



# CHARITIES Committee

Ralph Orleck, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

## THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

### West Bay Residential Services

report by RALPH ORLECK

West Bay Residential Services was founded over 35 years ago to provide housing for individuals with disabilities. Starting with one home, today the agency provides over 30 individualized Residential Supports in addition to Community Based Day Supports, Customized Employment, and Self-Employment.

**Residential Supports** include homes that provide 24 hour supports to individuals as needed. Individuals are provided with supported living services such as nutrition and meal preparation, utilizing community resources, self-advocacy, developing social networks, career exploration, and much more.

The newest option, Shared Living, offers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to live in private homes with contractors who provide needed supports. Contractors are supported by West Bay staff members who give guidance every step of the way.

**Community Based Day Supports** engage the West Bay population in a variety of activities which align with their interests. Activities include volunteerism, creative expression, physical exercise, hobbies, and expanded opportunities to socialize with members of the community at large.

West Bay utilizes community resources such as libraries, coffee shops, bakeries and restaurants, senior centers, and a



Gloria Quinn, Executive Director of West Bay Residential Services accepted RISAA's donation

host of other options to fully integrate its population into the community.

The **Customized Employment** program is person centered and is designed to ensure the success of participants. Strong partnerships with local businesses have been established to meet the goal of having individuals work to the best of their abilities.

Self Employment encourages individuals to pursue entrepreneurship of their own business initiatives. Individuals are encouraged to access their communities and promote their products and services.

West Bay has a well trained and committed staff. Staff members are trained in all aspects of direct care. Expectations are clearly enunciated, and new staff members are supported as they develop relationships with those in their care. Much of their senior staff has been promoted from within and has been with the agency for many years.

West Bay has been true to its mission to support people by providing access to opportunities and choice since its inception.

It is continuing to grow and change with the times.

To learn more about West Bay Residential Services, to make a donation, or to investigate employment opportunities, please visit their website at [www.westbayri.org](http://www.westbayri.org) or call their office at 401-738-9300. Their office is located at 158 Knight Street, Warwick, RI.

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