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MORAN VENTRE

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation has completed 35 years of support that benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We've been able to provide many grants and services that meet their needs, thanks to the contributions and dedication of many generous people. One of these outstanding people is David Russell Narodowy – who passed away on January 11, 2022. I met Dave more than 50 years ago. He has always been an advocate and supporter of people with disabilities. In the 1970's I asked Dave to be the chairman of The Arc of North Rhode Island's first capital campaign. Thanks to his leadership we were able to raise over \$100,000.

When the Arc of NRI was aggressively opening community group homes such as the one located at 200 Pound Hill Road in North Smithfield. Dave and Rachel lived right next door to this home. When asked what this was like, they always said the residents were our best neighbors. When Dave concluded his distinguished career with the WOON Radio Station, The ARC of NRI had the good fortune to hire Dave as its Director of Development and Community Relations. At that time very few people wanted people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in their neighborhood and never right next door.

Dave's main responsibility was to help me educate the community. He immediately established a weekly column in the Woonsocket Call in order to inform its thousands of readers about the Arc's programs and the many positive characteristics of the people it supported.

He was a long-term golf committee member for more than 30 years. He also served as the master of ceremonies for this annual foundation event. We always appreciated having the "voice" and will forever remember Dave as our M.C. Emeritus.

In conclusion we want to offer his wife Rachel and their wonderful family our sincere sympathy. Dave will be missed and never forgotten by all of us who loved him.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2022



BEN MORAN SCHOLARSHIP

The 2021 recipient of the Ben Moran Scholarship was awarded to Nathaniel Collins. Nathaniel, of Wakefield, R.I. and pictured here, received a Grant of \$1,000 to pursue his education in the field of Special Education. An additional Grant was provided to Ashley DeCorte to assist Denise Flynn with her dream of attending CCRI for her Associates Degree in General Studies. The Grant was requested for the purchase of a home computer that will enable Denise to pursue her education dream.



At the December 2021 Annual meeting of the Board, it was voted to donate an additional \$50,000 to the Ben Moran Endowed Scholarship Fund at the Rhode Island College Foundation. This contribution brings the total donated to \$150,000 over the past 3 years. The endowment fund in Memory of Ben Moran, was created to provide scholarships to RI College Students who will earn their degree in Special Education to pursue a career in serving people with special needs.



PAUL TARDIF, SR BOWLING LEAGUE

With the good news about COVID, Walnut Hill Bowl welcomed back our very popular Paul Tardif Sr, Good Times With Friends Bowling League in the Fall of 2021. The League will continue until the end of April, meeting every other Sunday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. We have 21 five member teams this year. Each team is identified by name along with the team participants. Scores from each participant are recorded each week to compete for season prizes. Winning team members receive prizes that are awarded at the end of the season. Our Annual Holiday party was held in December, and every participant received a gift. Many participants wore festive Holiday sweaters and hats, and we are certain that all had a great day. The Paul Tardif Sr Good Times With Friends Bowling league provides a very special venue of socialization, sportsmanship, and comradery to our community. We are very pleased to be able to make this event available to our community again in 2021/2022.



JOHN E. SR AND RITA MORAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 2021 John E. Sr and Rita Moran Memorial Golf Tournament was played at Pawtucket Country Club. Pawtucket Country Club once again provided a perfect venue for our major fundraising event of the year. Our date had to be rescheduled due to health concerns, but in spite of the rescheduled date participation was good and the amount of total support for the event made it a very successful event once again in 2021.

The Board of Directors voted at our December Annual Meeting to return the John E. Sr and Rita Moran Memorial Golf Tournament to Pawtucket Country Club. The Tournament will be a shotgun start 8:45 on September 12, 2022.



TOURNAMENT SHOT AWARD

The Best Tournament Shot Award was awarded to Special Olympic athlete Sarah Labreche (left) and the Best Tournament Putt was awarded to Special Olympic athlete Maggie Sebastian (right). In the background (left to right) Jerry Ventre, David Hanna, Dennis DeJesus, Richard Carriere. A dedication of the plaque took place at Special Olympics of Rhode Island where the plaque will be permanently placed in the SORI main office. Dennis DeJesus, Chief Executive Officer of Special Olympics of Rhode Island said his athletes are truly inspired by this special day on the links. The Best Tournament Shot Awards are sponsored by Richard and Louise Carriere.



GRANDE FINALE WINNERS!

\$1,000	Peter Raymond	\$100	Pat Enright Florian Bourget Henri/Carol Charpentier
\$500	Eric Gamache	\$50	Pauline Dufresne Ted Moran Dave Mencarini Marguerite Grasso
\$250	Michelle Armstrong Steve Nazareth		

2021 MONTHLY CLUB 100 WINNERS

February: Henry Unwin \$100, Action Based Enterprises \$50, Bob Marcil \$50, Matt Ventre \$25, Tammy Charbonneau \$25, Steve Damiano \$25.

March: Peter Raymond \$100, Shirley Cadden \$50, Tom Mandeville \$50, Pauline Perreault \$25, Paul & Jean Moran \$25, Gerard Boudreau \$25.

April: Mary Ellen Walsh/Anna Horoshak \$100, Paul and Jean Moran \$50, Madeline Poirer \$50, Bob Marcil \$25, Katherine Walker \$25, Marissa Ruff \$25.

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October: John Adams \$100, Kathy Fox \$50, Ed Monaco \$50, Madeine Poirier \$25, Peter/Linda Tardif \$25, Dave/Pat Kurowski \$25.

November: Richard/Kathy Donovan \$100, Alicia Suenart \$50, Ted Polak \$50, Patricia Lindquist \$25, Joanne Mikula \$25, Carol/Henry Charpentier \$25.

*Congratulations to all our 2021 Monthly winners!
Thanks so much for your continued support!*



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Looking Upwards \$300
 Special Olympics RI \$1,000
 Refocus \$2,500
 Meeting Street School \$500
 Artists' Exchange \$1,500
 Ocean State Charity \$500
 The ARC of Rhode Island \$2,500
 Charles Gledhill lift chair \$400
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 Seven Hills of Rhode Island \$500
 Steve Provencher Grant \$600
 SHRI Service Corp \$1,500
 Norman Halas Lift Chair \$500
 Red, White & Brew/Michael Coyne \$300
 Seven Hills of Rhode Island \$2,250
 Kelly Gagne Lift Chair \$1,100
 LIFE Education Grant \$2,000
 Nathaniel Collins Ben Moran Scholarship \$1,000
 Ashley De Corte Ben Moran Scholarship \$1,500



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday September 12, 2022

John E. Sr and Rita Moran Annual Golf Outing

Saturday November 12, 2022

Club 100 Annual Gala at Wright Farm



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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The past dedication of these individuals will always be remembered.

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