THE 19TH ANNUAL OTO Awards Dinner

STUDENT ADVOCACY PRESENTS

Honoring Four Special Students: Nicholas Bellomo, Peter Chaiko, Moeisha Coram and Shan Jameson

MAY 15, 2014
Knowledge gives the opportunity to make a difference and education is the key.

Student Advocacy has given this key to so many children and we are so pleased to support your efforts.

Joan and Barrie Damson

STUDENT ADVOCACY WELCOMES YOU

To our 19th Annual
Overcoming the Odds Awards Dinner

Tonight We Celebrate:

THE 2014 OVERCOMING THE ODDS AWARD WINNERS:
Nicholas Bellomo, Peter Chaiko,
Moeisha Coram and Shan Jameson

THE SUCCESS OF OUR
OVERCOMING THE ODDS PROJECT:
With funds raised this evening, we help over 250 struggling students each year obtain the help they need to succeed in school.

THE FANTASTIC TEAM
THAT MAKES THIS ALL POSSIBLE:
Our family of loyal Student Advocacy supporters, our outstanding Board of Directors, and our talented, professional staff.

The Overcoming the Odds Awards and the OTO Project are a testament to the strength and resilience of every child, who, despite setbacks, has tried again and again!

Best wishes for a memorable evening

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A Tribute to Linda Adler Karan

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Linda loved Student Advocacy. She believed in its mission, and it was a source of great satisfaction to her that she was able to do what she did for the OTO Award Dinners. Beyond the dinners, she knew that the students were the real beneficiaries of her efforts, and that is what mattered to her. She spent a significant portion of her life contributing to charitable causes, but few things inspired her more than making the dinners as successful as possible.

Linda had the good fortune to be able to contribute to charitable causes from the time she lived in New York City through the time she lived in Connecticut, first in Greenwich and then in Stamford. She was very active in the Jewish Guild For The Blind in New York and the Garden Education Center in Greenwich, among others, and was an enthusiastic gardener, but Student Advocacy occupied a special place in her heart. From the time she was first introduced to Student Advocacy by the late former President, Mary Jane Pelz, she grasped the opportunity to help the students.

Much more than money, Linda contributed her incredible energy to making the OTO Award Dinners what they have become. She thoroughly enjoyed spending seemingly endless amounts of time soliciting gifts for the dinners and attending to every detail to make them everything they could be. Nothing gave Linda more pleasure than to have the family she adored, including her children, step-children, nieces, their children and her husband, at the dinners.

Beyond the dinners, Linda took her responsibilities as an officer and director very seriously, attending seminars relating to her duties, preparing for meetings as if they were PhD exams and studying the nominations for the OTO awards. She was rewarded by making many good and lasting friends at Student Advocacy. She would be pleased to know that the traditions she helped establish will continue for many years.

~ The Family and Friends of Linda Adler Karan

32 YEARS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS!

Since 1982 Student Advocacy has provided legal and educational guidance to help students reach their full potential in school. We, the Board of Directors, are proud to work with our dedicated staff to achieve this goal.

We congratulate and honor our 2014 OTO winners, Nick, Peter, Moeisha and Shan and

We remember our colleague Linda Karan, whose inspiring leadership and hard work on the OTO Awards Dinner has helped to change the lives of so many young people.

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Lindsey Willis
Scott McGee is an anchor and managing editor for News 12 Westchester and News 12 Hudson Valley. Scott brings almost two decades of journalism experience to News 12, but his start in front of the camera was a little unusual; he was an intern on the Bill Nye the Science Guy show.

From that humble (but very informative) beginning, he made stops at TV stations in Clarksburg, WV, Decatur, IL and Phoenix, AZ. In Phoenix, Scott’s work earned him 3 Emmy awards. His investigations led to the resignation of a police chief who was euthanizing dogs improperly. His stories also helped change Arizona law to make it easier to prosecute pimps who prey on underage girls.

His next stop was in Paducah, KY where he was the evening anchor. His work earned multiple awards including 4 straight for “Best Anchor” from the Associated Press. He was also recognized for his work producing a regular “Schemes and Ripoffs” report where he investigated scammers looking to separate people from their money and personal identification.

