



ABILITY BEYOND DISABILITY

120 Kisco Ave., Mount Kisco, NY 10549 (888) 832-8247, abilitybeyonddisability.org President and CEO: Thomas H. Fanning

Mission: "Ability Beyond Disability began in 1953, by a group of parents who dreamt of a better life for their children – a life where disability did not define who they were, what they did or where they could go. Today we are the leading nonprofit organization helping approximately 1,500 people with disabilities each year to discover their abilities and become a part of our communities. With a staff of nearly 1,000 dedicated employees, Ability Beyond Disability no longer touches just a few families but impacts entire communities throughout Connecticut and New York state. Our strong belief in community inclusion allows us to make a tangible difference in people's lives. We help people each year to build better lives by providing safe and comfortable homes, offering support, job training and assistance in finding work and above all, teaching the skills needed to achieve individual dreams."

1. Guardian Angels: Westchester teens and members of the band "2 and 1," Michael Sabbath, Jon Jill and Jill Schell pose with Ability Beyond Disability client.

THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

1 Echo Hill, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (914) 693-0600, childrensvillage.org President and CEO: Jeremy C. Kohomban Ph.D.

Mission: "The Children's Village was founded in 1851 in Manhattan, but has

been in Westchester County since the turn of the century. The agency serves close to 10,000 children and families in the metropolitan area with programs that include an achievement-focused residential school in Dobbs Ferry for children who have emotional, behavioral and/or educational problems; runaway and homeless shelters in Westchester and Rockland counties; an outreach program that works with street-involved youth in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Ossining, Peekskill and other urban centers; a drop-in center in Getty Square in Yonkers for out-of-school youth; programs to support Westchester families dealing with troubled youth; and programs that divert first-time youth offenders in Westchester County from entering the juvenile justice system, thus avoiding the downward spiral that often occurs when youth are placed in juvenile facilities."

2. Guardian Angels: (a) From left, Children's Village CEO Lance Le Pere, Dr. Jeremy Kohomban, Gina Quattrochi, and designer Michael Kors; (b) Arianna Huffington; and (c) Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

FOOD BANK FOR WESTCHESTER

358 Saw Mill River Road Millwood, NY 10546 (914) 923-1100, foodbankforwestchester.org Executive Director: Christina Rohatynskyj

Mission: "The Food Bank for Westchester (FBW), one of eight food banks in New York state, is the backbone of Westchester County's emergency food-distribution network. It acquires, warehouses and distributes more than six million pounds of

food each year to more than 200 front-line hunger-relief programs throughout Westchester County. These programs include food pantries, soup kitchens, day-care and treatment centers and shelters. FBW provides 95 percent of the food these programs use to feed the estimated 200,000 people in Westchester who are hungry or at risk of hunger, nearly half of whom are seniors and approximately one-third of whom are children. FBW's mission is to lead, engage and educate Westchester County in creating a hunger-free environment. The Food Bank for Westchester is helped by a generous network of funders, volunteers and food donors."

3. Guardian Angels: Stop and Shop, Abigail Kirsch and Entergy are among the dozens of supporters. (a) From left, Stop and Shop executives Brian Betesh, Mike Schoendorf, Vera Kovalski, Vinny LaCorazza and Fred Maturio; (b) Food Bank for Westchester executive director Christina Rohatynskyj, left, and Lori Sheldon, communication specialist, Entergy.

FRIENDS OF KAREN

118 Titicus Road, P.O. Box 190 Purdys, NY 10578 (914) 277-4547, friendsofkaren.org Executive Director: Judith R. Factor

Mission: "None of us, no matter what our background, is prepared to navigate the world of childhood cancer, let alone cope with the fear, anxiety and sadness that will overwhelm every family member. Friends of Karen is the only organization that provides emotional, financial and advocacy support to families of a catastrophically sick child,

from diagnosis through treatment. Friends of Karen is headquartered in Purdys, with branches in Westchester, West Island and in Manhattan, has touched the lives of more than 1,000 children in the New York area since 1978. "We support the child and family during an intensely disrupting and stressful time," says Beth Levenson, a local resident who serves as president. "We make Karen's Board of Directors available for phone calls to make, the path through the confusion and uncertainty. We ensure families of critically ill children do not have to go it alone...."

4. Guardian Angel: Lori Sheldon, communication specialist, Entergy, and Tom Coughlin, head coach of the Westchester Giants.

GILDA'S CLUB WESTCHESTER

80 Maple Ave., White Plains, NY 10606 (914) 644-8844, gildasclub.org Interim CEO: Carol Bennett

Mission: "The mission of Gilda's Club Westchester is to create vibrant communities of free support for women living with cancer – men, women and children – along with their families. Our innovative program is a essential complement to medical care, providing networking and support through workshops, education and social events. The red-brick clubhouse on Westchester in White Plains offers a warm and inviting environment featuring a lounge to meet with friends or to relax privately. There are computers, a community room, an art studio and even a special place for children, Noogieland. The Gilda's