawn maintenance or snow removal at a JARC home
- Treat a group to dinner out at a restaurant
- Sponsor or lead a Passover seder at a JARC home
- Contribute to gasoline and transportation expenses for JARC's vehicles.

With your support, the extraordinary care of JARC will continue.

For more information on donating to JARC contact Carol Kaczander at **248-488-7523** or carolkaczander@jarc.org.

(From front cover: Tracy Nikolas, Allie Jacobs, Stacey Weisenthal, Melanie Wright, Rob and Meryl Krochmal, Raegan Williams, and Courtney Nelson)



JARCCapalooza!

SpringElation Event Reinforces JARC's Philosophy: Enriching Lives. Erasing Barriers.

Hundreds of JARC guests eagerly waited for the doors to open at EMAGINE Royal Oak on Tuesday evening, May 16th to explore and discover all of the unique experiences inside EMAGINE – the new location of JARC's SpringElation fundraiser JARCCapalooza.

Festivities included a private evening complete with dinner catered by **Quality Kosher Catering**, movies, bowling for ALL abilities, a rockin' dance party by **StarTrax**, photo booth, face painting, balloon sculptures and Arts & Scraps. Special appearances were also made by Spiderman and Disney's Belle and Elsa. The theaters were near capacity – with a variety of movie and entertainment options. The movies **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** - with open caption and **Smurfs: The Lost Village (3D)** were shown in the largest theaters while further down the halls you could find magic shows, musical performers and various short cartoons.

Joshua Jacobs, SpringElation Event Chairperson mentioned, "We were a little nervous about changing things up this year. This was a new venue, and a new start time. But those apprehensions were quickly dismissed when we saw all of the smiling faces and hugs – everywhere! You could hear the laughter bouncing off the walls!"

By the end of the evening over 1,200 guests had joined in on the fun. Proceeds from SpringElation support JARC's range of services for men, women and children with disabilities, including autism, and developmental delays.

“I can't thank our corporate sponsors, individual donors and volunteers enough. We are truly grateful for the generous contributions these folks make in support of JARC.” said David Carroll, JARC Board President.



SpringElation Event Chair Joshua & Jodi Jacobs



Kendall Bear & Hallie Eisenberg



Ming the Magnificent (center) and his two amazing assistants!



The Roth Family enjoying dinner

THE FACES OF JARC



JARC and Hillel Day School
7th Grade Program, with
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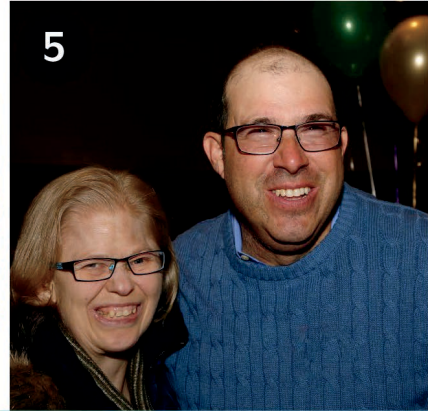




Food, fun and fellowship were on the itinerary for an intimate evening hosted by JARC's Young Adult Committee at Voyager, Ferndale's newest seafood foodie find.



Thanks to Mike Hardy and the FCA (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) employee volunteers who came out for some yard clean-up at the Pierce and Pitt homes.



Purim Ball, sponsored by the Irene Elkus Good Times Fund.

- 1. Adam Jahnke, Eli Boyer and David Carroll
- 2. Daniel Neuberg, Vadim & Rachel Avshalumov
- 3. Becky Cherney and Rachel Hutton
- 4. Steve Elkus, Debbie Lusky and Ron Elkus
- 5. Carie Gill and Steve Ludwig
- 6. Deiona Williams-Rose and Dan Hardy
- 7. Shari Smith and Jenni W.



WOLL FAMILY FUND AND STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD

The Woll family has done a truly wonderful thing, setting an inspired example to follow. Donors **Douglas and Margo Woll** have created the **Woll Family Fund for Staff Education, Development and Appreciation** to further the education and training of JARC staff, and to express appreciation for outstanding contributions of staff members.

According to Douglas Woll, "We decided to establish a fund to reward and acknowledge staff that do outstanding work for special needs clients. It is a very difficult job. The Fund establishes the Woll Staff Recognition Award, to acknowledge and reward in a tangible, meaningful way, JARC staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty."

Congratulations to **Ebonique Cochrane** and **Joy Taylor**, the first to receive this newly created award.

Ebonique is the home manager where Douglas Woll's niece Brooke resides. She was nominated for her kindness, compassion and attentiveness to the needs of the residents of the group home she manages. Ebonique finds her job very rewarding, stating, "I love being able to help others. I love to be their cheerleader, to see the genuine smiles on the faces of the people that we serve when they have accomplished something that they thought they couldn't."

Joy has worked at JARC for nine years, a supervisor at the Burnett and LaBelle homes. According to Joy, "I find that I have been given the opportunity to do things that I may never have done without being employed by JARC." Joy was nominated by Julie Burnett for "providing the loving, nurturing environment that is making my daughter's life happy and rich."

Anyone is welcome and eligible to nominate a JARC staff person for the Woll Staff Award. If you would like a nomination form or would like to make a contribution to the Woll Fund, please contact Rena Friedberg at renafriedberg@jarc.org or **248-488-7522**.

JARC staff are nominated by family members and others in the community, to acknowledge the outstanding care that their loved ones have received.



Pictured left to right: David Carroll, JARC Board President, Monee Whitney, JARC LinkUp Coordinator, Rena Friedberg JARC Chief Philanthropy Officer, and Teen Board Members Ilan Elrom, Hugh Camiener, Charles Gertner. (photo courtesy of John Hardwick)



Margo and Douglas Woll

THANK YOU TEEN BOARD!