Scott is excited to bring his experience and investigative skills to the Hudson Valley, and Student Advocacy is excited to welcome him to our OTO Awards Dinner this evening.

June DeLair is an award-winning auctioneer who brings her enthusiasm and vibrant style to the OTO Awards this evening during the Fund A Future portion of our program.

June’s expertise also includes fundraising benefit auctions where she uses her dynamic auctioneering skills to assist non-profit organizations in achieving their fundraising goals. June and her husband own and operate Constableville Auction Hall in Constableville, New York.
When you meet Nicholas, who you see is a person in a wheelchair. But what you should know is that he is a fun person, someone who enjoys talking about lots of different things: his avid love of sports especially the Yankees, Rangers and Giants; or the current book that he’s reading.

Nicholas was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was 3 years old. He is now confined to a motorized wheelchair so he has to get ready for the day when his parents can help him. Sometimes his father has to work on the weekends, so instead of sleeping in like most teens, he must get up, get dressed and sit in his wheelchair even if he doesn’t have anywhere specific to go. He rides a special bus to school; sometimes the ramp malfunctions.

In class, he uses his wheelchair with a lap tray instead of a desk. He often has to navigate the tight space in classrooms to maneuver his chair so that he can see. To him, what other people say is that he is always happy and has a great heart. He truly knows how to “roll with the punches.”

Perhaps this gives you a little appreciation for what it means to be confined in a wheelchair. Every little thing that Nicholas wants to do requires help from someone else. Although frustrating and exhausting for Nicholas to deal with, he never lets it get to him. What other people say is that he is always happy and has a great heart. He truly knows how to “roll with the punches.”

And when he does, he accomplishes so much. Nick takes Regents, Honors and Advanced Placement classes and has a 92 average. He has some long-time, close friends whom he enjoys hanging out with, watching sporting events or playing video games. After he graduates in June, he will begin college at Westchester Community College. He hopes to become a sports writer or go into sports broadcasting. And it’s clear that he will accomplish his goals following his own advice which is to take one day at a time and do what you can.

Peter Chaiko, Junior
Green Chimneys

Peter was born in Siberia. Early in life, he was exposed to alcohol and substance abuse. Both parents died when Peter was still a toddler. Along with his two siblings, he was placed in an orphanage. He lived in two different orphanages, experiencing deprivation and abuse. Finally, a new life seemed on the horizon when he was adopted by an American couple. Leaving behind his two siblings and the culture and language of Russia, Peter moved to America when he was 9 years old.

Peter arrived behind academically and living with the trauma of his earlier childhood experiences. His parents were not prepared to deal with Peter’s challenges. They were advised to give Peter time, but they did not understand why Peter did not obey them and appreciate what they had done for him.

Peter was eventually placed in a residential school at Green Chimneys. He thrived, enjoying the therapeutic component in which children care for and train rescue animals. He improved and was placed in a school closer to home. Peter refused to attend and, after missing half of 7th grade, the district sent him back to Green Chimneys. Eventually, the court placed Peter in a group home due to the family conflict; his adoptive family cannot have contact with Peter.

Recently Peter told his school social worker that his one wish is to be part of a family, something he has never really known. Imagine trying to learn in a new language amidst all of this turmoil. When he lived at home, he would often arrive at school so upset that he would have to meet with a social worker to calm down. Peter has symptoms associated with ADD and fetal alcohol syndrome, which occurs due to fetal exposure to alcohol during pregnancy.

His emotional issues, traumatic home life, possible neurological damage and learning weaknesses make learning difficult for Peter. At the age of 15, his math and reading skills were at the third grade level. Typically, students gain a grade level in one year. But with Peter’s intelligence and determination to learn, he gained 7 grade levels in just 5 years!

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Nominated by Maryan Johnson, Educational Advocate, Student Advocacy
Moeisha Coram, Senior
Yonkers Public Schools
Nominated by Tambria Terry, Resource Room Teacher

Shan Jameson, Jr.
Edgemont Union Free School District
Nominated by Jayne Jacobs and Monica Grey, Resource Room Teachers

Moeisha is fortunate to have a grandmother who is raising her since her father is in the criminal justice system and her mother’s whereabouts are unknown. She has a lot of fun with friends and spent a good deal of time at the beginning of high school socializing at the expense of school work. This downward spiral continued into the 10th grade.

