Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the 2014 Annual Report for The Advocacy Center and LDA Life and Learning Services. 2014 was a momentous year for us!

In January of 2014, the Boards of Directors of our two agencies voted to formally affiliate, with a full merger slated for early 2015. Both organizations saw the potential for creating a more robust capacity to better meet the needs of individuals of all ages who have disabilities and their families.

As our combined logo shows, our philosophy throughout the year was: “We Are Stronger Together”. Our focus in 2014 was on building relationships and engaging staff and stakeholders in developing our identity as a new organization, all while continuing to place the highest priority on meeting the needs of people who have disabilities and their families.

You will see in the following pages that we reached the lives of thousands of people through our many programs, supports and services. 2014 was an eventful year, and set the stage for great developments in 2015, which we look forward to reporting on soon.

All the best,

Stephen G. Schwarz
Board President, 2014

Colin Garwood
Executive Director, 2014
2014 in Numbers

7,942 people participated in workshops to build knowledge and skills.

5,851 readers received The Bridge newsletter.

3,211 callers received information and technical assistance to help them advocate for themselves or a family member.

718 people received information through outreach events.

437 families received funding for needed goods and services through our Family Reimbursement Program.

8 people received funding through Individual Supports & Services to assist them in living independently in the community.

230 people worked with an advocate on complex advocacy issues, such as appropriate educational services.

192 people worked with service coordinators to plan and coordinate supports.

300 people participated in the “Shifting Perspectives: Strengthening Community” conference, featuring Al Condeluci, Ph.D, and Carol Blessing, LMSW, to discuss inclusion, social capital, and community.

251 youths enjoyed activities of their choice with the one-on-one support of a Together Including Every Student (TIES) volunteer in 33 school districts.

45 people from across New York graduated from Partners in Policymaking®, ready to create positive change in their communities.

484 people received information and advocacy assistance from WNYADD, Inc., our affiliate agency.

8,634 people in 57 counties received information, education, and advocacy assistance through our Parent Training & Information Center (PTIC)

Community Partners:
- Long Island Advocacy Center
- Northern Regional Center for Independent Living
- Parent Network of Western New York
- Parent to Parent of the Capital District
- Westchester Independent Living Center
2014 in Numbers

52 people directed their own budgets, staff and support through Fiscal Intermediary Services.

64 people received supports in supportive, supervised or community living settings.

27 people received supports and services to build skills in daily living, transportation, community inclusion, self-advocacy, independent choice, and access to their community through Community Habilitation Services.

220 people received employment supports.

20 people were new placements in ACCES-VR Intensive.

92% of individuals in OPWDD extended were employed as of December 2014.

25 people participated in LDA’s Employment Track program.

6 people in Employment Track moved to employment or were referred to ACCES-VR for job development.

138 people worked with service coordinators to plan and coordinate supports.

346 people received educational supports through:
  - Assessment (40)
  - Educational Consulting (38)
  - Tutoring, Skill-building and College Coaching (56)
  - Learning to Achieve Self Reliance (80)
  - Education and Workforce Navigation (32)

280 educators and other professionals and 120 parents participated in LDA’s Conferences on “Helping Kids & Teens Cope with Anxiety”, featuring Aureen Pinto Wagner, Ph.D.

25 people participated in Friends Helping Friends, a group to develop self-advocacy skills and opportunities to become leaders in their communities.
WNYADD Closes Its Doors

WNYADD, the affiliate agency of The Advocacy Center, closed its doors in 2014 after more than thirty years of providing advocacy to individuals who have disabilities and their families.

Over the years, the staff of WNYADD supported thousands of individuals and families in the region and educated thousands through workshops. Changes in the way New York’s Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System was administered statewide resulted in the consolidation of P&A supports through one statewide agency and the termination of many regional agencies’ funding to provide local support. As a result, WNYADD dissolved as an organization.

Roger G. Nellist, Esq, served as an advocate, attorney, and Executive Director of WNYADD. His coworkers described Roger as compassionate, brilliant, humorous, calming, and dedicated.