JARC's LinkUp program received a major boost with a recent grant from **The Jewish Fund Teen Board**. For all young adults, having friends, being socially included and truly feeling like you are part of the community are vital for having a meaningful, fulfilling and happy life. For young adults with Developmental Disabilities, these essential parts of life can be lacking. The LinkUp program directly addresses these challenges by providing year-round programming with an array of robust social opportunities as well as community service projects. LinkUp's inclusive culture allows participants to make new friends, expand their social skills and for those individuals that may want to move out of their parents' home, they may even meet a potential roommate!

"We are thankful that The Jewish Fund Teen Board realizes the importance of funding programs that provide inclusion for people with disabilities, and made it a priority in their 2016-2017 grant making process," said **David Carroll**, JARC President and Interim CEO. "This generous grant will provide a positive impact on the lives of the LinkUp participants...for years to come!"



Tracy Nikolas and Joy Taylor



Ebonique Cochrane and Abby Katchke

BUSINESS BUDDY HIGHLIGHT

THE KINDNESS OF CRYPTON



Crypton founders Craig and Randy Rubin with Shirley Spain enjoying the new Crypton sofa at the Nusbaum home.

Several of our JARC homes are getting new furniture with virtually indestructible upholstery - thanks to the generous donation of our Business Buddy - **Crypton**. Founded in 1993 by **Randy and Craig Rubin**, and based in Bloomfield Hills, Crypton is a global company that has successfully patented an upholstery fabric process that is impervious to stains, moisture, mildew and odors.

Through their generosity, the Rubins have donated over 200 yards of Crypton upholstery that is being used to cover new furniture as well as recover existing furniture.

"We are so proud to be able to do something for JARC," Randy Rubin states. "I have loved JARC since it started. It is an amazing cause. It always has been." Crypton fabric is available in a wide array of textures and colors. "It is very affordable," states Randy. "It is also the only fabric that has been deemed to be disinfectable by the EPA. JARC has in its homes the commercial version of Crypton, which is extremely heavy duty and easy to clean. "If there is a flu epidemic," she states, "you can disinfect the sofa!"

Sharon Alterman, Chair of the JARC Home Beautification Committee, says of Crypton and the Rubins, "They've been fabulous to work with, and are so helpful and eager to participate. The Crypton fabric is exactly what our homes need. Our furniture really gets a lot of daily use and sturdy fabric makes a tremendous difference. With so many beautiful colors and patterns of fabric available, it really brightens up the entire home. We can't thank them enough." From their modest beginning in the basement of the Rubin's home 24 years ago, Crypton has grown into a global company with a wide range of clients including Disney, the White House and even Buckingham Palace. The new furniture in our JARC homes is truly fit for a king...or queen! Thank you, Business Buddies Randy and Craig Rubin!

STAFF UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome **Mary Jane (MJ) Nowak** to the JARC family. Before joining JARC, MJ spent the last 16 years as Vice President of Marketing for Fifth Third Bank in Southeast Michigan overseeing advertising, sponsorships, special events, public relations and community development. Prior to Fifth Third Bank, MJ worked at Yaffe & Company Advertising in Southfield.

In her role at JARC, MJ will work in the Philanthropy Department, focused on a variety of marketing and communications aspects including brand awareness, public

relations, community outreach, growing JARC's social media presence, special events, volunteer programming and fundraising.



MJ has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Grand Valley State University. She lives with her family in Commerce Township and enjoys playing golf, gardening and walking her dog "Lucy The Amazing Wonder Puggle".

MEET JARC BOARD MEMBER: JODI FOX

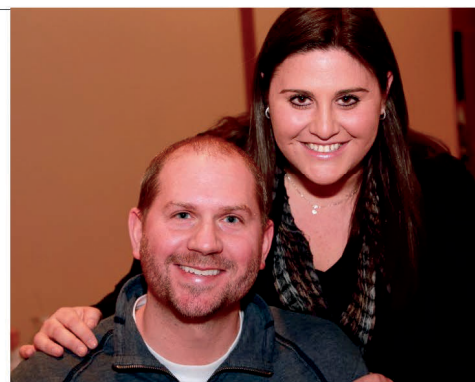
"BINGO!" could be heard over and over throughout the evening, as JARC kicked off the year with its popular Bingo event January 17, bringing lots of smiles and fun for everyone. Sponsored by JARC Board Member, **Jodi Fox** and her husband **Paul McDonald**, the evening drew nearly 100 people, including 20 of the couple's family members and friends who volunteered. The couple also provided prizes and refreshments for the event held at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

"Bingo night is one of my favorite non-fundraising events JARC hosts," said Jodi Fox, JARC Board Member. "It's such a fun evening for people to really see what JARC's all about because everyone is able to participate and people are always smiling!"

When Jodi was younger, she often volunteered with JARC and after college decided to continue her involvement with the organization. She's been a board member for the past six years and introduced her husband to JARC a couple of years ago when they were co-workers volunteering with their company at a Bingo night. They had so much fun with everyone that they were happy to sponsor the recent event themselves.

"It really warms my heart to see that people are served so well with JARC and really enjoying living life," added Jodi. "Bingo nights are such a great opportunity to get to know JARC, interact with community members and see first-hand what JARC Heart means."

JARC is always looking for volunteers to assist people with their Bingo cards, call the Bingo numbers, distribute prizes, and help with set up and clean up. For more information, to volunteer, or if you're interested in sponsoring a future Bingo night, contact Melissa Garrett at **248.488.7549** or melissagarrett@jarc.org.



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