Moeisha was academically overwhelmed. She had poor study skills and a weak work ethic. Her interaction with adults was generally confrontational: she would lose her temper, shut down and flippantly reply, “Whatever!” Eventually she had no more absences that she could not meet the seat time requirements for her courses and therefore could not get credit. When Moeisha learned this, she stopped attending school. Throughout this time, staff from the school and Moeisha’s grandmother tried to nurture the potential that they could see in Moeisha. But all attempts seemed ineffective.

Moeisha began her junior year with only 5½ credits. At this point, most students give up and drop out. But she defied the odds: a ‘new and improving’ Moeisha began to appear. She asked for assistance, completed homework and reflected on her behavior and choices. She had poor study skills and a weak work ethic. Her interaction with adults was generally confrontational: she would lose her temper, shut down and flippantly reply, “Whatever!” Eventually she had no more absences.

When Shan was born, her parents were addicted to drugs. Her earliest years were spent in harmful conditions where she often had to take over as caregiver for her sister. When things deteriorated, her maternal grandparents obtained custody. Although Shan began first grade eager to learn, she had difficulties with memory and attention, which are common among children born of alcohol and drug addicted mothers. Shan remembers the letters on the page getting all mixed up. She slowly seemed to master new words and skills, which were gone the next day. She was identified with a language-based learning disorder that compromised all literacy skills development program, Shan spent six days of her 9th grade Spring Break clocking several hours practice each day. It is her commitment to “personal best” that has allowed Shan to progress, successfully taking on ever more challenging courses. This year, Shan ‘graduated’ from small, self-contained science classes to the regular, Regents Earth Science course. On the first, full length assessment, Shan scored the highest grade among all of her teacher’s classes!

Shan still struggles: finding meaning in complex texts, expressing her thoughts when she speaks, and still trying to spell out a word that she knew yesterday. She has been given double time for tests. Imagine spending six hours on a Regents Biology exam on a hot day in June.

Shan’s fierce tenacity ensures that her frustration doesn’t paralyze her. She is a stalwart friend and champion of the underdog. Going against the crowd, she is openly, but without judgment, against the use of alcohol and drugs. Her own challenges make her so vulnerable to risky behavior yet she stands out as a role model of mature decision-making. Her dream is to attend Notre Dame University. Like the other challenges she has faced, she’s sticking to her goal.
THE OVERCOMING THE ODDS PROGRAM

Throughout the school year, Student Advocacy helps students who are struggling at school including:

- Children who are failing
- Youth who can’t register in school because they are homeless or living on their own
- Students whose disabilities have not been recognized at school
- Students facing school discipline problems
- Students with disabilities who are failing despite receiving special help at school

We investigate the child’s educational problems by reviewing school records, obtaining additional documentation when needed, and interviewing parents, child and school staff. Then we analyze the child’s needs within the context of education law.

When parents can manage, we give them the technical advice and expert knowledge to build their capacity to advocate on behalf of their child. After our help 77% say they are much better advocates, able to resolve their child’s school problems.

For those parents who need more help, we represent their child, attending school meetings along with the parent to negotiate for the maximum level of services allowed by law that address the child’s educational needs.

After our advocacy:
- 8 out of 10 kids who had attendance problems are now attending school much more regularly.
- 9 out of 10 kids who had disciplinary problems have improved their behavior.
- 9 out of 10 kids had already improved their academic performance just 5 months after our help.

THE OVERCOMING THE ODDS AWARDS

To recognize the strength and tenacity of young people who have struggled again and again to pursue their education despite significant odds, Student Advocacy created the OTO Awards program in 1996.

Every school district in Westchester County is invited to nominate students who are succeeding despite the challenges of a disability, medical or physical problem, or family or social issue. Winners are selected by a committee composed of two Student Advocacy board members and at least 10 community volunteers.

All students who are nominated are recognized. Since its inception:
- 76 students were honored with OTO Awards & Scholarships
- 89 received Special Recognition Awards & Scholarships
- 320 received Certificates of Honorable Mention

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY WORKS!