Roger retired in 2015 after providing more than 30 years of service to people who have disabilities, their families, and the community.

Thank you, Roger, for your wisdom, your energy, and your commitment to protecting the rights of individuals who have disabilities. You have made the world work better for the many lives you touched.

Community Partners & Collaborations

We are honored to partner with many individuals and organizations throughout the year to share information and empower people with disabilities and their families.

Al Sigl Community of Agencies
Arc of Livingston/Wyoming Counties
The Arc of Orleans County
B. Thomas Golisano Foundation
Center for Dispute Settlement
Center for Human Services Education
Future Care Planning Services
Heritage Christian Services
Holy Childhood
Institute for Innovative Transition at URMC
Manasi Ladrigan, MD
Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND)
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National Coalition Building Institute
Nazareth College
New York State Dispute Resolution Association (NSYDRA)
No Boundaries Lacrosse
Parent Network of WNY
Pieters Family Life Center
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester City School District
Rochester Knighthawks
Rochester RazorSharks
Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANYS)
St. John Fisher College
Stepping Stones Learning Center
Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities
Tourette Association
University of Rochester
Wayne County Department of Public Health
### 2014 Financial Highlights

**LDA, The Advocacy Center & WNYADD, Inc.**

**For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2014**

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| **Expenses**             |          |            |
| Program Services         | $8,505,898 | 84.1%      |
| Affiliate Program Services| 105,407   | 1.0%       |
| Administration           | 1,355,171| 13.4%      |
| Board Governance          | -        | 0.0%       |
| Fundraising               | 148,071  | 1.5%       |
| **Total Expenses**       | $10,114,547 |          |
| **Surplus / (Deficit)**  | $91,619  | 100.0%     |

Financial Information extracted from the 2014 Independent Auditor's Report from Mengel Metzger Barr & Co., LLP

### Funding Partners

- NYS Medicaid
- NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities
- US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
- NYS Education Department
- United Way of Greater Rochester
- Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.
- Cornell University, with NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- Monroe County Office of Mental Health
- NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- University of Rochester Medical Center, LEND Program
- RochesterWorks!
- Anonymous Private Foundation
- Hillside Children’s Center, with NYS Office of Children and Family Services

- Pluta Family Foundation
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- NYS Commission for the Blind
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In Memory of John C. Arrington
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In Honor of Christopher Rembold and In Memory of Paul Merkle
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In Memory of Alexandra Taylor Rowe
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In Memory of Ms. Julie Rosenborg
Robert Rosenborg
Mitchell Schmidt
Building on eight years of success with The Advocacy Center’s Evening of Art & Jazz and LDA Life and Learning Services’ Partners in Learning Luncheon, our first Celebration of Champions as partners was a night to remember!

The event was hosted at Locust Hill Country Club on Saturday, September 13, 2014. While the weather outside was blustery, more than 350 guests inside enjoyed lively company, hot music from Mambo Kings, and a spirited auction. Don Alhart and Jennifer Johnson of 13 WHAM-TV shared the podium as Emcees, and both did a remarkable job of presenting the heartwarming stories of our Community Awards recipients. Senator Ted O’Brien, Senator Joseph Robach, and Assemblyman Mark Johns were on hand to recognize honorees from their districts with proclamations. Senator Patrick Gallivan sent a proclamation for his constituent.

Thanks to the support of corporate and private sponsors, as well as event guests, our two agencies raised more than $38,000. Funds raised this night will support critical programs at both The Advocacy Center and LDA Life and Learning Services. Thank you to everyone who made this year’s event a success!

Community Award Winners

**Community Impact Award**
Mariellen Cupini
Stepping Stones Learning Center

**Education Award**
Michael Hohman

**Founders Award**
Deb and Rich Vanderpool

**Self Advocacy Award**
James Britt

**Youth Award**
Curtis John “CJ” Clemont

**Outstanding Community Partner Award**
Walter Parkes
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Looking Ahead to 2015

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