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Front Row: Jill Gold, Marianne Sharko Levin, Kristen Diaz, Lucy Oppenheim, (left to right)
Meri Hilton, Marlena Baraf.

Back Row: Allison Arbeeny, Bill Schecter, Andrea Markowitz, Jody Kennedy, John Hague, Katie Wiseman, Jane Klein, Helene Walisever, Michael Stoop, Debra Romanoff, Jill Bernstein, Stephanie Reiner

News12’s Scott McGee was the presenter of the student awards.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
We Couldn’t Have Done It Without You . . .

Many people volunteered their time and talents to make this evening an outstanding event. We truly appreciate your generosity.

David Blumenthal, Honorary Dinner Chair and Elaine Gantz and Carolyn Kay, Event Co-Chairs, are at the top of our list. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment on behalf of students.

The OTO Dinner Committee: Jill Bernstein, Adrienne Bonifacio, Jane Cecil, Carole Chaimowitz, Jeanne Kennedy, Jody Kennedy, Barbara Kessler, Jane Klein, Cora Rust and Lindsey Willis – who have helped with planning this very special event.

Adrienne Bonifacio donated corsages for our Honorees.

Lindsey Willis arranged for the musical presentation during the cocktail hour.

The Masters School Jazz Band provided the delightful music performance during the reception.

News12’s Scott McGee was the presenter of the student awards.

Serendipity Magazine was the media sponsor of OTO, and provided photography this evening.

The OTO Screening and Selection Committees, who put hours into evaluating all of the OTO nominations and choosing the Award Winners this evening.

Lisa Syron, Executive Director and Martha Jordan, Assistant Director organized 10,001 details and managed the entire process over many months. They were supported by Rashida Atkins, Development Associate, and Lois Solomon-Neal, Administrative Assistant. Special thanks go to Karen Blumenthal for her tireless efforts to reach out to the community and her support of the entire process.

Student Advocacy’s Board of Directors graciously supported the event in many ways.

And to the entire Student Advocacy staff team, who have willingly gone above and beyond, in so many different ways, to make this event a success.
SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OTO SUPPORTERS

We are so grateful to our friends and supporters, whose generosity helps so many children. Their support helps develop the next generation of OTO winners by underwriting educational advocacy services for students who are struggling in school. They also provide post-secondary scholarships for the OTO winners. The families that we help, the youth that we honor, our staff and Board all truly appreciate your kindness and support. Thank you.

Overcoming The Odds
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Lucille Accetta
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Adrienne and Tom Flanagan
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Lindsey Willis

We also thank these very generous friends who have supported Student Advocacy and the Overcoming the Odds Projects:

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...and to the many other generous friends who are supporting students through their gifts!

List complete as of May 1, 2014.

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- Temple Social Action Committee

Many thanks to these individuals, organizations and businesses who solicited and donated items for the silent auction, and for gifts for the OTO winners. Their generosity helped to make this a more lovely experience for our guests while also supporting our efforts to serve more children in need.

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OTO’S IMPACT

Since 1996, Student Advocacy has recognized over 400 students with an Overcoming the Odds Award. On April 29, 2014, Student Advocacy presented Special Recognition OTO Awards to eleven remarkable young people.

While it is a large community of friends, businesses and schools that help to make these awards special, they could not occur without the scores of teachers, guidance counselors, school psychologists and school social workers who have taken the time to nominate deserving students.

Our thanks to the caring educators from the 19 school districts who submitted one or more nominations this year: Ardsley, Bedford Central, Croton Harmon, Eastchester, Edgemont, Greenburgh 11, Lakeland, Mahopac, Mt. Vernon, North Salem, Pelham, Peekskill, Port Chester, Putnam Valley, Rye Neck, Tarrytown, Tuckahoe, Yorktown and Yonkers.

IN GRATITUDE AND MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND

Pat Lanza

Her long-time support of The Overcoming the Odds Program and Scholarship Awards has helped to make so many students’ future dreams a reality. She will be missed not only by us, but by the entire Westchester County community.

The Board and Staff of Student Advocacy
May 15th, 2014

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to join my fellow County residents in congratulating everyone affiliated with Student Advocacy as well as the deserving recipients of the Overcoming the Odds Award, Nicholas Bellomo, Peter Chaiko, Moeisha Coram, and Shan Jameson. This wonderful celebration gives us an opportunity to recognize these dedicated young men and women whose strength and commitment to overcome barriers to academic achievement serve as an inspiration not only to their fellow students, but to all those around them.

To Nicholas, Peter, Moeisha, Shan, and all the students, volunteers, and staff at Student Advocacy, I wish you much success and satisfaction in all of your endeavors in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE OVERCOMING THE ODDS AWARDS

Nicholas Bellomo
Peter Chaiko
Moeisha Coram
Shan Jameson

Many thanks to the Selection Committee for your excellent choices.

Rob and Lucille Accetta

WE SALUTE

Dr. and Mrs. David Blumenthal and

Congratulate the winners of the OTO Awards

Bob Hausen & Rosemary Berkery
CONGRATULATIONS
to all the OTO award winners.
You are an inspiration to us all!
Special kudos to Andrea and Andrew Potash
who also inspire us with their devotion to children
and humanity everywhere!

With love, Sunny and Brad

WE HONOR AND SALUTE OUR STUDENTS.

Barbara & Steve Kessler

GOLD SPONSOR
WE SALUTE

Moeisha, Nicholas, Peter and Shan the 2014 OTO honorees, for their courage, determination, spirit and commitment. How they inspire us!

The Student Advocacy Staff and Board for their dedication, compassion and expertise. We are so proud of the work you do to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Student Advocacy’s loyal and generous supporters for helping to make it possible to get many struggling students on track to school success.

Karen and David Blumenthal

With great fondness for an agency and staff that do so much good for so many students.

Keep forging ahead.

The Schleifer Family Foundation

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CONGRATULATIONS
and continued success to Student Advocacy.

In Honor of
Karen and David Blumenthal

Marleen and Marty Brody

IN MEMORY OF
OUR GOOD FRIEND
BOB KIRSCH
Who always extended his hand to help others.
He will be greatly missed.

~ The Board and Staff of Student Advocacy
We are happy to again honor our dear friends Karen and David Blumenthal for their exemplary commitment to the needs of others.

With love,
Libby & Richard Cohen

CONGRATULATIONS
To the 2014 OTO honorees:
Nick, Peter, Moeisha and Shan for their courage and determination
And congratulations to Student Advocacy on serving Westchester children!

Jeanne and Joseph Kennedy
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CONGRATULATIONS Nominees and Winners, You inspire us!
- The Flanagan Family -
The family and friends of Linda Adler Karan thank Student Advocacy, its directors, officers, employees and volunteers for so thoughtfully remembering her.

THANK YOU
Karen Blumenthal For All You Do!
Carol and Jerry Levin
Robert Freedman and Eugene DeGidio and the entire Maxwell-Kates, Inc. real estate family salutes Student Advocacy for making a difference in the lives of all children.
IN MEMORY OF
Sarah Knestrick
Daughter-in-law of
Janice and Charles Feldman
Andy & Iris Morse

CONGRATULATIONS
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Lucy & Steve Oppenheim
IN HONOR OF
Karen and David Blumenthal — caring, committed people in all aspects of their lives. May you continue to go from strength to strength.
Joseph and Nina Shenker

IN MEMORY OF LINDA KARAN.
Your energy and talent led OTO to new heights!
Carole and Ron Chaimowitz

CONGRATULATIONS TO
JANE & DON CECIL
Diane & Jay Goldsmith
The Members of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the Faculty of the Edgemont School District congratulate Frances “Shan” Jameson on receiving the Overcoming The Odds Award. Your spirit and tenacity are an inspiration to us all!

Congratulations to the OTO Award winners and To Karen Blumenthal for her hard work and dedication to Student Advocacy

Sara & Andy Feinstein

We salute our dear friend, Karen Blumenthal, for her outstanding work and devotion to Student Advocacy

Linda & Arnie Yagoda

IN MEMORY OF SARAH KNESTRICK.
Your legacy lives on with your family.
Carole and Ron Chaimowitz

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NICHOLAS, PETER, MOEISHA AND SHAN
for being chosen as the 2014 OTO Winners!
You are role models for all of us!

Carole and Ron Chaimowitz

BEST WISHES
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Karen,
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~ Much love, Mom

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